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**A Truce
Pact in
Laos**

Vientiane, Laos

The two opposing sides of the Laos coalition government signed an agreement yesterday to stop the clashes that have disrupted the Lao-tian cease-fire since mid-April, government sources said.

Agreement came after a cabinet meeting called to discuss a fresh outbreak on Route 13, the road to the royal capital of Luang Prabang, north of Vientiane. Military sources had reported Pathet Lao troops with four tanks pushed rightist forces southward 17 miles from the road junction at Phou Koun Monday night.

Reports yesterday told of further fighting around the town of Ban Pha Tang, 80 miles north of Vientiane, the site of a cease-fire line in 1961.

Deputy Premier Phoumi Vongvichit, for the pro-Communist Pathet Lao, and Leuam Insiengmay, for the Vientiane side, both agreed to order their troops to stop fighting, the sources said.

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