

# Leftist Leader Says CIA Plots Sabotage in Laos

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VIENTIANE, June 16 — "Rumors" circulating in Laos say that the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency is conspiring with Laotian rightists to sabotage the new coalition government, according to Phoumi Vougvichit, vice premier of the new government and a senior Central Committee member of the leftist Pathet Lao.

In written answers to 10 questions submitted on May 27, Phoumi said that "meetings have taken place in southern and Northern Laos to prepare subversion against the Provisional Government of National Union."

The 65-year-old vice premier, who is also foreign minister of the new government, said that U.S. officials of all ranks had repeatedly pledged that the United States would respect the Vientiane peace agreement and help the two Laotian parties "dress the wounds of war and build up independence and true peace [in Laos]."

He also said that "these repeated promises have made Lao patriots very happy."

Phoumi made repeated references to "rumors" that the C.I.A. had "exhorted cer-

tain people of the extreme right-wing of Vientiane to demonstrate dissatisfaction with the agreements."

As plenipotentiary representative of Pathet Lao leader Prince Souphanouvong, Phoumi negotiated much of the settlement that led to the formation on April 5 of Laos' third coalition government. He is the ranking Pathet Lao member of the government. Souphanouvong heads the Political Consultative Council, an advisory body independent of the government.

Asked whether he thought the coalition was in danger, and if so from what sector, the vice premier said, the government "is only in danger so far as the C.I.A. supports the supreme right-wing clique to plot trouble against the nation. Without that, the government is free of all further danger."

Phoumi said that the new government would behave amicably toward all countries and would accept "unconditional assistance from all countries that want to help Laos, regardless of their political systems."

Laos would seek to develop a new orientation toward international politics, he said.