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Laos Planning Coalition Rule in Towns

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VIENTIANE, Laos, June 5—The formation of coalitions to administer cities and towns throughout Laos has been proposed by the Cabinet and will be discussed by the Communist led Pathet Lao at a meeting in its capital of Sam Neua, the Government announced today.

The arrangement will probably consist of little more than a formal recognition of the Pathet Lao's presence in right-wing areas of the country that it has overrun in the last month.

• **The Premier's Aim**

The Government spokesman, Ouday Souvannavong, said that under the proposal mayors in areas controlled by the Vientiane side of the coalition Government would be rightists and have Pathet Lao deputies. The reverse would be true in areas controlled by the Pathet Lao.

"Thus will begin the true administrative integration" of the country, Mr. Ouday said.

Two weeks ago, the Premier, Prince Souvanna Phouma, said in an interview that integration of both the armies and the various governmental units "would have to be accomplished eventually." It is apparently in an effort to move in this direction that the Cabinet acted last night.

Mr. Ouday Souvannavong said that the first joint administration had already been established in the southern city of Savannakhet, which Pathet Lao troops entered last month.

However, the new administration in Savannakhet, nominally in the Vientiane zone, was installed by the Pathet Lao and there was little the Cabinet could do at this late date but ratify it. The accords that set up the coalition in Vientiane make no provision for coalition government on a local level.

From the beginning of the coalition more than a year ago, the Pathet Lao has stressed its willingness to participate in a coalition arrangement in the

areas of the country that it does not yet formally govern but has allowed no contact whatsoever by representatives of the Vientiane side with areas that it firmly controls. Travel to these zones has been severely limited.

The Pathet Lao is unlikely to permit members of the Vientiane side to assume positions of prominence in the so-called liberated zones.

However, the fact that Foreign Minister Phoumi Vongvichit, who is a member of the Pathet Lao, has agreed to discuss the coalition proposal in Sam Neua makes it likely that some sort of arrangement will be worked out.

Strike Curtails Alitalia

ROME, June 5 (Reuters)—The Italian state airline Alitalia, canceled 10 international and 14 internal flights today because of a 24-hour strike by refueling personnel at Fiumicino airport here. Foreign lines were not affected.