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**Five Countries Sign  
Accord That Gives  
Laos \$11.6-Million**

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VIENTIANE, Laos, July 15 (AP)—The Laotian Government and representatives of five other countries signed a currency support agreement today providing \$11.6-million to bolster the shaky Laotian currency.

In another development, the United States Information Service warehouse here was back in American hands after a two-week occupation by members of the Communist-led Pathet Lao, the United States chargé d'affaires, Christian A. Chapman, said.

In a ceremony at the Foreign Ministry, officials signed the accord providing for donations to the Laotian Foreign Exchange Operations Fund, which backs the Laotian Fund, which permits the Government and importers to buy needed goods aboard.

The United States already has given \$5-million to the fund this year and the American signature was not to pledge more money but to acknowledge what has been given.

The four other countries—Australia, Britain, France and Japan—are to give a total of \$6.6-million, most of which will be turned over to the Laotian government within 15 days.

**U.S. Contribution Cut**

Normally in the past the foreign exchange fund has totaled about \$22-million, with the United States matching each other country's grant. The United States thus has usually contributed about \$11-million, but future aid to Laos is under review in Washington in the wake of more than two months of leftist-inspired anti-American incidents.

Japan's share of the fund is \$1.8-million, with France contributing \$2.3-million, Britain \$1.6-million in British pounds and Australia \$845,000.

At the ceremony, the Japanese ambassador confirmed that 10 Japanese volunteer workers in Savannakhet in southern Laos were being withdrawn because of local pressure in the provincial center.