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PRINCIPAL DEVELOPMENTS

There has been very little combat activity in Laos since the enemy occupied the Plaine des Jarres.

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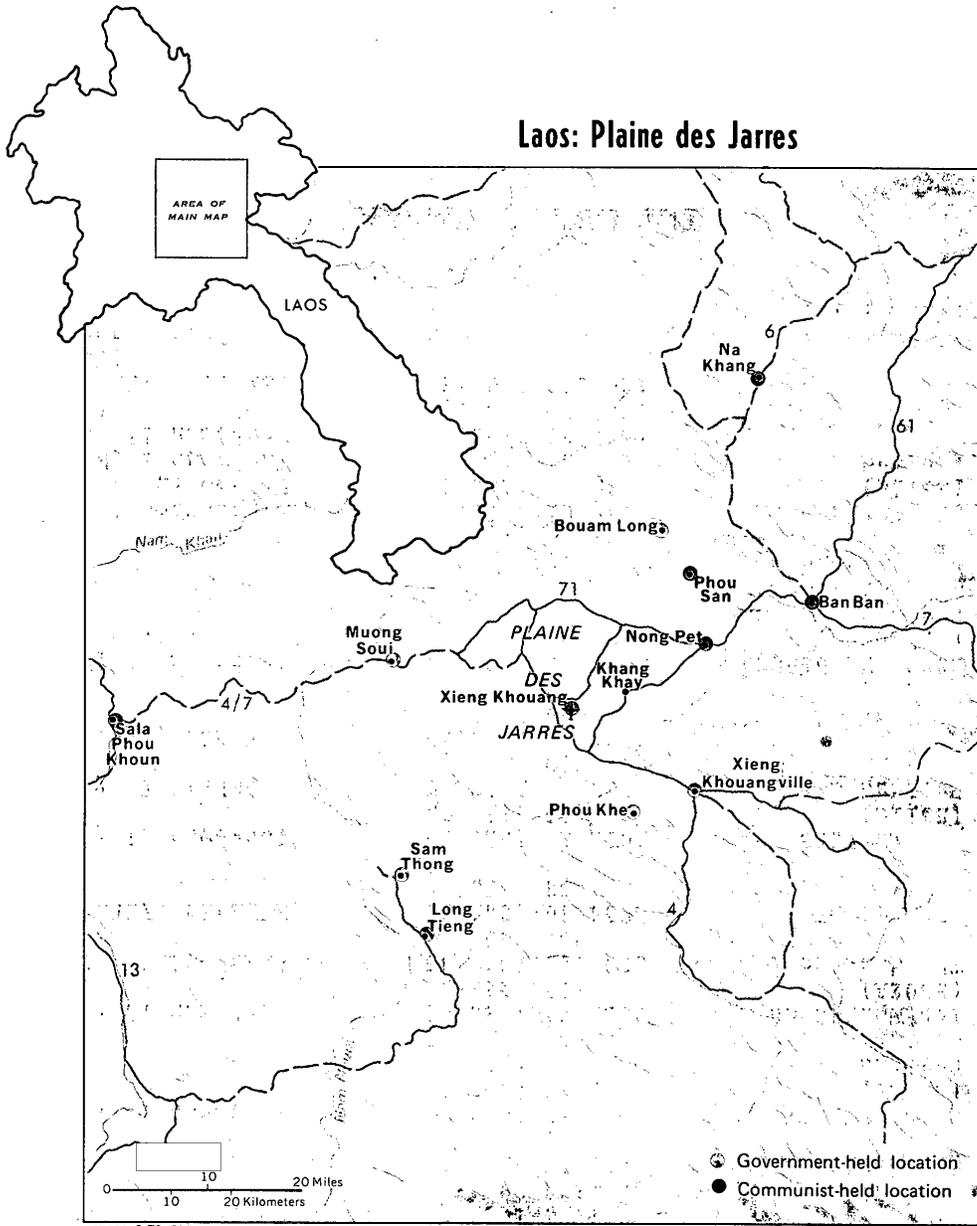
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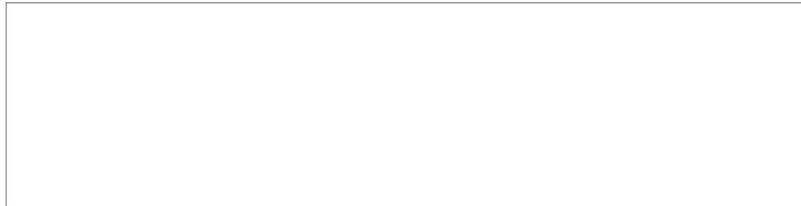
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LAOS

No significant new fighting has been reported since the government withdrawal from the Plaine des Jarres Saturday. Thus far enemy elements have not pursued government units retreating south and west of the Plaine. Government outposts around Xieng Khouangville, southeast of the Plaine, and in areas to the northeast and northwest have reported no major Communist attacks.

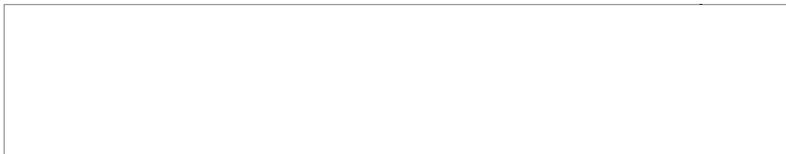
About 700 of the government troops who had been defending the Xieng Khouang airstrip have straggled into a site west of the Plaine. Most of the other missing forces are expected to filter into friendly areas in the next few days.



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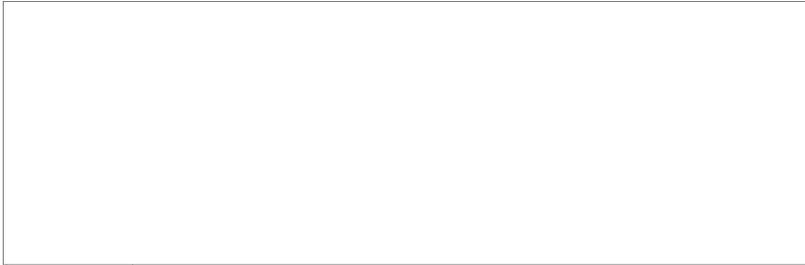
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