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Laos Is Said to Doom

6 Leaders in Absentia

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BANGKOK, Thailand, Sept. 4 (AP)—The Supreme Court of Laos tried 31 persons, apparently all of them in absentia, for treason and sentenced six of them to death, the Vientiane radio reported.

Among those six, the broadcast said, were two prominent rightist leaders, Gen. Vang Pao, who led a secret army supported by the Central Intelligence Agency against the Pathet Lao, and who is said to be on his way to the United States, and Phoui Sananikone, the former President of the National Assembly. Five more received life sentences for their "brutal and barbarous" crimes, the radio said, including two former Defense Ministers, Sisouk Na Champassak and Ngon Sananikone. Twenty more were sentenced to 20 years in jail.

The property of all will be confiscated, the radio said.