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Probe Sought Of Laos Incursions

Ottawa

Canada moved yesterday to convene an "urgent meeting" of the International Control Commission in Laos to investigate "outstanding complaints of violations of the neutrality of Laos by whatever foreign forces."

The action, announced in the Commons by Foreign Minister Mitchell Sharp, was in reaction to what Sharp described as "the movement of South Vietnamese troops into Laos with the support of U.S. air and other elements based in South Vietnam."

Canada, India and Poland are the members of the ICC established by the 1954 Geneva Conference.

"We support fully the demand of Laotian Prime Minister Prince Souvanna Phouma that the neutrality of Laos be respected by all parties," Sharp said.

Sharp noted that for some years Canada had pressed for ICC investigation of Laotian government complaints about violations of Laotian neutrality by neighboring states, including North Vietnam, but had been unable to get India and Poland to agree. Nevertheless, he said, Canada would again call for an ICC investigation of current violations.

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