

# Laos Reports A Full-Scale Red Attack

## Vientiane, Laos

Prince Souvanna Phouma, prime minister of Laos, said today that the Pathet Lao had launched a general offensive throughout his country after yesterday's cease-fire.

If the Communist attack continues, he said, he will ask for a renewal of American combat air support.

Asked whether the Americans would provide the bombing support, he replied, "Certainly."

Souvanna said that since noon yesterday when the ceasefire took effect, there had been 29 Communist violations, 14 of them in southern Laos.

He said that the most serious of these occurred when enemy forces recaptured the town of Pak Song at the western edge of the Bolovens Plateau in southern Laos.

He described the situation as extremely grave and added, "I deeply regret that the accord signed two days ago has not been respected by the other side despite the good faith we have displayed."

The prince said, "we have been deceived by the other side."

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