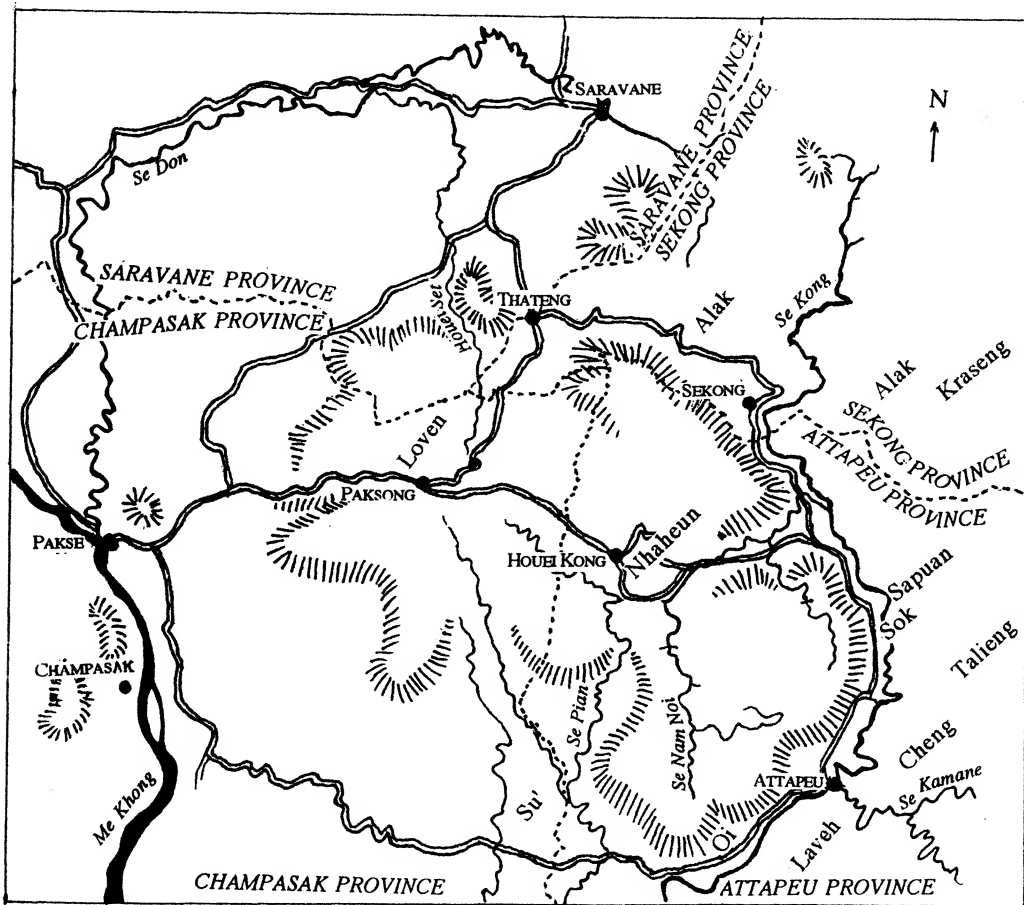


The Loven (Jruq)

The name of the 'Boloven' plateau literally means 'place of the Loven'. The word 'Loven' is a Lao designation—the Loven people refer to themselves as 'Jruq' in their own language. The locals have a legend that a Lao chief bought the right of suzerainty from a Jruq chief with a ring. The Laotian later stole back the ring, hence the Jruq ethnonym 'he who lost the ring' cf. Lao າະແຫວນ /lā? vĕen/ 'abandon ring' (Lavallée 1901: 291).



Map of Boloven Plateau & Se Kong river valley.
Bahnaric languages are indicated.

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