

Laotian Rebels Accept Cease-Fire

By The Associated Press
VIENTIANE, Laos—A cease-fire was accepted Tuesday by the U. S.-backed government and the pro-Communist Pathet Lao rebels that it appeared fighting will continue for several days. Neither side proposed a date for troops in the field to lay down their arms.

The government said it will "await the reaction of our opponents to see if they will make contact with us."

The Soviet news agency Tass in a dispatch from Hanoi, Communist North Viet Nam, reported Pathet Lao leader Prince Souphanouvong pledged to order his "armed forces to cease fire throughout the country." It mentioned no date.

Britain and the Soviet Union, who proposed the cease-fire, were sending invitations for a 14-nation conference May 12 in Geneva to negotiate for setting up an independent, neutral Laos.

Both the Pathet Lao and Premier Boun Oum's government indicated a conference may be necessary even to arrange a cease-fire. Foreign Minister Chao Sopsai-

sana told newsmen a site has not been agreed upon, but indicated he favored the royal capital of Luang Prabang in the north.

Neutralist ex-Premier Souvanna Phouma proposed all factions meet Friday in Xieng Khouang, in rebel-held northeastern Laos, for discussions on enlarging the government. Souphanouvong said he was ready to send a delegation but there was an immediate reaction in Vientiane, the administrative capital.

Souvanna, recognized by the Pathet Lao and the Communist bloc as Laos' legal premier, said in North Viet Nam he considers indispensable the formation of an "enlarged provisional coalition government" to rule Laos.

Royal officials said fighting continued in north and south-central Laos. But none of the clashes appeared serious to Western observers.

Economic Minister Ngon Sananikone said rebel troops, who opened a strong drive southward over the weekend, have been halted at Ban Vang, 68 miles north of Vientiane.



Top Horticulture Student
Glen M. Rydl, right, of Alamo, a senior horticulture major, is given the Burpee \$100 Award as an outstanding student. The award is sponsored by the Burpee Seed Company of Pennsylvania. Making the presentation is Fred Brison, Head of the Department of Horticulture. The award is based mainly on scholarship. Glen is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Rydl of Alamo. His father is a vegetable and citrus grower.

Civil Defense Drills Set For Entire State

Special to The Battalion
Beginning at 3 p.m. Friday, Texans will be asked to engage in simulated wartime conditions as they participate in a nation-wide civil defense exercise.

The annual testing of the nation's survival capabilities—dubbed "Operation Alert"—will again involve an undisclosed number of Texas cities as likely targets for enemy bombers and missiles.

"The exact targets, the size and types of weapons, and the fallout pattern have not been disclosed to participants," James H. Garner, state coordinator of civil defense and disaster relief, said. "We have decided on this course for two reasons. First, the exercise will be more realistic if target cities are not told of their designation in advance. And secondly, local civil defense officials can better de-

termine the strengths and weaknesses of their planning if this method is followed."

When the simulated attack begins, the State Disaster Control Center in the Department of Public Safety Building in Austin will be activated, as will all seventeen Disaster District and Sub-District centers. From State center, members of the State Civil Defense Council will direct the exercise and maintain communications with all Texas cities via the state-wide communications net.

A special feature in this year's exercise will be a 30-minute nationwide Conelrad drill. From 3 until 3:30 p.m. Friday, all radio and TV stations will leave the air. The only broadcasting will be on the two Conelrad frequencies—640 and 1240. President Kennedy will deliver a message to the nation dur-

ing the Conelrad drill. Local civil defense directors will also use the time period to disseminate information on their local plans and to emphasize actions required for individual survival.

During Operation Alert, approximately 500 Texas high schools and colleges will furnish radiological information on local fallout conditions. This data will be detected with special radiological instruments placed in their possession through a special radiological instruments program in effect in Texas for the past two years.

AT KERRVILLE

Loyd Wins Texas Methodist Post

Danny Loyd, a junior veterinary medicine major from Texarkana, was elected president of the Texas Methodist Student Movement Council for 1961-62 at the group's Spring Leadership Conference in Kerrville last Saturday and Sunday.

This conference is the annual TMSM meeting which brings to-

gether the new local presidents and vice-presidents of the movement which has organizations on 38 college and university campuses throughout the state.

The executive committee of the state Methodist student council is composed of a representative of each of the annual conferences of The Methodist Church in Texas. Loyd, also president of the A&M MSM, represents the Texas Conference of the church. Other officers named were:

Vice-presidents: Jobeth Bentley of Clyde, McMurry College (Northwest Texas Conference); Charles Shamel of Kingsville, Texas A&I College (Southwest Texas); Sofia Loera of Crystal City, Texas Woman's University (Rio Grande); Sandra Wilson, East Texas State College, Commerce (North Texas); secretary, Betty Johnson of Beaumont, Huston-Tillotson College (West Texas); and treasurer, Henry Chou of Hong Kong, China, Tarleton State College (Central).

The main speaker for the conference was Dr. John Dillenberger of Drew University.

Unique Supper Offered By UN

An International Supper, the first of its kind ever to be served here, will be given Saturday at 6 p.m., in the Recreation Hall of the A&M Presbyterian Church.

The supper is sponsored by the United Nations Club. C. K. Parekh is president of the organization.

"We are giving this supper, which is open to the public, with the idea of bringing the many nationalities together, in order that we may get to know each other better and to better understand each other," Parekh said.

The supper will consist of favorite dishes of the United States, Philippines, India, Spain, Mexico, Israel, Scotland, Germany, Pakistan, Russia and Ceylon.

Reagan Brown of the Department of Agricultural Economics and Sociology will give a short talk. Group singing will be led by Mrs. William L. Guthrie of College Station and Latin American students at the college will give several songs.

Tickets are available from members of the UN Club and at the front desk in the YMCA.

Tennis Courts Add Night Play Lights

Four of the A&M tennis courts will be available for night matches by the middle of June with the addition of lighting facilities.

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