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LAOTIANS IN CLASH AT ROAD JUNCTION

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VIENTIANE, Laos, April 30 (UPI)—New fighting flared today in Laos when Communist troops shelled Government troops trying to retake a highway junction.

The junction, in the north on the road between Vientiane and the royal capital of Luang Prabang, remained an issue of struggle despite a Government order to Communist troops last Saturday to pull back to truce lines 10 miles to the east.

Meanwhile, the coalition Government here recognized the Communists in Saigon today.

In a communiqué about an hour before the fall of Saigon, the Laotian Government said it was recognizing the Communist government as the only legitimate representative of the South Vietnamese people.

Laos is ruled by a coalition of pro-Americans and Communists under Premier Souvanna Phouma, a neutralist.