

SINGAPOREAN SEES LAOS AS RED TARGET

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(Reuters) — Prime Minister Lee Kuan Yew of Singapore said today that Laos would be the next Communist target in Asia and indicated that he felt the situation there had already gone too far to be reversed.

Mr. Lee was interviewed on the CBS program "Meet the Press" before flying to New York after a visit to Washington, during which he had talks with President Ford.

Asked how he would advise President Ford to handle the problem of Laos, where rightists in the governing coalition have been losing ground to the Communist-led Pathet Lao, Mr. Lee asked ironically: "Is there a problem in Laos? I thought the problem was well on the way to being solved."

He said that "it is a little late in the day" to give advice on Laos.

Asked about a Communist threat to Thailand, Mr. Lee said that because it was a food-exporting country he saw "no reason" for insurgency to succeed there.