

# LAOS NEGOTIATORS STUDY TRUCE PLAN

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The Laotian Government and the Communist-led Pathet Lao held their fifth weekly negotiating session today. Although there was some discussion of a five-point settlement plan, the meeting seemed devoted mostly to propaganda.

Sot Petrasy, the Pathet Lao spokesman, said that although his side would continue meeting with the Government each week real progress could be expected only when it agreed to certain procedural demands by the Pathet Lao. These include the removal of the Government flag from the conference room.

Phoumi Vongvichit, the senior Pathet Lao official here in Vientiane, the Government's administrative capital, left last week for consultations with the Pathet Lao leaders in their capital of Samneua and has not returned. Before leaving he met with the Laotian Premier, Prince Souvanna Phouma, who had just returned from an extended trip, during which he visited President Nixon.

## Proposal Discussed

Today's discussion, consisting mostly of the reading of prepared speeches by the two sides, focused on interpretations by each side of the proposed peace settlement.

On March 6, 1970, the Pathet Lao's central committee advanced a five-point plan to end the war in Laos. Nothing came of the proposal until two months ago when Prince Souvanna Phouma notified Prince Souphanouvong, his half-brother and leader of the Pathet Lao, that he was prepared to negotiate on the basis of the five points.

As originally outlined by the Pathet Lao, the points were as follows:

¶The United States must end its "intervention and aggression" and cease bombing Laotian territory completely.

¶Laos should be neutralized in accordance with the 1962 Geneva agreement on Laos.

¶The Pathet Lao, affirming respect for the Laotian throne, called for a general election creating a national assembly and "democratic government of national union."

¶During the period between a cease-fire and the election, a consultative political conference should set up a provisional government.

¶The two parts of Laos would be reunited "through consultations," and in the meanwhile, "pro-American forces would withdraw from areas illegally occupied."

The Pathet Lao delegation leader, Gen. Phoune Sipraseuth, devoted most of his speech today to a denunciation of the American role in Laos. He charged that even as he spoke new, American-led operations were being launched against Communist troops in Laos.

## Pullout Urged

The head of the Government delegation, Gen. Pheng Phongsavan, said that while he agreed that the Americans should leave, the same ban should apply to the North Vietnamese and other foreign military organizations.

The Government called for the removal of all foreign troops from Laos within 30 days of a cease-fire and a prisoner exchange in the same period.

The negotiators agreed to meet again next Tuesday.