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UK press items of interest Feb 26: Sunday Times article by Richard Hughes from Hong Kong headlined "Laos Facing Partition - Premier Broke Pledge" -- notes only alternatives to spread of civil war seem partition or Geneva-style conference with Communist China attending. Hughes cites Souvanna villian" as "the real/~~villain~~" because he reneged on his pledge to resign as Prime Minister officially as soon as King and Parliament approved a substitute government; "He has clung leech-like to his office under the tutelage of Russian Ambassador who followed him to his Cambodian sanctuary -- in a British plane". Article asserts Souvanna's "betrayal of his pledges bestowed the sanction of 'authorized and requested intervention' on Russian war aid and has provided communist forces with 'government in exile' for promotion

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of civil war." Also Souvanna "must now take major responsibility personally for future bloodshed among the unhappy, bewildered Laotion people." Article concludes with comment PL now control most of North and Central Laos and supply lines to North Vietnam -- "the design for partition is now firmly drawn" and at best this is position of strength for communists to bargain at conference; at worst they have extended base for protracted and hardened guerrilla activity into heart of Laos.

Hughes item followed by short report West fears communists planning big increase in airlift to PL. Speculation based on reports that "within past ten days or so North Vietnamese communist authorities had ordered back three out of four flights to Hanoi with supplies and mail for members of ISC."

Observer article by Dennis Bloodworth from Singapore details rejection NNC by Peking and Hanoi noting communists holding out for enlarged Geneva conference. Also cites "left-wing" accusations that with American connivance RLG has arranged for remnants Chiang Kai-Shek's nationalist forces in Burma to enter Laos to fight PL. Bloodworth

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mentions Kong Le quoted as saying more than 2,000 KMT soldiers already in Laos from Burma, 800 of them in Laotian uniform. Item closes with comment attributed Western military observers that several hundred Nationalists ~~xxxxxx~~ troops have fled into Laos as refugees -- "In consequence there has been some liaison between Laotian military officials and KMT commanders" but they discount reports of organized KMT infiltration.

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Guardian item by Richard SCOTT Feb 24 reports Soviet Union pressing for immediate meeting ICC and for International Conference. Article apparently based on Pravda item which Scott assumes is line of latest Soviet Note to British Govt. Scott comments that UK proposal for return ICC may well be best solution that can be accepted since seems now clear Neutral Nations Commission does not find wide support. He also comments British Govt sees two main difficulties with conference proposal (1) the representation of Laos and (2) likelihood conference would "degenerate into bitter and dangerous wrangling."

Guardian editorial Feb 24 notes some hope for Laos settlement due to US proposals including scrutiny of aid by NNC which "rather better than the best that was hoped for at Geneva in 1954." Editorial notes, however,

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lack of interest in Communist bloc which probably due lack any provision for International Conference. Ends on note "The objections to a conference are obvious. But the status of Laos is not merely domestic matter, and all countries interested, including China and Siam, should have their say in settling it."

Times Feb 24 carries item from "our correspondent -- Saigon" reporting Cambodian Govt declined invitation join NNC. Item also reports acceptance by Malaya and Burmese attitude unannounced; ChiCom and North Vietnamese continue denounce King's proposal as "an American imperialist plot". Item also notes intransigent attitude of Commie bloc toward new proposals based on "what Commies regard as their impregnable military position in Northern Laos. Moscow, Peking, and Hanoi seem to believe they can drive a really hard bargain over Laos."

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Laos

Times, Daily Telegraph and Guardian Feb 22 headline US willingness withdraw its military technicians and submit all future aid to screening by Neutral Nations Commission if other countries prepared accept some controls. Papers mention cease fire as precondition and assume proposal presented by Secretary to MENSHIKOV Feb 20.

Guardian and Daily Telegraph Feb 22 report Souphanouvong rejection of King's proposal and Guardian Feb 23 item by Richard SCOTT cites evidence Soviets and Communist China apparently going press for international conference.

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BANGKOK WORLD Feb 21 reported fol comments by Fonmin Thanat Khoman on Laos:

1) Lao King's request for guaranteed neutrality "may be successful in bringing peace to Laos" if other countries stop intervening;

2) Proposals for a coalition government might be good thing for Laos "if it can be named without change in administration and without coming under directinn of foreign power". "But if things turn in opposite way, Lao's neighbors will also share bad affects." Added, however, not informed as yet what form coalition government might take. If it has "free, neutral policy it will be good thing to maintain security and peace of Laos."

3) SEATO's decision to establish observer team in Laos (sic) "might be a little late" and Laos may "no longer need it."

4) Asked to comment on report that Kennedy had conferred with friendly countries on Laos, Thanat said "Thailand and US have similar positions in Laos . . seeking peace and order in the region." He said

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Thai and American officials discussed Lao problem often.

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Laos -- Press Feb 21 found renewed interest Laos developments.

Times reports "log jam in Laotian crisis now begun to shift". Soviet replied Sunday to British ICC proposal and though note not published seems likely Soviets now agreed Commission should return either before or after a Conference. However, hopes dampened by PL comment on NNC proposal that

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King "merely lending himself to new US plot to mask aggression".

Guardian item by Richard SCOTT also reports Soviet reply and speculates ICC acceptance linked with Conference. Comments reply to some extent overtaken by King's proposals and notes Malayan willingness participate NNC. Scott continues that "It was claimed" King's proposal inspired by SIHANOUK suggestion for neutral zone but it clear attitude of new Administration at least as much inspiration. "President and advisors have clearly determined American policy towards Laos along lines favored for some time by Britain"./There can be little doubt King drafted statement after consultation with -- possibly under pressure from -- the US . Article continues that US and UK prepared to drop ICC proposal if agreement can be reached on appointment of NNC and between Boun OUM Govt and SOUVANNA. Meeting between PHOUMI and Souvanna expected within next few days "will presumably determine whether agreement can be reached on the broadening of present Laotian Govt".

Daily Telegraph item by Michael FIELD from Phnom Penh reports Laotian pro-Communists' reaction to recent RLG moves win support of Souvanna: Russian Ilyusin 14 arrived from Xieng Khouang carrying delegation to persuade Prince Souvanna return to Xieng Khouang;

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Soviet Amb entertaining Souvanna at dinner; and Czech, Polish, North Vietnamese helping Russians sway Souvanna.

Times, Guardian and Daily Telegraph report Secretary's meeting with MENSHIKOV and story that Soviet airlift stopped two or three days ago but may be due bad weather.

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Preoccupied with Congo and Algerian developments, Paris press has given Lao King's neutrality declaration only secondary attention. Treatment ranges from page one summaries of King's declaration to brief seven-line story buried on inside page. As usual, Monde gave event greatest coverage, but only Laos story in one major paper reported SENO surrounded by Lao troops. Feb 21 press follows up declaration with inside-page stories putting new plan in context Soviet reply to UK and Rusk-Menshikov talk. No editorial comment or official GOF reaction.

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FoI highlights Feb 9 remarks by SEATO Secgen Pote Sarasin as reported BANGKOK WORLD Feb 10:

a. SEATO "not going be hasty in sending observers Laos and RLG not pressing the point."

b. Observers could operate only in area within RLG control and their finding therefore would be same as reports already being received.

c. Did not believe there would be any coalition government Laos, "seeing that cold war is what it is." Leftist and rightist groups would join together "only as oil and water."

d. Refused comment on Phil criticism of SEATO as he "not in position give opinion on statement any government."

e. Moves toward ASAS probably have nothing to do with Laos and idea nursed by Phils and Malaya long before Lao crisis.

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LAOS

UK press past ten days has given only moderate coverage news items concerning developments in Laos with no rpt no editorials.

Chen Yi Feb 2 offer of Chicom aid to Souvanna Government picked up by several papers as well as his comment enlarged Geneva conference and ICC should deal only with Souvanna

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Souvanna Government. Guardian, Times and Daily Worker also mentioned his reference to Soviet aid.

Times only paper reporting RLG claims road cleared between Vientiane and Luang Prabang; also carried Laotian Minister's assertion 11 Vietminh battalions in Laos.

Daily Express Feb. 3 headlined Bertram Jones story from Hong Kong "Laos admits that hoax" reporting press conference by RLG Minister of Education. Item used to substantiate Jones item of Jan 5 which said no battalions from North Vietnam in Laos.

Daily Herald Feb 3 item by W. N. Ewer speculates Russian reply to UK proposal will be negative because PL doing well in the fighting.

Guardian Feb. 4 reports Sihanouks renewed call for international conference and mentions RLG in recent note to Sec Gen has requested situation be brought to attention UNSC.

Several papers reported Amb Brown's consultations with President and Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

Cyril Dunn in lengthy article Observer Feb. 5 /speculates

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speculates "Mr. Kennedy is actively searching for an accommodation in both Laos and Congo" and US no longer excludes possibility of a coalition government including not only Souvanna but also some "carefully seeded elements of the PL." Says American Intelligence appears to know which of PL supporters Communist. Also mention "some talk of US readiness to consider Russian plan for 14-nation meeting". Dunn ties Congo and Laos together in possible deal with the Russians whereby US would support coalition in Congo including Lumumba in return for Russian cessation army supply to PL and support new coalition government in Laos.

Dennis Bloodworth in Observer Feb. 5 notes formation of new government in Xieng Khouang but not yet certain Souvanna has consented and that his commitment to PL and return to Commie held territory would reduce chances of peaceful settlement.

Observer Feb. 7 item from Vientiane commenting on Xieng Khouang Government opines new government designed strengthen Souvanna's hand in future negotiations to set up neutral government. "US seems thinking of political settlement

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Times and Daily Telegraph Feb. 7 report RLG occupation Seno base and French protest.

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According BANGKOK POST Jan 9, Valentin V. Noskov, Second Secy Soviet Emb in Bangkok, denied that any Soviet Emb official told any newsman that Russians were going stop their alleged airlift to Laotian rebels. Noskov commenting on UPI report from New York in which NBC correspondent James Robinson reported from Bangkok that Russian diplomat here said Moscow willing stop flying military supplies to leftist forces Laos since crisis had gone far enough and must now be settled by negotiation. Noskov expressed belief NBC correspondent imagined whole thing. Soviet Emb did not know of any Soviet airlift to Laos, except what reported in Bangkok newspapers quoting foreign news agencies.

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BANGKOK WORLD Jan 5 reported Lao Public Works Min Khampan Panya, formerly Fonmin in Tiao Somsanith cabinet, stopped over Bangkok Jan 4 on way UN and made fol comments:

His mission to inform UN of situation and discuss possible solution conflict. He would try all possible ways bring peace Laos but Lao Gvt would not ask anything of UN. Before asking help from anyone, including SEATO, Lao Gvt would carefully consider what source best suited and most beneficial Laos. Re proposed revival ICC, Lao Gvt had no objection but in past ICC work not successful. It composed Free World, neutral, and Commie members who could never agree. Changing ICC makeup so as include only neutral nation members might stand chance solving Lao crisis. His personal solution would be let legal Lao Gvt alone be receiver aid from any side. One topic in his discussions with UNSG would be Commie interference Laos, particularly open support Soviet Union giving Pathet Lao. According course new Boon Oum Gvt, Laos will be friend all countries and will keep all intl agreements except military pacts. But word "neutral" will be

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avoided since Lao people associate it with Commies.

Fonmin Thanat told reporters that in mtg with Khampan Panya Lao visitor did not request Thai help. SEATO intervention discussed but it was "just discussion without decision."

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BANGKOK POST stated Jan 3 that officials report some Vietnamese remaining in Thailand's northeastern border area while awaiting repatriation to North Vietnam attempting assist Vietminh soldiers who flew into Loey in Russian-made helicopter and burned it. Explained that number Vietnamese have gone into jungle area where Vietminh believed hiding, ostensibly to seek firewood and bamboo. Feared that Vietminh may get mixed up with woodcutters who would then help them escape from Thailand.

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BANGKOK WORLD Jan 3 quoted SEATO Secy Gen Pote Sarasin making fol statements Jan 2:

SEATO has circumstancial evidence ground intervention in Laos but large scale movement troops from outside as stated by Lao Gvt not yet confirmed. Two Vietnamese prisoners taken. SEATO not quite certain extent ground intervention Laos but there ample evidence air intervention.

WORLD also cited top Thai military spokesman saying Thailand now relying more on US than on SEATO because Soviet Union openly intervened in what considered US protected territory. Added US must make dramatic show of force, possibly by goodwill visit military jet aircraft.

Fonmin Thanat Khoman reported saying Jan 2 that Thailand considering calling on SEATO if Lao crisis worsens. Trouble arising from Commie intervention Laos would be difficult limit to Laos. Commie aggression Laos violated both Geneva Agreement and intl law. Commies responsible for Lao crisis.

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According Jan 5 BANGKOK WORLD, Interior Min Praphat Charusathien predicted Jan 4 Laos would soon fall Commies since no one in Free World dares help legal Lao Gvt. Free World watching its step while Commies continue supply Lao rebels. Praphat suggested two solutions: other countries step in solve political problem or Commie interference Laos be stopped by force. But nobody dares do either. Commenting on reported UK and French refusal believe reports Commie ground interference Laos, Praphat said both countries interested trade only and without responsibility for Lao crisis.

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According press, Fonmin Thanat Khoman Jan 4 stated foreign intervention Laos must be stopped in order restore peace and unity there. Dealing with crisis was Lao Gvt responsibility and Thailand did not wish interfere but it and other neighboring countries have responsibility for maintaining regional peace. Thailand could give advice only when asked. Other countries, but particularly big powers which have strength and responsibility for maintaining world peace, may assist in finding political solution. If Laos agreed accept ICC mediation Thailand would not object but past ICC actions not conducive bringing about peace and unity Laos and even Souvanna Phouma expressed doubts about usefulness ICC. UN action hampered by existence veto power in Security Council. Two Vietnamese prisoners captured by Lao Gvt troops had been interrogated by representatives truly neutral countries but not questioned by "some countries which prefer remain blind to fact intervention in Laos."

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