

U.S. Seeks Red Aid To Halt Laos Drive

WASHINGTON (AP)—United States officials sought help yesterday from an unusual quarter—the Kremlin—in trying to squelch the new Communist offensive threatening Laos.

Informed sources said American as well as British diplomats in Moscow are under instructions to contact the Soviet government about restoring the cease-fire shattered Sunday by rebel seizure of the royal Lao government stronghold of Nam-Tha.

U.S. HOPES for success in this diplomatic maneuver stemmed from Russia's performance over the past year demonstrating what has been interpreted here as a genuine desire for an independent and neutral Laos.

Official reports reaching Washington said Communist-led rebels in sizable force are pursuing government troops retreating in good order from Nam Tha in the direction of the border of Thailand, an increasingly apprehensive U.S. ally. State Department Press Officer Lincoln White declared that Washington has no confirmation of Red Chinese involvement.

The target of the drive—a swift sequel to Sunday's offensive—is the border town of Houei Sai, 100 miles southwest of Nam Tha.

HOUEI SAI is the last major government post north of Luang Prabang, the royal capital. Acting Foreign Minister Sisouk Natchak

told newsmen the enemy aim is to occupy the whole north of the country.

They already command all Laos' frontier with Red China and Communist North Viet Nam and control some land routes into South Viet Nam, where Communist guerrillas are warring on President Ngo Dien Diem's U.S.-backed government.

CONQUEST of Houei Sai would broaden the arc of territory dominated by the Pathet Lao to border regions fronting on both neutral Burma and pro-Western Thailand.

Pennsy, Central Merger Favored

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP)—Stockholders of the New York Central and Pennsylvania railroads voted overwhelmingly yesterday in favor of a merger that would create the nation's richest line. Officials of both roads predicted federal approval.

Central President Alfred E. Perlman said he expected the Interstate Commerce Commission to approve the merger about 19 months after beginning hearings this summer.

In Philadelphia, James M. Symes, board chairman of the Pennsylvania, told a stockholders' meeting he was hopeful for ICC approval within a year after beginning hearings.

Adenauer Criticises Berlin Talks

BERLIN (AP)—Chancellor Konrad Adenauer of West Germany declared himself Tuesday night to be openly in conflict with the British-backed U.S. policy of going ahead with the inconclusive Berlin talks with the Soviet Union.

He suggested a pause now in the discussions being conducted in Washington.

ADENAUER'S open split was voiced while Secretary of State Dean Rusk was returning to Washington. He is expected to continue the present phase of discussions on Berlin with Soviet Ambassador Anatoli Dobrynin.

"I see no ground for continuing the talks," he told a news conference on a visit to this Commu-

Centaur Space Rocket Explodes on First Flight

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP)—The maiden flight of the long-booster Centaur space rocket ended abruptly yesterday in a shattering explosion nearly 30,000 feet above the Atlantic Ocean.

The blazing blowup of the \$9 million vehicle 55 seconds after it was launched was a severe setback to the nation's plan of de-

veloping Centaur as a workhorse booster to triple present U.S. space payload capability.

It also could delay the forthcoming orbital flight set for Tuesday of astronaut Malcolm Scott Carpenter if the trouble can be traced to the first-stage Atlas. Another Atlas of the same model is to be the booster for Carpenter.

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