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## Intensification of War in Laos Foreseen by Souvanna Phouma

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VIENTIANE, Laos, May 11—Premier Souvanna Phouma said today that because of the Cambodian situation he expected an intensification of the war in Laos by the North Vietnamese and their Laotian allies, the Pathet Lao. He renewed his recent appeal to the Pathet Lao for serious peace negotiations.

In a speech marking the 23d anniversary of the Laotian Constitution, Prince Souvanna Phouma repeated his rejection of the five-point peace proposal delivered by the Pathet Lao in March, but stressed that he was "leaving a very large opening for extended discussions of real national interest." The plan included a call for a cease-fire and establishment of an all-party, internationally neutral, coalition government along with a unilateral end to United States bombing in Laos and a cessation of all American military assistance.

The Premier warned the Pathet Lao of the "grave dangers" of joining the North Vietnamese and other Southeast Asian Communists in the recently announced "united front" designed to gain control of all Indochina. The front was formed at a meeting late last month of Prince Norodom Sihanouk, the deposed Cambodian Chief of State, with Communist and other leftist leaders from North Vietnam, South Vietnam and Laos.

### 'Expansionism' Denounced

Attacking this group's aim of "submerging" all Indochina, the Prince declared: "It's certain that in continuing to disregard national sovereignties, to violate the borders of others and to harbor an aggressive and arrogant expansion, they can only bring about more serious dangers."

The 68-year-old Lane Xang

Avenue, Vientiane's grandest boulevard, reading it first in French and then in Lao. The crowd on hand for the speech and the subsequent parade was small, made up mostly of school girls waving small Laotian flags.

The dignitaries in the reviewing stand—foreign diplomats and high Laotian officials—were polite but largely inattentive. Many of the Laotians gossiped and read newspapers during the speech.

Citing the Communist forces' seizure nearly two weeks ago of Attopeu, a southern provincial capital, and other new moves on the adjacent Boloven Plateau, the Premier said this enemy drive was being made in response to the United States and South Vietnamese attacks on Communist sanctuary areas in Cambodia, farther to the south.

In addition to Attopeu, the North Vietnamese are reportedly threatening Saravane, another provincial capital, about 65 miles north of Attopeu, and the Government has ordered the evacuation of the town. By these new thrusts into territory that previously had been conceded to the Government, the North Vietnamese have cleared and widened their supply routes into South Vietnam and Cambodia, including the Ho Chi Minh trail.