

INTERPRETING

Communists Will Now Zig-Zag In Laos Crisis

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Reports from all quarters Monday tended to take the cutting edge off the Laos crisis, suggesting that the Soviet Union has been pursuing her old familiar tactic of pushing until it proves too dangerous and then withdrawing.

The crisis is by no means over. Indeed, it is quite possible that the Communists provided a lull only to give rebels in Laos time to obviate a peace conference before it can get started.

But taking it by the book, the Communists will now zig-zag.

They are faced by what is perhaps the firmest anti-Communist political front which the free world has been able to throw up since the Berlin blockade was defied.

Certainly it is the firmest political front ever established by a consortium of Western and Asian nations in considerable number.

In the case of Communist aggression against South Korea, the United States cast the die and the United Nations front which developed was a military one, and thin.

The SEATO front against Communist absorption of Laos, on the other hand, is a political front with military overtones. And it has behind it the hopes of a vast proportion of the world's neutrals and the emerging states whose only hope of development lies in a period of peace.

It is hardly likely that the Kremlin ever intended to push the Laos affair beyond what could be accomplished without outside intervention. Why the Soviet Union carried the ball, instead of Red China, is still unclear, unless China didn't have the planes for an airlift or was too busy helping the Viet Cong campaign against South Viet Nam.

The lull in the rebel offensive in Laos and Soviet press reports on the Kremlin attitude are not necessarily direct results of the last few days of Western diplo-

macy. The buildup of Western firmness has been visible for some time.

Expression of Soviet policy through the press is usually a slow and cumbersome process, entailing delays to which the West is unaccustomed. This makes it difficult to follow moves and countermoves in a clear pattern to a clear result.

Nevertheless, the Soviet Union now seems to be doing what it should be doing in its own in-

terests — backing away from a military clash in order to go into negotiations where the U.S.S.R. can promote objectives at less risk. The Soviet Union can stop the movement of Western arms and supplies into the country during negotiations, and thus be able to lead from strength politically. It can use the better-armed rebels to harass their opponents during negotiations, as they did during the armistice negotiations in Korea.

One Battalion This Week

Due to the Spring Recess beginning Wednesday, Mar. 29, there will be but one issue of The Battalion published this week.

The schedule for publication of The Battalion calls for but three issues after the Spring Recess, with no issue being printed Apr. 4. Publication will resume on a daily basis Apr. 5 and will continue until final week, the last week in May, before going on a weekly basis for the summer.

Social Calendar

The following clubs and organizations will meet on campus this week and immediately after the spring recess:

Mar. 28
The Pre-Medical-Pre-Dental Society will meet in Room 113 of the Biological Sciences Building at 7:30 p.m. Dr. Jim Cooper from Bryan will show a film on a "Caesarean Section".

The University Dames Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the South Solarium of the YMCA.

Apr. 5
The Memorial Student Center Table Tennis Committee will meet at 7:30 p.m. in Room 2-A of the Memorial Student Center. The committee plans an organizational meeting to have intermediate and advanced competition in table tennis for all desiring to compete.

Job Interviews

The following firm will interview graduating seniors in the Placement Office:

April 4
The Lone Star Steel Co. will hold job interviews for seniors majoring in mechanical engineering or petroleum engineering. Positions in both steel engineering and production are available.

★★★
Joske's of Texas will interview seniors majoring in accounting, business administration, economics or marketing. The men chosen for the executive training program will be given training in the technical aspects of large retail department store operations. This program is conducted in San Antonio and results in placement in merchandising control, sales promotion and store operations divisions.

★★★
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The United Gas Pipeline Co. will talk to seniors majoring in civil engineering or mechanical engineering. Positions as assistant engineers are available.

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The Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. will interview seniors majoring in business administration, economics, education and psychology or journalism. Positions in sales work and sales management are available.



"... it might look funny, but when I wear hoops it's much cooler."

Sound Off

Editor, The Battalion:

It is with alarm that we Aggies here on Okinawa have learned of the plans to change the name of Texas A&M College. I am writing this letter in the hope that you will be kind enough to put it on your editorial page, and by doing so alert the people of Texas to the injustice that is about to be done them.

One of the reasons advanced by those who wish to change the name of Texas A&M is that by including "college" in the name of the school its fame is not as widespread as that of a university. I beg to differ with these people. Since my graduation from Texas A&M in May of 1959, I have been from New York to the Orient. Every place that I have been I have found that people know of Texas A&M. Its reputation as a school of excellent caliber is known wherever the U.S. has gone. For there are few units

in the Army or Air Force that do not have at least one Aggie included.

Another reason for the change, according to those who would ruin a fine institution, is that top professors consider teaching at a "college" below their standards. It would seem to me that a professor who looks no further than the name of an institution, is not exactly the man to impart knowledge to young men.

I appeal to other Texans to stop the bill now before the Texas Legislature to change the name to Texas State University. The very name, Texas State University, has the ring of mediocrity. Do not allow traditions and a reputation built by many men over nearly a century to pass away.

Clarence B. Sanders Jr.
1st Lt., Artillery
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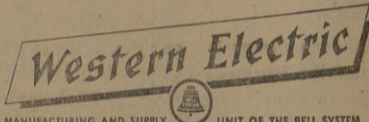
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