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The Communists have opened a new road in the Laotian
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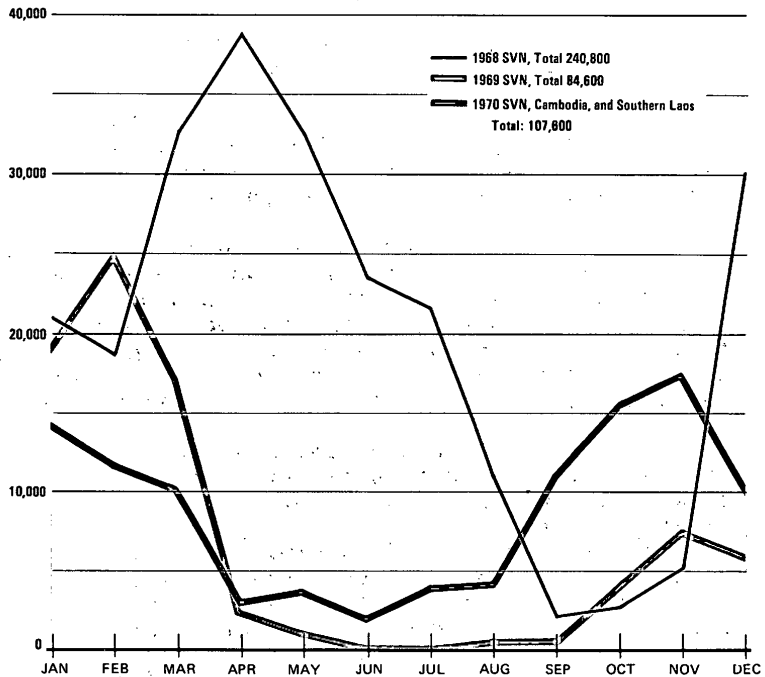
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North Vietnam: Infiltration Starts



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1968 SVN	21,000	18,900	32,600	38,900	32,800	23,500	21,800	11,000	2,200	2,800	5,200	30,100
1969 SVN	19,200	25,000	17,100	2,300	1,100	100	100	600	600	4,500	7,800	6,200
1970 SVN, Cambodia, and Southern Laos	14,200	11,700	10,600	3,100	3,800	2,100	4,100	4,400	11,000	15,200	17,300	10,100
Southern Laos	600	-	-	700	700	900	700	3,300	10,200	3,400	2,600	2,700

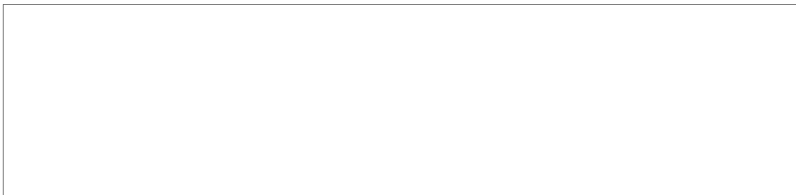
Totals for 1968 and 1969 include troops bound for South Vietnam only; those for 1970 include troops bound for South Vietnam, Southern Laos, and Cambodia.

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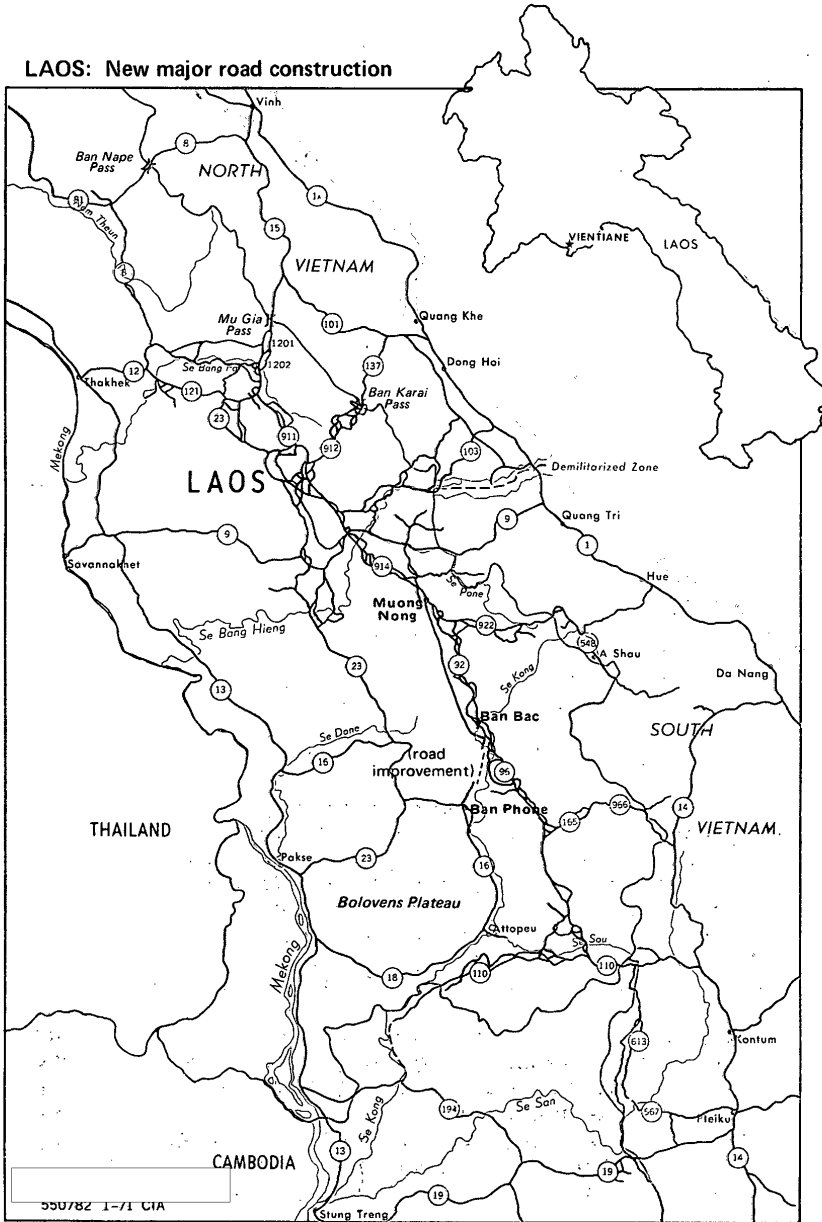
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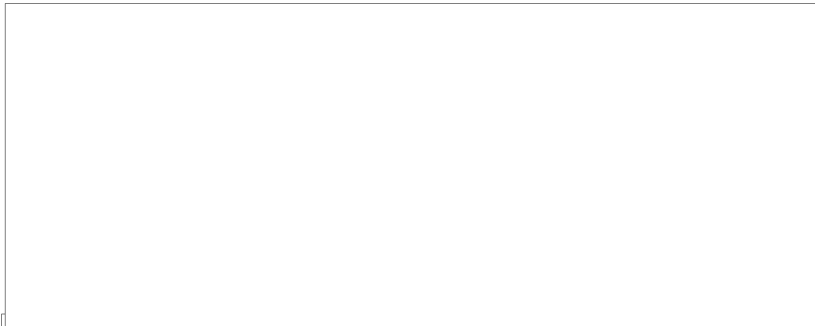
Recent photography [redacted] indicate that the Communists have opened a new 70-mile road from Muong Nong to a point on the Se Kong River about 15 miles south of Ban Bac. It parallels a heavily bombed stretch of Routes 92 and 96, the main north-south road. According to intercepts, additional engineering units have been shifted to the new road, and air observers report that construction of AAA sites is under way. The Communists are also improving and constructing roads in the area between Ban Bac and Ban Phone close to the Bolovens Plateau.

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The new road presumably is intended to lessen the effects of the US bombing program and to increase the flow of supplies to extreme southern Laos and Cambodia. The Communists have also taken steps to open a westerly alternate to the main north-south route via Routes 23 and 16, but it is unlikely that these routes will assume a heavy logistic burden unless government forces are driven from the Bolovens Plateau, the dominant strategic terrain in southwestern Laos.

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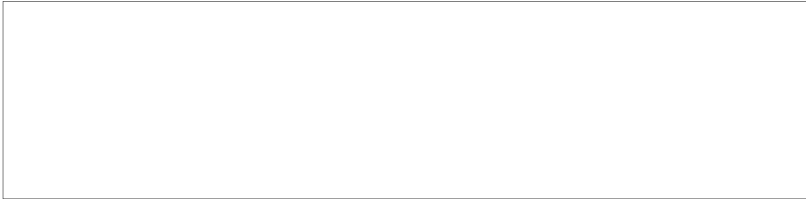
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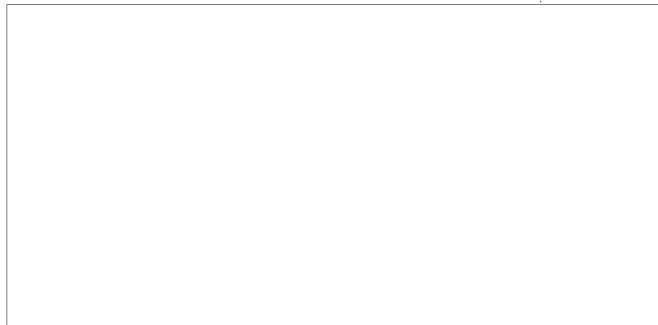
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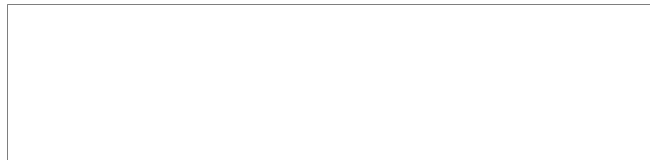
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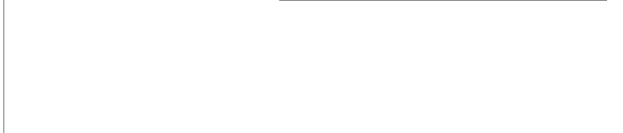
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USSR: Moscow has announced that last year's grain crop was 185 million tons, surpassing the previous high of 171 million tons harvested in 1966. The 1970 harvest should yield a usable output of about 150 million tons, approximately 15 percent above the average level achieved in 1966-69 and ample to meet domestic needs and foreign commitments. The harvest will increase feed supplies and eventually should alleviate the meat shortage of the past two years.

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