## Laotians See Some Basis Of Hope of Limited Truce

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VIENTIANE, Laos, Aug. 5— on his first meeting with Mr. Optimism that a limited truce may be reached between the place neutralist Government and the place. Communist-led forces is greater negotiations began last March here now than it has been in in an effort to end the warfare recent months.

cautious, is founded on a be-ralization of Laos only to relief that there is good reason vive in 1963 with the break-for North Vietnam to halt the down of the coalition governwar in northern Laos at least ment formed as a result of the for the time being to concen-agreement. trate its efforts on areas of primary interest: South Viet-discussions, Soviet nam and Cambodia.

pension of the fighting in South increasingly tired of the war Vietnam or Cambodia, where and that the North Vietnamese Communist activity has consid—who do not acknowledge erably intensified since the that their troops fight in Laos Vietnamese war spread into - are preoccupied with more

Cambodia at the end of April. immediate concerns.
But Laotian and foreign If that is true, his sources feel that the war in the Loatian sources say, a truce is north, regarded as a separate possible along lines previously conflict for the political con-proposed by Premier Souvanna

pervades all currents of Lao-fighting arenas in which diftian political opinion, including ferent conditions apply. the rightists, who recently attempted and failed in a political jacent to Vietnam are remote maneuver to shake the strong and have slipped from Gov-hold of Prince Souvanna ernment control. What hap-Phouma, chief of the nominally pens there—in the mountain-neutralist faction, whose neu-ous, thinly populated region of trality is generally conceded to the Ho Chi Minh Trail - has have fallen victim to unrelenting North Vietnamese aggres-North Vietnam, which uses

cipally by the Communists' circumvention of the demiliapparent softening of their insistence that all American the United States, which tries bombing be halted before talks to interdict the movements could be held. Without imposthrough heavy bombing. ing any preconditions and on But, the Premier has said, their own initiative, they have fighting elsewhere could be

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Exchanges looking to new that was abated by the 1962 The optimism, which remains Geneva agreement on the neut-

Concurrently with the new here are giving currency to There is no hope for a sus-reports that the Pathet Lao is

If that is true, highly placed trol of Laos, has become more Phouma, who has said in effect that he is ready to accept The hope for a limited truce a division of Laos into two

He said that the areas adthe trail to move troops and Hopes have been raised prin-supplies to South Vietnam in tarized zone, in Vietnam, and

sent a Pathet Lao envoy Tiao-souk Vongsak, who is regarded in effect, that he would ask as sufficiently high-ranking to the United States to halt the conduct at least preliminary bombing in the north in ex-negotiations. change for the Communists' Souvanna Phouma agreement to limit themselves reported to the Cabinet today to the positions they now hold.