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PRINCIPAL DEVELOPMENTS

The Communists have renewed their ground assault on Skyline Ridge. (Page 1)

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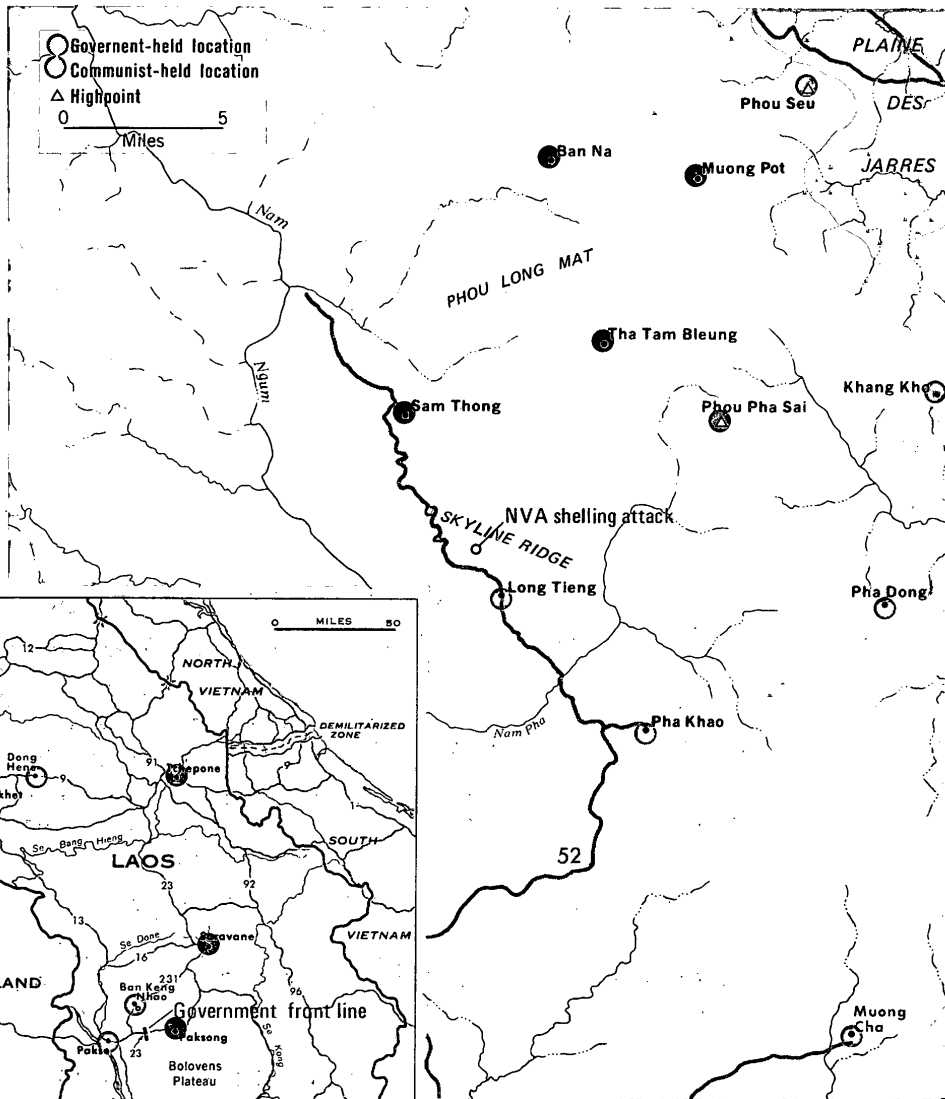
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LAOS

A strong North Vietnamese ground attack has rolled back part of the government's recent hard-won gains on Skyline Ridge. Government troops were forced to abandon one position, and the other was under heavy pressure. The Communists preceded their dawn attack this morning by a steady stream of mortar, recoilless rifle, and small-arms fire throughout the night. Government casualties in the action so far have been heavy, with at least 25 killed and about 100 wounded.

In south Laos, the North Vietnamese are maintaining pressure on government forces on the periphery of the Bolovens Plateau. Lao Army units in forward positions along Route 23 have reported frequent shellings and probes over the past several days, but the Communists have pushed no closer to Pakse. The Communists are also attacking along Route 231, about 15 miles north of Route 23.

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CHILE

Yesterday the government announced that the entire cabinet had resigned and that a new one would be presented on Monday.

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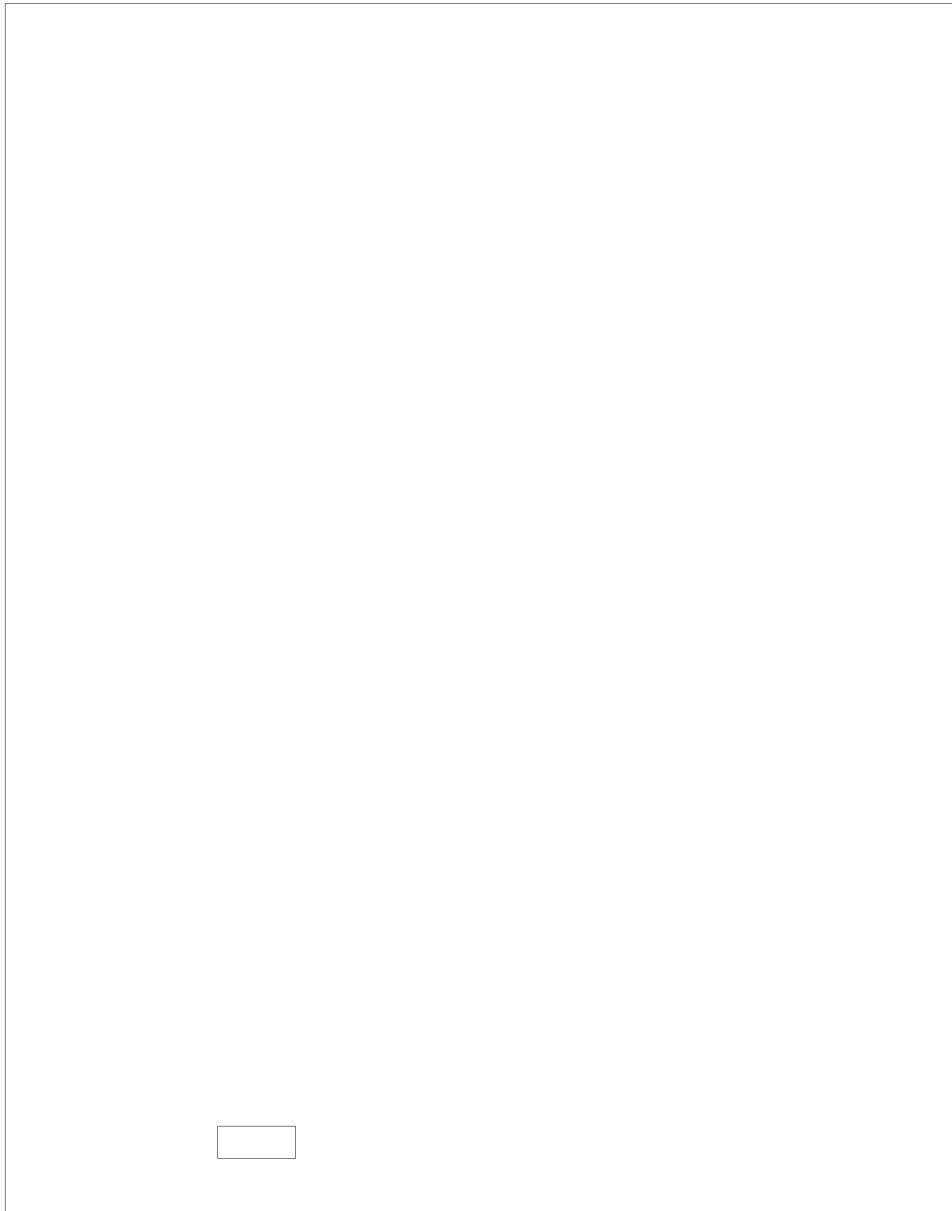
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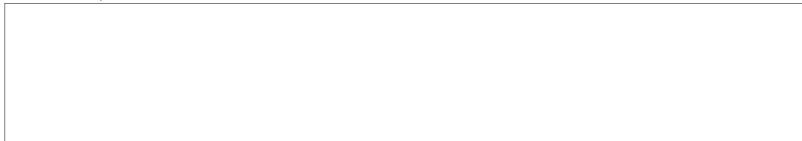
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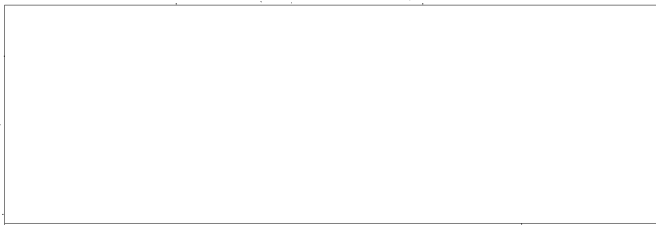
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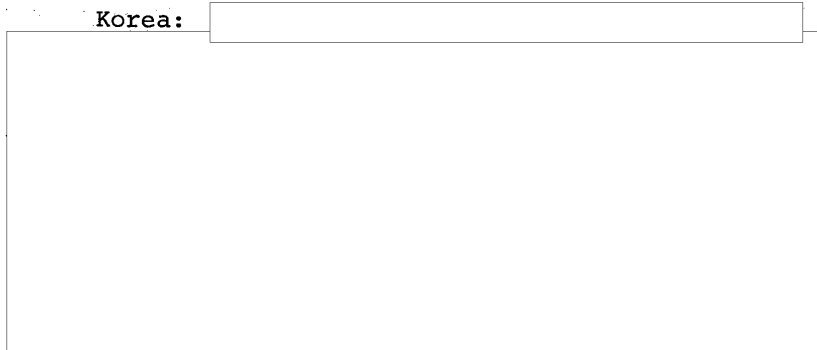


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