

New Regime in Vientiane Issues Program to Restore Normality

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VIENTIANE, Laos, Aug. 26 (Agence France-Presse) — The new administrative regime set up in Vientiane over the weekend by the pro-Communist rapidly normalize the situation in the capital.

The program says that the new administration will respect the position of King Savang Vatthana and of Premier Souvanna Phouma as well as the coalition government's National Political Council, whose president is Prince Souphanouvong, the Pathet Lao leader.

The new regime will utilize the army, the police and the militia to contribute to the building of the city and the province of Vientiane, it said.

Warning to 'Trouble-Makers'

It also said it would guarantee democratic liberties, notably freedom of belief, but said that trouble-makers would be punished. The property of "ultrareactionaries" who fled from the country will be nationalized but property of exiles will be held for them if they want to return after having "recognized their errors," the statement said.

Vientiane's population will be mobilized for productive work so that economic principles can be applied for the well-being of all, the document said. It also gave assurance that the right of individual

property and freedom to invest private capital would be respected.

Owners of factories and shops and business must continue their work, the new regime said. It warned that those engaging in black-market activity would be punished.

The program also called for changes in education, encouraged cultural, artistic, literary and sports activities that have a "national and progressive" character and promised to wipe out all traces of "reactionary culture."

The new administration said it intended to maintain good relations between Laos and Thailand on the basis of equality and reciprocal interests.

It asked foreigners living in Vientiane to take part in activities to safeguard and consolidate power and to participate in the reconstruction of Laos.

U. S. Aide Sees Laotian Official

VIENTIANE, Aug. 26 (AP)—The chargé d'affaires of the United States Embassy, Thomas J. Corcoran, made his first official visit to a member of the Communist-controlled Government of Laos today.

Mr. Corcoran, who arrived in Vientiane on Aug. 8, spent 20 minutes with the Acting Foreign Minister, Phoune Sipraseuth, a member of the Pathet Lao.