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PRINCIPAL DEVELOPMENTS

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Government irregulars have launched a major new campaign in south Laos. (Page 3)

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[Redacted] a senior Foreign Ministry official in Islamabad told the US chargé that his government no longer opposes a UN Security Council meeting on South Asian matters. He said Pakistani envoys in various capitals have been advised that such a meeting might prove useful even though there are disadvantages involved. The US Embassy in Islamabad thinks this change might be the result of growing awareness that resistance elements in East Pakistan will be hard to contain. The embassy does not rule out, however, the possibility that Pakistan fears direct Indian military action.

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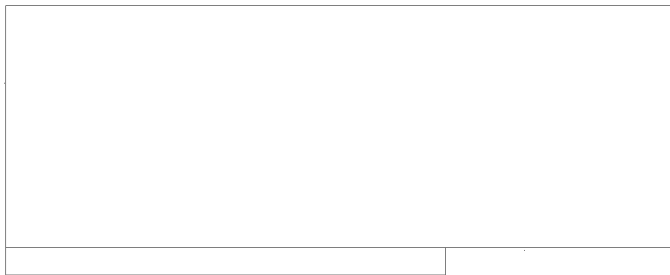
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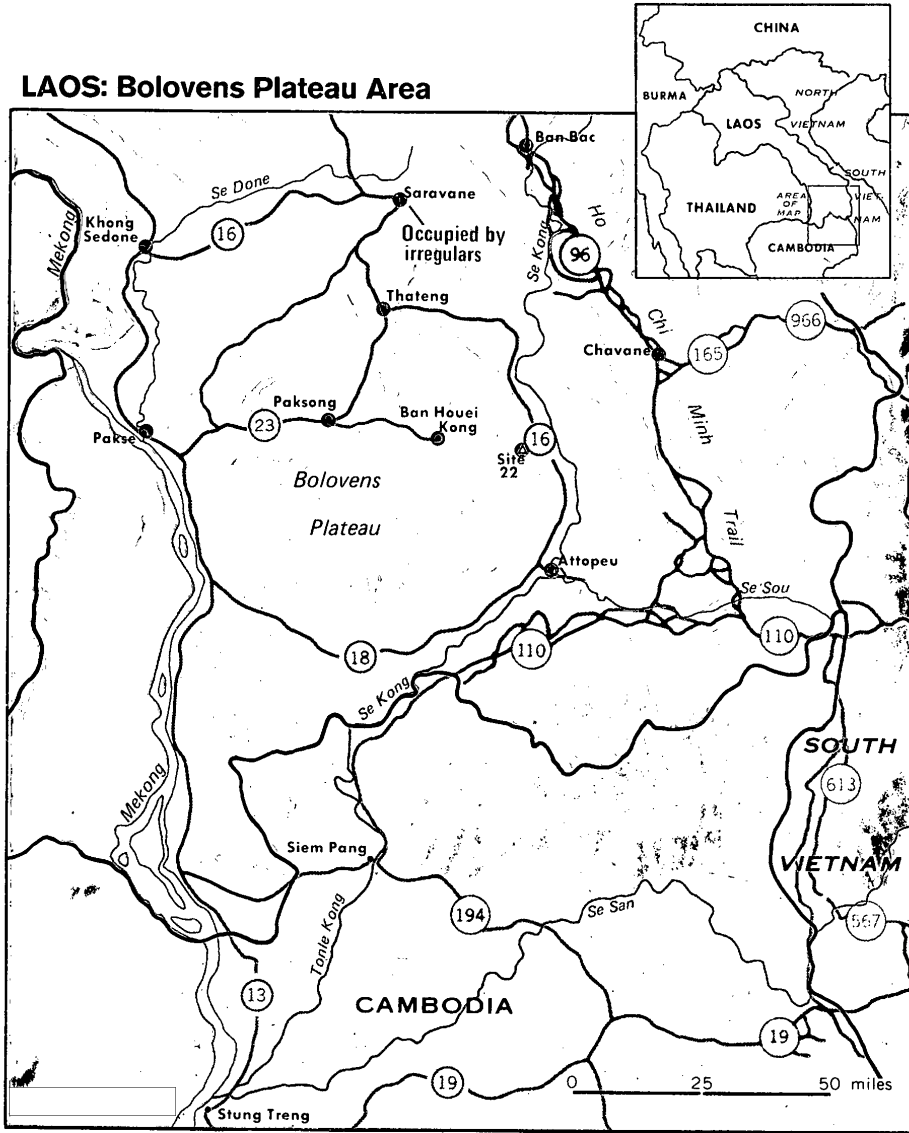


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LAOS: Bolovens Plateau Area



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- Communist-held location
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LAOS

Four battalions of government irregulars, numbering 1,300 men, were airlifted yesterday to an area north of Saravane and subsequently took the town without resistance. The move into Saravane is the beginning of a major new campaign in south Laos, during which the government will try to recapture Paksong in the central portion of the Bolovens Plateau. Intercepts indicate that the Communists have been expecting a "sweep" operation but evidently are not yet certain where the main government attack will come.

Saravane has been in enemy hands since last year. Although it is a secondary target to Paksong, its capture should give a psychological boost to the government in Vientiane. Instead of trying to hold Saravane for long, however, the irregulars will try to move against Communist installations and supply caches to the west.

The Communists have between six and eight battalions in the Bolovens area with armor and artillery support. They hold most of the key high ground positions on the plateau and have had some time to preposition ammunition caches.

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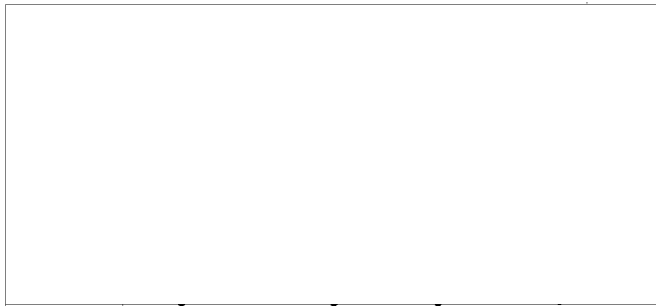
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