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Deadline on the Formation  
of Government Is Passing

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—The prospect that Communist and Government negotiators could reach agreement on forming a new provisional coalition government before the deadline tomorrow disappeared today with the departure of the head of the Pathet Lao negotiating team.

The Communist leader, Gen. Phoume Sipraseuth, left here aboard a special flight arranged by the three-nation International Control Commission for Laos for consultations in Hanoi and in the unofficial Pathet Lao capital, Samneua.

Also absent from Vientiane since last month is Phnoumi Vongvichit, Secretary General of the Pathet Lao's Neo Lao Hak Xat party, who signed the cease-fire accord with the Vientiane Government Feb. 21.

The Pathet Lao spokesman here, Sot Petrasy, said that Mr. Phoumi Vongvichit and Gen. Phoume Sipraseuth would return but that no date had been fixed. Yesterday he had said that the party chief would return only after two subcommittees negotiating here on the terms of military and political protocols had made more substantive progress.

The Laotian Premier, Prince Souvanna Phouma, said this week that there would be progress only after Mr. Phoumi Vongvichit returned.

Accordingly, there appears to be a deadlock, with each side blaming the other.

Government officials and American sources had been predicting that the Government and the Pathet Lao would somehow reach agreement by tomorrow.

Under the cease-fire, a bipartisan political consultative committee and a coalition government made up of equal numbers of ministers from both sides would be formed not later than 30 days after the cease-fire. The agreement also provides that within 30 days there be a protocol on peace-keeping procedures, including the stationing of mixed teams around the country.

Then, after all this, there is to be a 60-day period in which all foreign troops are to be withdrawn from Laos and all prisoners, Laotian and foreign—including American—are to be repatriated.

Government negotiators have made it known that agreement was close on the distribution of ministries and that over-all agreement could be reached quickly if Mr. Phoumi Vongvichit would take part.