

Red Threat Growing Steadily More Serious, Gov't Declares

By MAX HARRÉLSON
UNITED NATIONS, N.Y. (AP) — The government of Laos says the threat from Communist rebels is growing steadily more serious, but it has made no move to ask the aid of either the United Nations or the Southeast Asia Treaty Organization.

The SEATO pact was signed in 1954 just six weeks after the Geneva armistice ending the Indo-China War. The eight SEATO signers included a special protocol bringing Laos, Cambodia and South Viet Nam under the wing of the anti-Communist alliance.

In the event of any armed attack or threat which might endanger peace, the eight SEATO members are obligated to con-

sult immediately on measures to be taken. But they are bound not to intervene on the territory of the attacked country without an invitation of the government concerned.

NO INVITATION YET
So far there has been no such invitation from the government of Laos. Nor has there been any suggestion from any of the SEATO countries that such an invitation might be in order. Members of the alliance are France, the former ruler of Indochina; the United States, Britain, Australia, New Zealand, Pakistan, Thailand and the Philippines.

The SEATO pact does not offer the rigid guarantees of action provided by the North Atlantic

Treaty Organization. It calls only for consultations on any use of force or threat of force. This, however, would not prevent the alliance from acting if its members agree that intervention is necessary.

Two other agencies might be involved. One is the United Nations, which has been mentioned frequently since fighting in Laos resumed. A representative of the Laotian government has consulted with Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjöld and with some U.S. delegations on the possibility of having observers sent to Laos. But no request has been made for action by the Security Council or the General Assembly.

LIKES OBSERVERS PLAN
State Secretary Christian A. Herter is reported to have expressed the belief in private conversations recently that UN observers should be sent to Laos as soon as possible. Many diplomats believe this may happen.

at least as a last step. A less likely possibility is the reconvening of the three-nation armistice commission set up by the 1954 Geneva armistice. This commission consisted of India, Poland and Canada. It adjourned in July, 1958.

The Laotian government contends that the commission completed its functions and its re-establishment would be an interference in the internal affairs of Laos.

Foreign Secretary Selwyn Lloyd of Britain says he will not act to reconvene the commission without the consent of the Laotian government. Britain and the Soviet Union were co-chairmen of the Geneva armistice conference.

Control Board Delays Verdict On Closing Of Soccer Park

TORONTO (CP)—Board of Control Wednesday put off for a week a decision on whether to close and expropriate Fred Hamilton park, the scene of a riot by soccer fans Sunday.

The move to shut the west-central park has been spearheaded by Ald. Philip Givens, who was

supported by a delegation of more than 100 citizens at Wednesday's board of control meeting.

"We were lucky that no one got killed last Sunday," he said. Police inspector James Henderson told the board fans attacked police officers with "two-by-fours" and "large stones."

Who did the rioting and how many were injured during last Sunday's melee.

PRICE UPPED
Board of Control asked for a report from city officials concerning the possible expropriation of the park, sold to the league by the city for \$50,000 in 1957. The board was told the league now wants \$150,000 for the park.

Ald. Givens said a Sunday soccer game at the park is "like a human pressure cooker without

Director Frank Therkettle of the National Soccer League said the problem was beyond league officials.

The official said he too had received threatening letters and phone calls. He pointed out last Sunday's "foul incident" took place outside the soccer park.

Comparing the incident with other attacks on police elsewhere in the city, he said the riot was

has to take the blame for.

ASKS MORE DEVOTION

VATICAN CITY (Reuters)—Pope John called on the world's Roman Catholics to show more intense devotion to the Virgin Mary in a broadcast message made public here Saturday. The Latin broadcast was made Friday to the second World Congress of Marian Congregations at Newark, N.J.

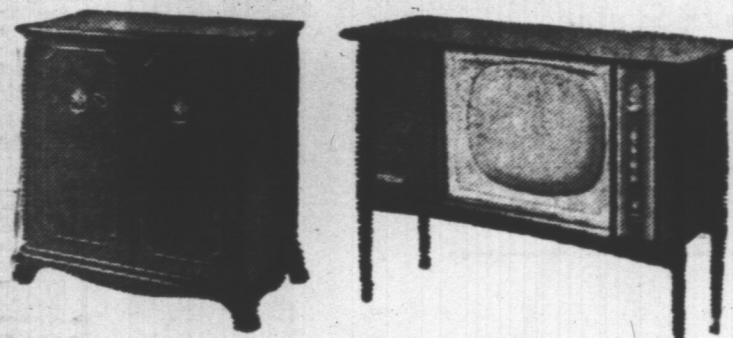
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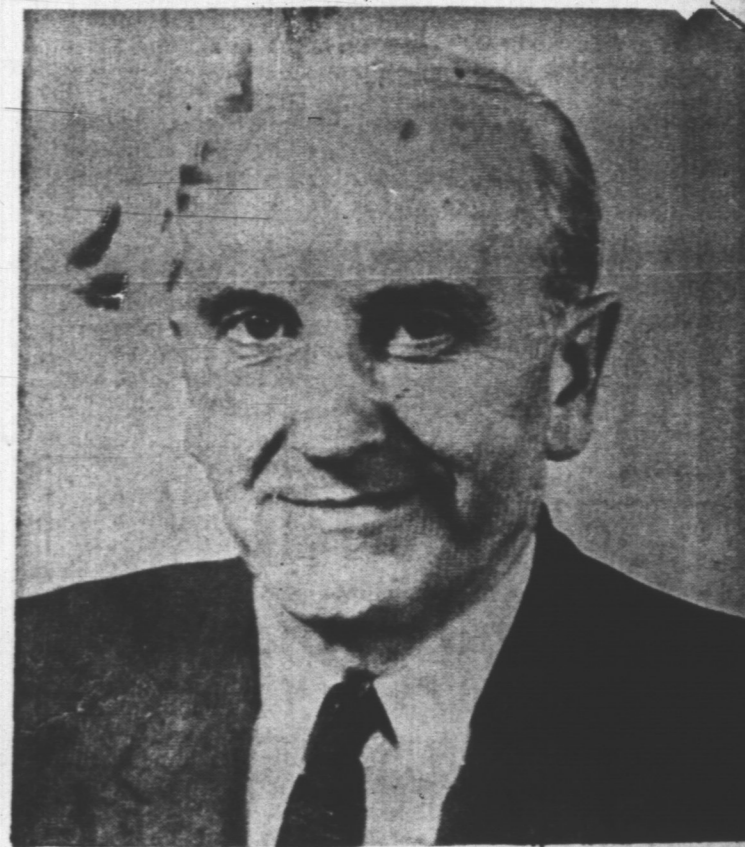
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