Letter to Gen. P.M.  

This policy was supported by a mass meeting of 15,000 at Vientiane. After this statement the New York Herald Tribune Aug. 11, stated . . . .

"If Kong Lee consolidates his revolution, a neutralist wedge will have been driven right through the S.E.A.T.O. area . . . America is hardly likely to allow themselves to be EVICTED by a new regime."

Captain Kong Lee called on Prince Souvanna Phouma to become Prime Minister or Prince Souvanna Phouma proclaimed neutrality for Laos and set up a "Peace and Neutrality committee."

The Government's policy supported by the majority of Lactians was overthrown by Nuevan who is supported by the U.S. in the last boodlance and placed in power. Prince Bouan Gon "who has been established in power by the American backed General Phoum Nuevan" - "Abs 29.12.60."

AUSTRALIAN TROOPS MAY BE INVOLVED

To note with concern "Abs" 29.12.60. "Australian troops could, if the necessary political decisions were taken, by S.E.A.T.O., begin moving into Laos within a matter of hours, Vice Admiral Sir Ray Dowling said today."

Sir Ray Dowling goes on to say, "As far as military people are concerned, the Laos situation is serious and we are crossing our fingers and hoping a solution will be found."

It is precisely this solution that we are concerned about.

The Government of both Laos and Cambodia have called for a fourteen nation Geneva like conference to solve the problems of Laos. This conference is indeed by Burma, U.S.S.R., China and other countries.

The Australian Peace Council supports the idea of calling 14 nations together in conference to preserve peace in Laos, indeed the peace of the whole world.

We urge you, Mr. Prime Minister, that your deliberations in Bangkok will be guided by the principle of a just and peaceful solution with no intervention by S.E.A.T.O. in the internal affairs of South East Asia which would certainly involve Australia.

Yours faithfully,

AUSTRALIAN PEACE COUNCIL

(Signed) Rev. F.J. Hartley
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