

Diplomats Doubt Red Intervention

BANGKOK, Thailand (AP)—Many U.S. diplomats in Asia doubt the charges of their own government that substantial numbers of outside Communist forces have intervened in Laos, informed sources said yesterday.

Nigeria Orders French Diplomats Out of Country

LAGOS, Nigeria (AP) — Protesting France's recent third atomic blast in the Sahara, Nigeria last night ordered the French ambassador and his staff to leave within two days. It also barred French ships and planes.

Information Minister T. O. S. Benson told a news conference Ambassador Raymond Offroy must be gone by Saturday night. Transit of French ships and planes was barred immediately, he said.

Benson said sterner measures will be taken against France if Sahara testing goes on. Nigeria has since been a leader in the moderate progressive group of new African nations — somewhat apart from such countries as Guinea and Ghana, which lean left in the cold war, and the less assertive former French colonies.

In Paris French government sources had no immediate comment. France has ignored protests against the Sahara testing of atomic devices, insisting they are necessary for development of a nuclear deterrent and that all explosions are carefully controlled.

France exploded its third test device in the desert Dec. 27 at Reggan, about 900 miles from Nigeria's border. Nigerian newspapers, trade unions, political parties and citizens immediately protested.

Goldwater Reappointed As Committee Chairman

WASHINGTON (AP)—Sen. Barry Goldwater — Arizona's outspoken conservative — was reappointed chairman of the Republican Senate Campaign Committee yesterday with a solid vote of confidence.

Sen. Jacob K. Javits, (R.-N.Y.), who had questioned whether Goldwater should be continued in the job, said he was satisfied with the ground rules Goldwater laid down for the 1962 senatorial campaign in a closed meeting of Republican senators.

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West Dooms UN Action On Cuba

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y. (AP)—Opposition by the United States and other Western powers doomed yesterday any chances for Security Council action on Cuba's charges that she faced imminent threat of invasion by U.S. military forces.

Chile's Daniel Schweitzer told the 11-nation council that in view of such opposition his country would not press to a vote a Chilean-Ecuadorian resolution merely calling on the United States and Cuba to resolve their differences by peaceful means.

The United States made known it was vigorously opposed to any resolution that would cast the smallest shadow of legality on the accusations by the regime of Premier Fidel Castro with which it has severed diplomatic relations.

Failure by the council to take any action would be another slap at the charges brought by Cuba—and supported by the Soviet Union—that the United States was planning to send troops into action to depose Castro.

The resolution submitted by Chile and Ecuador was the only one before the council.

Other members of the Southeast Asia Treaty Organization, here for a council meeting, have been reluctant to accept the charges. SEATO statements so far have denounced Soviet arms aid to Laotian rebels but have made no mention of outside troop intervention.

Informed sources said U.S. diplomats in Laos and at this SEATO headquarters doubt that outside Communist forces in any large numbers are taking part in the fighting in the neighboring kingdom.

They said other U.S. officials in this area, apparently including representatives of the Central Intelligence Agency, are equally convinced that substantial numbers of Red troops have entered Laos.

One Western diplomat said it appears U.S. diplomats and CIA agents are dispatching conflicting reports to Washington, and the CIA reports have gained credence in the U.S. capital.

Washington Tuesday charged that "substantial numbers of North Vietnamese Communist personnel" were parachuted into Laos.

In this connection, a Laotian government spokesman in Vientiane asserted yesterday that Soviet planes have begun flying Red North Viet Nam troops out of Laos to prevent their being captured and identified.

The spokesman, Information Minister Boavan Norasing, said the troops being flown out were probably the same ones parachuted by Soviet planes late last week north of Vientiane.

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Kennedy Asks Farm Leaders To Help Form Future Policy

NEW YORK (AP) — President-elect John F. Kennedy returned to the farmers' own organizations yesterday for help in formulating future farm policies. He also took a look at the nation's receding economic position.

The incoming chief executive arranged at a conference with a small group of farm leaders for a big all-day meeting of farm leaders in Washington Jan. 26.

The Washington meeting will be held with incoming Secretary of Agriculture Orville L. Freeman presiding.

Freeman told a news conference following yesterday's session that the farm spokesman who met with Kennedy expressed willingness to help the new administration develop policies designed to bring greater stability to agriculture and to make a broad use of American farm surpluses for economic development abroad.

In the election, Kennedy lost heavily in farm states.

Freeman said the two-hour conference at Kennedy's pre-inaugural headquarters did not go into specific programs or methods of accomplishing these goals.

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