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national Development head- of humiliation. quarters here ended today as employees returned to their offices and began preparations speak to newsmen. But correfor handing the facility over spondents touring the main to the Communist-dominated AID building, in which Wilgovernment of Laos.

The two U.S. Marine guards and a civilian who had locked to defend himself in the event themselves in to the building during the week-long occupafrom were allowed to leave. They are Sgts. Roger Murphy and Donald Wilburn and Wil-building's hallway and sprinham Darden, an employee of kled the strips with a mixture rederal Electric Corp.

🔭 [Å U.S. embassy spokesman] told Associated Press that the Lao government left a police force inside the AID com-Bound in violation of the agreement and further negotiations would be necessary.]

AID workers were allowed back into the warehouse and placed by other guards, AID office compound following the signing last night of an agreenient which dissolves the local employes. According to agency in Laos. The with acting AID director Gordon B. drawal of AID and handing Ramsey, they would each reover of all its property had ceive an advance equivalent to been the principal demand of \$25 today and the rest of their several hundred pro-Commu-biweekly salaries in the next mist students who occupied the few days. compound since May 21.

were once over 800.

U.S. embassy and AID offi- anti-American at & a.m. The students said Pathet Loa.

they had yet to set up a "coordinating committee," but VIENTIANE, May 28 — The U.S. officials felt the students week-long student occupation were simply squeezing the of the U.S. Agency for Inter- Americans for every last drop

> The three released Americans were not permitted to burn had been holed up, found that the Marine was prepared of attack.

He had laid out strips of rubber matting in the form of a pentagon on the floor of the of gunpowder and cordits. In the center of the pentagon he had spelled out "USMC" with the explosive misture. He had also spread the powder inside the building's main door and presumably would have ignited it if he had to.

As soon as the Marines left the compound and were reofficials set up tables and began paying the agency's 1,400

The workers were to have Another chartered airliner been paid last week but could ment, appear to have manipu- AID officials said they have Left with more than 60 Ameri- not receive their salaries be- lated the students to force not yet worked out the value can officials and dependents, cause of the student occupa- AID out of the country. Top of these assets, but it is cerleaving about 200 where there tion. Although most workers Communist leaders claim the tain to run into the millions of cials entered the compound most feared speaking out lion people.

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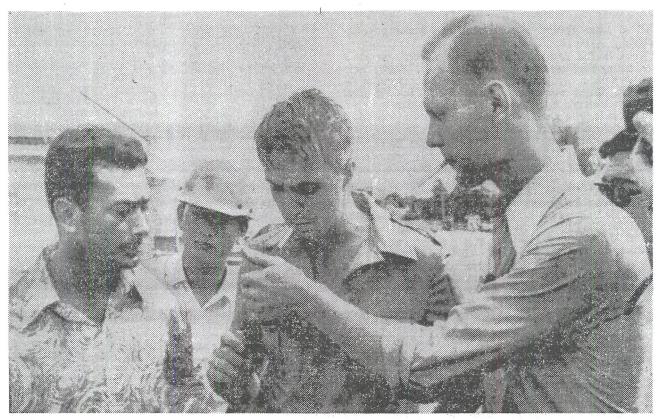
### Laotians

# Give Up AID

#### Offices

The Pathet Lao, who have end of June to wrap up its afassumed almost complete con-fairs here and hand over all trol of Laos' coalition govern- AID property and material. do not share the students' students' demands represent dollars. enthusiasm, the popular will of Laos' 3 mil-

Besides the 1,400 Laotian workers employed by the shortly after 1 p.m., although against the youngsters who Under the seven-point agency in Vientiane, another it-had been agreed last night have closely aligned them agreement reached last night, 1,200 worked for AID in prothat they would be allowed in selves with the Communist the United States has until the vincial towns. The agency was



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Freed Marine Sgts. Donald Wilburn, left, and Roger Murphy, center, relax with civilian William Darden in Vientiane.

second only to the government of Laos as an employer and since it began operating about 17 years ago it has built up an enormous infrasturcture of buildings, vehicles and equipment ranging from heavy-duty road grading machinery to air conditioners. Total aid is put at about \$750 million. The program for this year was \$32 million.

Were it not for the fact that

the incidents culminating in the closure of this huge organization represent the virtual end of American involvement in Laos, they would be too minor and ludicrous to warrant attention.

The students who forced the U.S. government to bend to their wishes appeared no more revolutionary than any privileged middle-class youngsters in any developing country.

Most of them are well-dressed, in the latest European imports, and speak French, English and Lao.

It is evident from their behavior that they are playing a game that seems like fun at the moment. But the Pathet Lao, who are using them for advancing this country's quiet revolution, are deadly serious and the current close relationship between the two probably will not last.

A number of students have commandeered AID cars and jeeps and sped around town, talking to each other on radio telephones and carrying M-16 rifles, 45-caliber pistols and bayonets.

One youngster took special delight in constantly wearing a fluffy, red and white, woman's bathing cap, evidently taken from the AID compound's swimming pool area. The students are a breed apart from the Pathet Lao, most of whom are hill tribe peasants, shorter than the low-land Lao.

The Communists are quickly and efficiently establishing their domination, and its harshness becomes more evident almost daily. Yesterday, for example they viciously broke up a demonstration of AID workers outside Premier Souvanna Phouma's house. The workers, who had split with the students, were seeking Souvanna's help'in getting their salaries.

Pathet Lao soldiers and officers swooped down on the group, brandishing pistols which they held to several workers' heads, and dragged

off one of their leaders in handcuffs.

Most observers in Vientiane expect the strictness of Pathet Lao rule to intensify, perhaps even reaching the severity of Khmer Rouge domination in neighboring Cambodia.