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R18

LONDON, AUG. 3--(REUTERS)--MOSCOW RADIO TODAY ACCUSED THE INDO-CHINESE STATE OF LAOS OF "LAUNCHING A CIVIL WAR IN ITS GOAL OF CRUSHING ALL OPPOSITION."

THE RADIO, IN A BROADCAST BEAMED AT NORTH AMERICA, DEMANDED AN IMMEDIATE RESUMPTION OF WORK BY THE INTERNATIONAL TRUCE COMMISSION IN LAOS.

NEW FIGHTING BROKE OUT IN THE STATE LAST WEEK BETWEEN COMMUNIST REBEL COLUMNS AND TROOPS OF THE PRO-WESTERN GOVERNMENT. THE PRO-WESTERN LAOTIAN GOVERNMENT CHARGED THAT THE REBELS ARE BEING SUPPLIED BY THE NEIGHBORING COMMUNIST STATE OF NORTH VIETNAM.

THE TRUCE COMMISSION, CONSISTING OF REPRESENTATIVES OF INDIA, CANADA AND POLAND, WAS SET UP IN 1954 TO SUPERVISE THE TRUCE WHICH ENDED EIGHT YEARS OF COMMUNIST GUERRILLA WAR AGAINST FRENCH RULE IN INDO-CHINA. VIETNAM WAS SPLIT INTO A COMMUNIST NORTH AND ANTI-COMMUNIST SOUTH BY THE CONFERENCE.

THE TRUCE COMMISSION SUSPENDED OPERATIONS A YEAR AGO.

MOSCOW RADIO CLAIMED THE UNITED STATES HAS BEEN TRYING FOR A LONG TIME "TO PUSH LAOS OFF THE PATH OF NEUTRALITY." IT WAS ON AMERICAN ADVISE THAT THE LAOS GOVERNMENT IS "SABOTAGING" THE GENEVA AGREEMENT AND ARRESTING MEMBERS OF THE LEFT-WING NEO LAO HAKSAT PARTY.

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FIRST ADD LONDON ACCUSATION (R18)X X X PARTY.

THE COMMUNIST NORTH VIETNAMESE NEWSPAPER NHANDAN TODAY DESCRIBED THE ARREST OF PRINCE SOUPHANOUVONG, LEADER OF THE PRO-COMMUNIST NEO LAO HAKSAT PARTY, AS "A FASCIST ACT COMMITTED BY THE SANANIKONE (LAOTIAN) GOVERNMENT UNDER THE INSTRUCTION OF U.S. IMPERIALISTS."

QUOTED BY THE NEW CHINA NEWS AGENCY, THE NEWSPAPER SAID "SUCH AN ACT HAS SERIOUSLY VIOLATED THE GENEVA AGREEMENTS ON LAOS AND THE VIENTIANE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE LAOTIAN GOVERNMENT AND THE (PRO-COMMUNIST) PATHET LAO FORCES."

"THE VIETNAMESE PEOPLE RESOLUTELY OPPOSE THE DETENTION OF PRINCE SOUPHANOUVONG AND OTHER LEADERS OF THE NEO LAO HAKSAT PARTY AND DEMAND THE RESTORATION OF THEIR FREEDOM," THE NEWSPAPER ADDED.

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R72

GENEVA, AUG. 3--(REUTERS)--THE THREE-POWER NUCLEAR TEST BAN TALKS TODAY CONTINUED "INCONCLUSIVE" DISCUSSIONS ON THE STAFFING OF CONTROL POSTS WITH "ONE OF THE DULLEST SESSIONS ON RECORD," CONFERENCE SOURCES SAID.

THE UNITED STATES, BRITISH AND RUSSIAN DELEGATES REPEATED OLD ARGUMENTS DURING THE 90-MINUTE SESSION, THEY ADDED.

THE WEST MAINTAINED THE TECHNICAL STAFF OF TEST BAN CONTROL POSTS SHOULD BE DIVIDED INTO ONE-THIRD ANGLO-AMERICAN, ONE-THIRD RUSSIAN AND ONE-THIRD FROM OTHER COUNTRIES.

THE RUSSIANS SAID THAT 10 FOREIGN SPECIALISTS IN CONTROL POSTS ON SOVIET TERRITORY WAS THE MAXIMUM "COMPATIBLE WITH NATIONAL SECURITY."

THE CONFERENCE, WHICH BEGAN LAST OCTOBER, WILL MEET AGAIN TOMORROW.

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(LAOS)

THE UNITED STATES IMPLIED TODAY THAT THE NEW OUTBREAK OF FIGHTING IN LAOS WAS ENGINEERED IN MOSCOW DURING A RECENT VISIT BY NORTH VIET NAM COMMUNIST CHIEF HO CHI-MINH.

THE STATE DEPARTMENT SAID THE SITUATION IN THE TINY SOUTHEAST ASIA KINGDOM WAS OF "SERIOUS CONCERN TO THE DEPARTMENT."

PRESS OFFICER JOSEPH REAP SAID SECRETARY CHRISTIAN A. HERTER HAS BEEN KEPT ADVISED CONTINUALLY OF DEVELOPMENTS AND THAT THE FIGHTING BETWEEN ROYAL GOVERNMENT TROOPS AND REBEL INSURGENTS OCCUPIES THE ATTENTION OF TOP STATE OFFICIALS.

THE DEPARTMENT SAID "THE INSURGENTS IN REMOTE AREAS ARE EVIDENTLY BEING SUPPLIED WITH EQUIPMENT AND OTHERWISE SUPPORTED BY COMMUNISTS FROM OUTSIDE..."

"WE HAVE ALSO NOTED THAT THESE ATTACKS ON LAOTIAN POSTS WERE PROCEEDED BY A VISIT TO MOSCOW BY HO CHI-MINH.

REAP DECLINED COMMENT ON A DIRECT QUESTION AS TO WHETHER THE DEPARTMENT BELIEVES THE ATTACK STEMMED FROM THE NORTH VIET NAMESE COMMUNIST LEADER'S TRIP TO MOSCOW. BUT IT WAS NOTED THAT HE JUST RECENTLY LEFT THE RUSSIAN CAPITAL TO RETURN TO HANOI.

REAP SAID THE DEPARTMENT WELCOMED THE LAOTIAN GOVERNMENT'S LETTERS TO UNITED NATIONS SECRETARY GENERAL DAG HAMMARSKJOLD, TELLING HIM ABOUT THE FIGHTING AND CHARGING BREACHES OF THE 1954 GENEVA AGREEMENTS ENDING THE INDO-CHINA WAR.

8/5--GD147P

UPI-146

(LAOS)

SAIGON--A COMMUNIST REVOLT IN THE NEUTRAL INDOCHINESE KINGDOM OF LAOS SPREAD TODAY WITH A RED PINNACLES ATTACK AGAINST TWO PROVINCES ADJACENT TO COMMUNIST NORTH VIET NAM AND RED CHINA, REPORTS REACHING SAIGON SAID.

DISPATCHES FROM THE LAOTIAN CAPITAL OF VIETIANE SAID THE GOVERNMENT HAD SENT AN URGENT MESSAGE TO UNITED NATIONS SECRETARY-GENERAL DAG HAMMARSKJOLD PROTESTING AGAINST THE RED REVOLT WHICH IT ACCUSED THE NORTH VIET NAMESE GOVERNMENT OF INSTIGATING AND SUPPORTING.

THE ROYAL LAOTIAN ARMY WAS REPORTED ORGANIZING GUERRILLA FORCES FOR JUNGLE FIGHTING AGAINST THE WELL-EQUIPPED REBELS. A COMPANY OF LAOTIAN PARATROOPERS WAS STANDING BY IN VIETIANE FOR JUMPS AGAINST THE REBELS WHEN WEATHER PERMITTED.

THE COUNTRY IS IN THE MIDST OF THE ANNUAL RAINY SEASON WHICH DUMPS 80 INCHES OF RAIN ON THE COUNTRYSIDE IN A SIX-MONTH PERIOD.

ACCORDING TO THE DISPATCHES ARRIVING IN SAIGON, CAPITAL OF PRO-WESTERN SOUTH VIET NAM, ONE GROUP OF RED-LED REBELS WAS MOVING SOUTH OF THE CITY OF PHONGSALY ON THE BORDER OF RED CHINA'S YUNNAN PROVINCE AND ANOTHER COLUMN WAS PUSHING SOUTH OF SAMNEUA, CAPITAL OF HOUAPHAN PROVINCE NEXT TO COMMUNIST NORTH VIET NAM.

THE DISPATCHES SAID THE REDS WERE TRYING TO CUT OFF THE TWO PROVINCES FROM THE REST OF THE COUNTRY.

THE GOVERNMENT'S TROOPS WERE SAID TO BE CONCENTRATING DEFENSES ON SAM NEUA VILLAGE AND THE HUA MONG MILITARY OUTPOST.

THE GOVERNMENT OF KING SISAVANG VONG AND PREMIER PHOU SANANIKONE, AN ARDENT ANTI-COMMUNIST, WAS REPORTED TO HAVE TOLD HAMMARSKJOLD THAT THE FORCES OF THE REBEL COMMUNIST PATHET LAO HAD CREATED A SITUATION WHICH VIOLATED THE 1954 INDOCHINESE TRUCE BY WHICH LAOS ACHIEVED TOTAL INDEPENDENCE FROM FRANCE.

IN BANGKOK, THE SOUTHEAST ASIA TREATY ORGANIZATION (SEATO, ASIAN COUNTERPART OF NATO, SAID IT WAS WATCHING THE LAOS SITUATION BUT WAS SURE THE LAOTIAN GOVERNMENT COULD HANDLE THE PROBLEM ITSELF.

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R41

FIGHTING--PROOF

SAIGON, SOUTH VIETNAM, AUG. 4-(REUTERS)-THE GOVERNMENT OF LAOS CLAIMS TO HAVE SECURED WRITTEN PROOF OF INTERVENTION IN LAOS BY COMMUNIST NORTH VIETNAMESE TROOPS.

IN A MINISTRY OF INFORMATION STATEMENT PUBLISHED YESTERDAY, IT SAID THAT LAOTIAN TROOPS HAD SEIZED A NORTH VIETNAMESE DOCUMENT ORDERING AN ATTACK AGAINST LAOTIAN TROOPS IN THE PROVINCE OF SAM NEUA ON JULY 31.

LAOTIAN TROOPS WERE IN ACTION IN THE PROVINCE RECENTLY AGAINST REBELS SAID TO BE SUPPORTERS OF THE FORMER PATHET LAO GUERRILLA GROUP, WHICH FOUGHT AGAINST THE FRENCH IN INDO-CHINA.

THE MINISTRY COMMUNIQUE SAID THE LAOTIAN GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE WERE DETERMINED TO KEEP THEIR INTEGRITY OF TERRITORY AND INDEPENDENCE.

NORTH VIETNAM HAS DESCRIBED THE LAOTIAN CHARGES OF INTERVENTION AS "GROUNDLESS FABRICATION."

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R59

HONG KONG, AUG. 4-(REUTERS)-THE NORTH VIETNAM NEWSPAPER NHANDAN TODAY ACCUSED THE UNITED STATES OF RIGGING UP A MILITARY ALLIANCE BETWEEN THAILAND, LAOS AND SOUTH VIETNAM TO FORCE SOME OF THE INDOCHINA COUNTRIES TO JOIN THE SOUTHEAST ASIA TREATY ORGANIZATION.

THE NEWSPAPER, QUOTED BY THE NEW CHINA NEWS AGENCY, SAID THE RECENT VISIT OF THAI FOREIGN MINISTER THANAT KHOMAN TO SAIGON WAS AIMED AT CARRYING OUT UNITED STATES INTRIGUES OF WAR PROVOCATION.

KHOMAN'S VISIT, COMING AFTER THE SEATO WELLINGTON CONFERENCE AND THE SECRET ALLIANCE CONCLUDED THERE BETWEEN THAILAND AND LAOS, WAS THE FIRST LINK IN THE FORMATION OF THE TRIPARTITE ALLIANCE AND PROVED THAILAND WAS AN INSTRUMENT OF THE UNITED STATES IN BRINGING IT ABOUT, NHANDAN SAID.

THE NEWSPAPER CONCLUDED: "THE VIETNAMESE PEOPLE OPPOSE ALL ILLEGAL ALLIANCES BETWEEN NGO DINH DIEM (PRESIDENT OF SOUTH VIETNAM) AND HENCHMEN OF THE UNITED STATES IN THAILAND AND LAOS, AND ARE DETERMINED TO STRUGGLE AGAINST SUCH ALLIANCES."

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R32

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FIGHTING

LONDON, AUG. 5-(REUTERS)-BRITAIN CHARGED TODAY THAT MILITARY EQUIPMENT FROM CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND COMMUNIST CHINA IS BEING USED IN FIGHTING UNDERWAY IN LAOS BETWEEN GOVERNMENT FORCES AND COMMUNIST REBELS.

A SPOKESMAN AT THE BRITISH FOREIGN OFFICE SAID THIS INFORMATION HAD BEEN RECEIVED FROM THE BRITISH EMBASSY, AT VIENTIANE, CAPITAL OF THE TROUBLED INDOCHINESE STATE.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THESE REPORTS STATED THAT FIGHTING STILL IS IN PROGRESS THERE.

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THE SPOKESMAN SAID BRITAIN CONTINUED TO REGARD THE SITUATION AS GRAVE AND WAS REMAINING IN TOUCH WITH THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE UNITED STATES, FRANCE AND LAOS ON THE MATTER.

ASKED WHETHER THE LAOTIAN GOVERNMENT HAD APPEALED TO BRITAIN FOR AID, THE SPOKESMAN REPEATED THAT THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT WAS IN TOUCH WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF LAOS.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT BRITAIN HAD ALSO EXCHANGED VIEWS WITH THE INDIAN GOVERNMENT SINCE THE START OF FIGHTING LAST WEEK.

NORTH VIETNAM, COMMUNIST NEIGHBORING STATE, AND COMMUNIST CHINA CHARGE THAT THE TROUBLE HAS BEEN CAUSED BY THE PRO-WESTERN GOVERNMENT OF LAOS, WHICH HAS ALLEGEDLY BROKEN THE 1954 TRUCE WHICH ENDED THE INDOCHINA WAR.

THE LAOTIAN GOVERNMENT DENIES THIS, CHARGES THE COMMUNISTS WITH ATTEMPTING TO UNDERMINE ITS AUTHORITY AND IS CAMPAIGNING STRONGLY AGAINST A COMMUNIST BID TO HAVE THE TRUCE SUPERVISION COMMISSION (CANADA, INDIA AND POLAND) RECONSTITUTED.

BRITAIN, AS CO-CHAIRMAN WITH RUSSIA OF THE TRUCE CONFERENCE, BACKS LAOS IN THIS REGARD. THE SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY THAT BRITAIN REMAINS CONVINCED THAT RESPONSIBILITY FOR HANDLING THE SITUATION RESTS WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF LAOS AND NOT WITH THE TRUCE COMMISSION.

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