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Military Talks in Laos Near a Breakdown

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—Talks between military delegations of the Vientiane Government and the Communist-led Pathet Lao seemed close to a breakdown today, with no agreement on any aspect of the creation of peace - keeping machinery in Laos.

The Government delegation leader, Gen. Bounthieng Venongsos, said after the session today that it was very doubtful the next regularly scheduled meeting on Monday would be held at all.

"The Pathet Lao had seemed at our last meeting to have accepted in principle many of our

proposals, at least for study. Today they made it clear they have accepted nothing," it said.

The discussions center on a Government proposal to create mixed Government and Pathet Lao military teams that would assure the cease-fire. The Government has proposed that three of these teams be stationed in Vientiane, and 46 in the countryside, in both the Government - controlled and Pathet Lao zones.

But the Pathet Lao delegation, led by Soth Petrasy, insisted at today's meeting that the teams come into being only as part of a general settlement embodied in protocols to be attached to the Feb. 21 cease-fire agreement.

The Government had hoped

to have the teams in operation quickly, leaving the complicated details to be worked out later.

Meanwhile, the Government reported today that the Laotian Premier, Prince Souvanna Phouma, had sent a telegram expressing deep concern about the stalemated talks to his half-brother, Prince Souphanouvong, who is the nominal leader of the Pathet Lao.

Prince Souvanna Phouma noted in his message that half of the 30-day period stipulated for formation of a new provisional coalition government has expired, and that no progress has been achieved.

He also spoke of the urgent need to complete work on the formation of a mixed commission that would oversee the organization of a new government.

The Premier charged that Prince Souphanouvong's deputies in Vientiane had "continually evaded" discussion of the specific application of the Feb. 21 general peace agreement.

"I am counting on a prompt response from you, clearly explaining the position" of the Pathet Lao, Prince Souvanna Phouma said.