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**Laotians Told by Premier
Of Major 'Changes' Soon**

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VIENTIANE, Laos, May 11—The Laotian capital, braced for disturbances after a week of political and military upheavals, passed a quiet but tense Constitution Day today. "Some important changes are about to occur," the neutralist Premier, Prince Souvanna Phouma, declared in a speech that was broadcast nationwide from the reviewing stand for the two-hour holiday ceremonies.

"When the moment comes, there will take place still some more necessary modifications, which will allow general elections to be organized in a country completely pacified and totally liberated," he said.

[The Associated Press reported that at the end of the day the national radio broadcast an appeal to the Laotian people to remain calm and to ignore rumors that there would be bloodshed in Vientiane. The appeal was issued in the name of the mixed security forces of the coalition Government.]

Joint police units, made up of members representing the pro-Communist Pathet Lao and

the right-wing element in the Government, patrolled the streets of Vientiane as the Constitution Day ceremonies unfolded slowly on Lane Xang, the main avenue of the capital. King Savang Vatthana reviewed the troops of the coalition Government while a small brass band blared the national anthem and other patriotic songs.

But there was still uncertainty over the future shape of the Government and the likelihood that this small Indochinese kingdom will become less neutral and the Government less of a balanced coalition that it has been for the last year.

Some Western diplomats, studying Premier Souvanna Phouma's speech today, found significance in the absence of any mention of Laotian neutrality, since the Prince has in the past referred repeatedly to neutrality in the same breath as peace and liberation when discussing the country's future.

The resignation of two Cabinet ministers and two deputy

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na Phouma's house, where the entire class of the army officer's training school had barricaded themselves demanding that they be removed from the army command and be placed directly under command of the Premier.

School a 'Liberated Area'

They were further demanding the resignation of a number of right-wing officials and army officers, including the four who submitted their resignations last week, Defense Minister Sisouk na Champassak and Finance Minister Ngon Sannanikone.

"We have taken this school over as a liberated area," said Laotian-language leaflets they distributed outside. The Government made no effort to dislodge them, and their action caused little stir in the capital as a whole.

Despite the outward calm in the city, however, residents continued to flee to Thailand

by air and across the Mekong River on small wooden ferries.

At the crossing town of Tha Deua, about 15 miles southeast of Vientiane, the small flat-bottomed boats pulled away from the dock every few minutes, loaded with passengers and bulging suitcases and boxes.

Special officials at dockside said, however, that the pace had slowed somewhat today, apparently because of the Government's decision to suspend the issuance of exit visas.

Take-Over Held Unlikely

It seems apparent that the situation here is not likely to deteriorate so quickly as that of South Vietnam or Cambodia and that the Pathet Lao has no immediate plans for an armed take-over, apparently preferring to continue the Coalition Government arrangement, though more on its own terms.

The mild panic of last week aroused by an increase in military action north of Vientiane,

a political assassination of a prominent rightist and Friday's anti-American demonstration, all of which led to the weekend resignations from the Government, has eased.

"Eventually there will be some new Government changes, perhaps even this week," one long-time Western diplomat here said. "Then things will go back to the way they have been, things flaking off just a little bit more."

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ministers—all right-wing members of the coalition—and the likelihood that they will be replaced, if not by Pathet Lao members, at least by men more sympathetic to Pathet Lao positions seemed to most politicians and diplomats here to indicate the likelihood of a distinct turn away from the neutralism of recent years.

Major Decisions Deferred

There was no further movement toward formation of a new Government or replacement of the ministers who resigned, but it is unlikely that there will be any such decisions for several days. Almost all Government activity halts in this tiny capital on weekends, and tomorrow is also a holiday,

with Government offices closed again.

Many politicians and most diplomats here had been concerned that the festivities this morning could lead to the same sort of demonstrations that occurred on Friday, when 2,000 people marched on the American Embassy compound.

The marchers demanded elimination of the American aid program in Laos and the resignation of a number of right-wing members of the Government who, it developed, had submitted resignations that day.

There were no major demonstrations today—the Government had banned them and eliminated the traditional parade down Lane Xang Avenue after the morning ceremonies. A small crowd that had gathered to watch the festivities dispersed quickly.

Later in the afternoon, however, a small crowd gathered outside the Lao-German technical school near Prince Souvan-