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In Laos, the enemy is offering stiff resistance to General Vang Pao's drive to the north. (Page 2)

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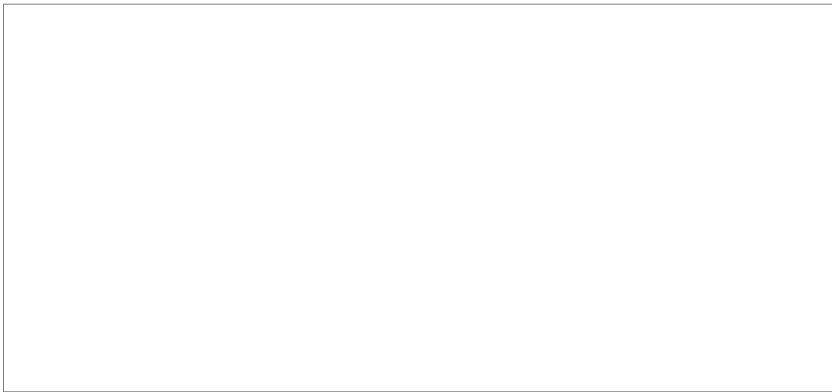
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Chinese road builders in Laos are trying to complete some routes before the rainy season. (Page 4)

The Soviets are preparing a major space event. (Page 4)

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SOUTH VIETNAM - CAMBODIA

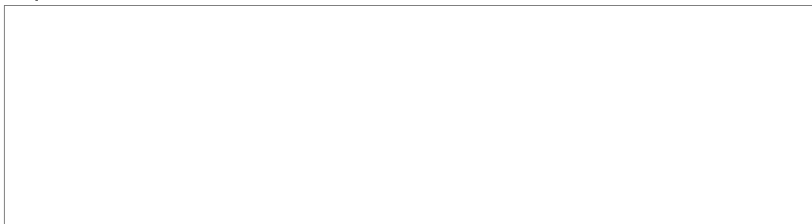


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Heavy fighting continues in Prey Veng city, about 30 miles east of Phnom Penh. Communist troops are well entrenched in some parts of the city but a late report indicates that a South Vietnamese relief column has arrived in the city to engage the enemy.

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LAOS

Communications intelligence indicates that the Communists anticipated General Vang Pao's northern thrust against Ban Na and have assembled strong blocking forces in his path. At last report, the guerrillas were still well short of their objective and were having difficulty driving the Communists from the high ground.

The enemy may also launch diversionary attacks in the vicinity of Sam Thong in order to force Vang Pao to break off the Ban Na offensive. The Communists appear determined to forestall any government attempt to repeat last year's rainy season offensive when enemy forces were largely cleared from the Plaine des Jarres. This may prove difficult because Communist units south of the Plaine are increasingly preoccupied with supply problems aggravated by bad weather.

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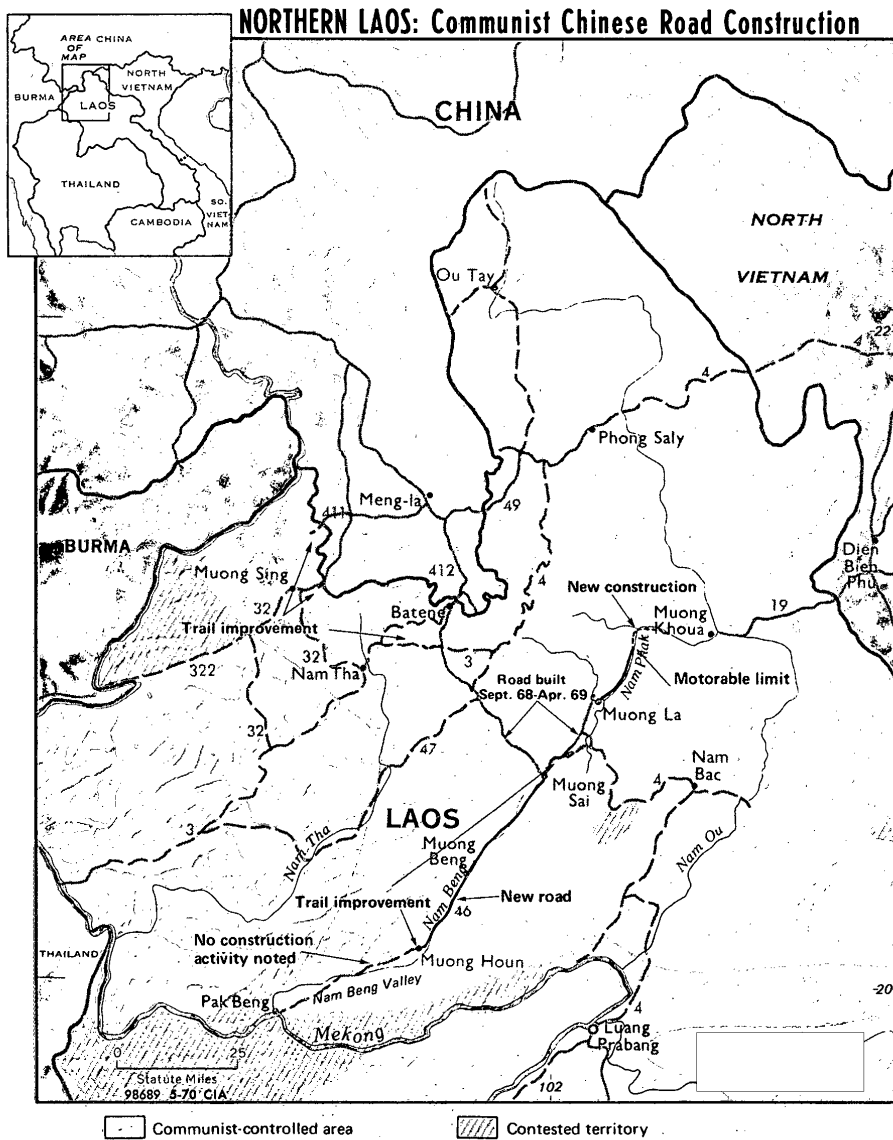
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NOTES

Communist China - Laos: Recent good quality photography of the entire Chinese road building effort in northern Laos reveals continued effort to wind up work on roads already under way before the start of the rainy season. There is no indication that the Chinese will attempt to complete the road southwest to the Mekong before the onset of heavy summer rains. Road construction in northeast Laos, however, may connect with a motorable road from Dien Bien Phu before rains halt work. Elsewhere, Chinese road construction and improvements near the Sino-Laotian border and in north central Laos show little or no progress.

USSR: Preparations apparently are under way for a major space event some time within the next two weeks.

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[Redacted] The last Soviet manned space flight was in October 1969, when three manned Soyuz spacecraft were launched as part of a program to develop a manned space station.

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