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- 1) Communiqué from SECCO Subcommittee
under resolution of 7 Sept. 1959
(Press Release SC/2107)
- 2) 2 Messages from Laos by Bruce Russell, Reuters

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COMMUNIQUE FROM SECURITY COUNCIL SUBCOMMITTEE

UNDER RESOLUTION OF 7 SEPTEMBER 1959 (S/4216)

The Security Council Sub-Committee under Resolution of 7 September 1959 (S/4216) held its fifth meeting on Saturday morning, 12 September, under the Chairmanship of the Tunisian representative, Ambassador Bourguiba.

After discussing travel arrangements and details of the departure of the Sub-Committee for Laos, the Sub-Committee once more received the President of the Security Council. Ambassador Ortona gave the Sub-Committee his advice and opinion on the operation of the Sub-Committee and on other related matters.

Later, the Sub-Committee received the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Laos, Mr. Khamphan Panya. He was warmly greeted by Ambassador Bourguiba as Acting Chairman of the Sub-Committee, and by Ambassador Ortona as President of the Security Council. Mr. Khamphan Panya expressed the deep satisfaction of the Royal Laotian Government for the resolution of the Security Council and the prompt arrival in his country of the Sub-Committee, and explained the historical and political background of the present situation in Laos.

The meeting was adjourned at 12.30 p.m.

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VIENTIANE, LAOS, SEPT. 12-(REUTERS)-AUSTRALIAN AMBASSADOR WILLIAM FORSYTH SAID TODAY HE HAS SUGGESTED THAT THE NEWLY-FORMED UNITED NATIONS INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE COULD BE STATIONED INDEFINITELY IN LAOS TO GUARD AGAINST INTERNATIONAL AGGRESSION.

THE AMBASSADOR SAID THE IDEA HAD BEEN WELL RECEIVED BY LAOTIAN LEADERS. HE WAS LEAVING HERE AFTER A THREE-DAY VISIT.

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FIRST ADD LONDON ROCKETS-ATTEMPT (R34) X X X BLAMED.

THE U.S. ARMY SENT A 13-POUND GOLD-PLATED PROBE--PIONER IV--HURTLING PAST THE MOON AND INTO ORBIT AROUND THE SUN ON MARCH 3. THE TINY CONE-SHAPED VEHICLE CARRIED SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS AND HAS AN INDEFINITE LIFE.

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NIGHT LEAD LAOTIAN (SCHEDULED)

BY BRUCE RUSSELL

VIENTIANE, LAOS, SEPT. 12--(REUTERS)--THE LAOTIAN GOVERNMENT TODAY WAITED FOR NEWS OF A REBEL SIEGE AGAINST A KEY FORT IN WESTERN SAM NEUA PROVINCE, WHILE AIRCRAFT CONTINUED TO FERRY AMMUNITION AND FOOD INTO THE RUGGED, JUNGLED "FRONT LINES" OF THIS TINY INDOCHINA KINGDOM.

NOTHING WAS HEARD TODAY FROM THE TWO COMPANIES OF LOYAL TROOPS AT THE MUONGSON FORT. THEY BROADCAST AN URGENT APPEAL FOR HELP ON FRIDAY AND SAID THEY WERE BEING ATTACKED BY THREE BATTALIONS OF PATHET LAO REBELS AND TROOPS FROM COMMUNIST NORTH VIETNAM.

BUT REPORTS REACHING HERE TODAY SAID JUST TWO COMPANIES OF THE PRO-COMMUNIST REBELS WERE ATTACKING THE FORT, WHICH COMMANDS A KEY POSITION IN THE HEAVILY COMMUNIST-INFILTRATED MUONGSON VALLEY.

THE FORT HAS CHANGED HANDS FOUR TIMES SINCE FIGHTING BROKE OUT IN MID-JULY.

SOUTHEAST ASIA'S "LITTLE WAR" OTHERWISE WAS REPORTED QUIET.

OBSERVERS HERE SPECULATED THAT IT WOULD REMAIN QUIET DURING THE STAY OF MORE THAN 100 UNITED NATIONS OBSERVERS, EXPECTED HERE FROM SUNDAY ONWARD TO OBTAIN INFORMATION FOR A FOUR-NATION SUB-COMMITTEE.

THE SUB-COMMITTEE--REPRESENTING ARGENTINA, ITALY, JAPAN AND TUNISIA-- IS TO CHECK ON A LAOTIAN COMPLAINT THAT COMMUNIST NORTH VIETNAM HAS BEEN AIDING THE REBELS.

THOUGH THE WAR WAS QUIET, THE GOVERNMENT'S DAKOTA TRANSPORT PLANES WERE NOT. THEY CONTINUED STEADY ROUND TRIPS FROM VIENTIANE AIRPORT TO THE PLAIN OF JARS, CHIEF LANDING BASE FOR THE TOWN OF SAM NEUA AND THE TINY ARMY POSTS ALONG THE MOUNTAINOUS BORDER WITH NORTH VIETNAM.

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