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The leader of the right today spelled out his one condition for - a coalition government in Laos. Prince Boun Oum, putting his condition in these words: I want a guarantee that Laos will not be communized. In other words, Boun Oum is afraid that a regime led by a neutralist - would try to destroy the freedom of his country, And might succeed by forming an alliance with the left against the right.

Given the guarantee he demands, Boun Oum thinks - that a coalition government would work. He's willing - to give it a try. He's just waiting for neutralist Prince Souvanna Phouma - to offer that pledge against a Red take-over in Laos.

Meanwhile, on the military front - the quiet continues. The guerrillas, remaining where they are - not starting another drive against the army of Prince Boun Oum.

## KENNEDY

The way President Kennedy's news conference began today - is a reminder of something we all deplore. Fact about public life in America, - and in other countries - corruption - kickbacks, bribery, influence peddling. When one of the newsmen asked Mr. Kennedy - why the President replied that in our country there are a couple of million people in a position to be tempted; and that most of them do resist temptation.

In Grant's administration - there was Jay Gould cornering the gold market on what was called a "black Friday". Harding's administration had it's Teapot Dome - Secretary of the Interior Albert Fall, playing fast and loose with government oil reserves. The Truman administration its five percenters - "mink coats and deep freezers". Now, in the Kennedy administration - Billie Sol Estes. Provoking today's question - why is it that so many Americans in high places don't

many Americans in high places don't learn from the ~~data~~  
fate of their predecessors? ~~If only we knew the answer~~  
~~to that!~~

As for Billie Sol Estes - President Kennedy promised  
to push the investigation, ~~as hard as he can~~. Using all the  
departments of government that may be affected - agriculture,  
justice, internal revenue, and so on. *He indicated that* ~~Moreover,~~ anyone in  
the administration who may be implicated - can be sure of  
getting the presidential boot. Secretary of Agriculture  
Freeman? Mr. Kennedy calls the Freeman record - "matchless".  
Orville Freeman, serving his country well from the University  
of Minnesota, through Marine Corps service during World  
War Two -- into the governorship of Minnesota and, finally  
his present post with the Kennedy administration.

Two chief questions - about foreign policy. First -  
southeast Asia. *He* ~~President Kennedy~~ *said today* ~~declaring~~ that our troops  
moved into Thailand - under the terms of the Seato Alliance.

And will stay there - as long as they are needed. ~~The~~  
~~President~~ <sup>He is</sup> hopeful that the other NATO nations - will  
carry their share of the burden.

Our policy now, in Laos - to get the three princes  
to the conference table. Discussions about a permanent peace,  
taking precedence over - the possibility of the guerrillas  
retreating to the old cease fire line.

~~The second big question~~ <sup>Regarding</sup> Berlin, ~~Mr. Kennedy~~ <sup>he</sup>

repeated that ~~our~~ talks with the Russians are useful -  
and will continue. West Germany? He thinks that harmonious  
relations with Chancellor Adenauer - have been restored.

No fundamental disagreement - about maintaining western  
~~rights~~ <sup>rights</sup> in West Berlin. DeGaulle? The President of the  
United States ~~terms~~ <sup>spoke of</sup> the President of France <sup>as</sup> "a stalwart  
defender of the West." We may have disagreements with  
DeGaulle - but Mr. Kennedy is sure that our basic aims are  
the same. In fact, he's confident about future cooperation  
- between the nations of the Atlantic community.

## SALAN

At the treason trial in Paris a parade of accusers were put on as witnesses today in an effort to pin the charge of "treason" on Raoul Salan.

Chief witness, so far - Jean Morin, who was delegate General in Algeria at the time of the abortive coup. Morin, telling the court - how Salan commandeered his office; ordered the safe to be opened - with a blow torch, and took both the money and the state documents - that were in the safe.

Morin says that Salan forced him into exile - in the Sahara. Salan thought the rebels would remain in power. But then the anti-Guallist coup collapsed and Salan slipped out of the government building in Algiers - into the right wing underground. From then on Salan was no longer head of the French army - in Algeria. But, he was head of - the OAS, the terrorists.

## ASTRONAUT

As for Astronaut Scott Carpenter who is all ready to ride his rocket into orbit, one of his tracking teams was wiped out today - as they were moving into position. The members of the team, flying from France - to Zanzibar, off the East Coast of Africa, to set up headquarters - for tracking the astronaut as he zooms over the Indian ocean. In Kenya, their plane, crashed near Nairobi, no survivors.

This tragedy would not necessarily postpone the launching of "Aurora Seven." But, the weather may. Waves ten feet high are reported in the Atlantic - between Bermuda and the Azores; the area where Scott Carpenter might have to make an emergency landing.

## MARRIAGES

Have you heard about the marriage boom, among our sailors, in Britain? Some of the bases are being reduced or abandoned, so the local girls who want to marry American servicemen - feel this is their last chance; and - they are making the most of it. Keeping the chaplains - working over time.

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## ANIMALS

Two animals on opposite sides of the Atlantic - are in the doghouse tonight. If you can use the word - "dog house" of a cat and a monkey.

The cat belongs to U Thant - Acting Secretary General of the U N. U Thant is from Burma, and nearly every Burmese has a feline friend. So the head of the U N keeps a cat - in his New York apartment and his cat is now a defendant - in a lawsuit. Charged with clawing the furniture and the drapes - to the tune of six thousand dollars.

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Piccadilly Circus. The monkey, scampering down the steps, into the subway system. Leading the Bobbies - a merry chase - that was like ~~xxx~~ something out of the Keystone Cops. Up one line and down another - up stairs and through tunnels. The chase, ending when one Bobby - tackled the monkey in a pool of water between the tracks. *and then returned the monkey to Lord Cranley.*