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Laotian Leader Questions U.S.
 VIENTIANE, Jan. 31 (Agence
 France-Presse)—Premier Sou-
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 since this morning to verify ru-

<p>mors that a South Vietnamese invasion supported by United States air cover is imminent in Laos, informed sources said here.</p>	<p>is happening in the Ho Chi Minh Trail sector where the Royal Laotian Army exercises no control," the Premier said.</p>
<p>The Premier checked with the United States Embassy here and was told that nothing was known at the moment of any such intervention, the sources said.</p>	<p>"It is a thinly populated mountain region. It is not impossible that the North Vietnamese—who really should withdraw from Laos—might one day draw in the South Vietnamese. If that happens, I shall make a statement."</p>
<p>"It is difficult to know what</p>	<p></p>