

# Bomb Warning for Viet Reds in Laos

## Vientiane

The U.S. has put North Vietnam on notice that any major cease-fire violations in Laos will be met by renewed American bombing in support of government forces.

According to an authoritative source, the North Vietnamese have "gotten the message." Military activity throughout the country yesterday was described as relatively light.

It was understood that any requests by Prime Minister Souvanna Phouma for U.S. bombing would be considered on a case-by-case basis. The power to decide whether to call in B-52 bombers and other aircraft from bases across the Mekong River in Thailand lies with Ambassador G. McMurtre Godley.

Godley decided in favor of renewing the air raids when Souvanna made his first request Thursday night, just hours after the noon cease-fire went into effect.

Friday morning Souvanna told newsmen he would call for American bombing if the North Vietnamese did not end what he termed their "general offensive."

Even as the prime minister spoke with correspondents at his home, the mas-

sive B-52s were warming up in Thailand. Half an hour after Souvanna ended his news conference the planes were dumping their 500-pound bombs on the Bolovens Plateau town of Pak Song, in southern-most Laos.

The raid, according to informed reports, was brief but intense. It apparently had the desired effect of staving off further major attacks by North Vietnamese and Pathet Lao forces throughout the country. The bombing reportedly has not been repeated.

However, the North Vietnamese are still in control of Pak Song. Souvanna has vowed that government forces will recapture the town, which was already battered into rubble before the Friday bombing.

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