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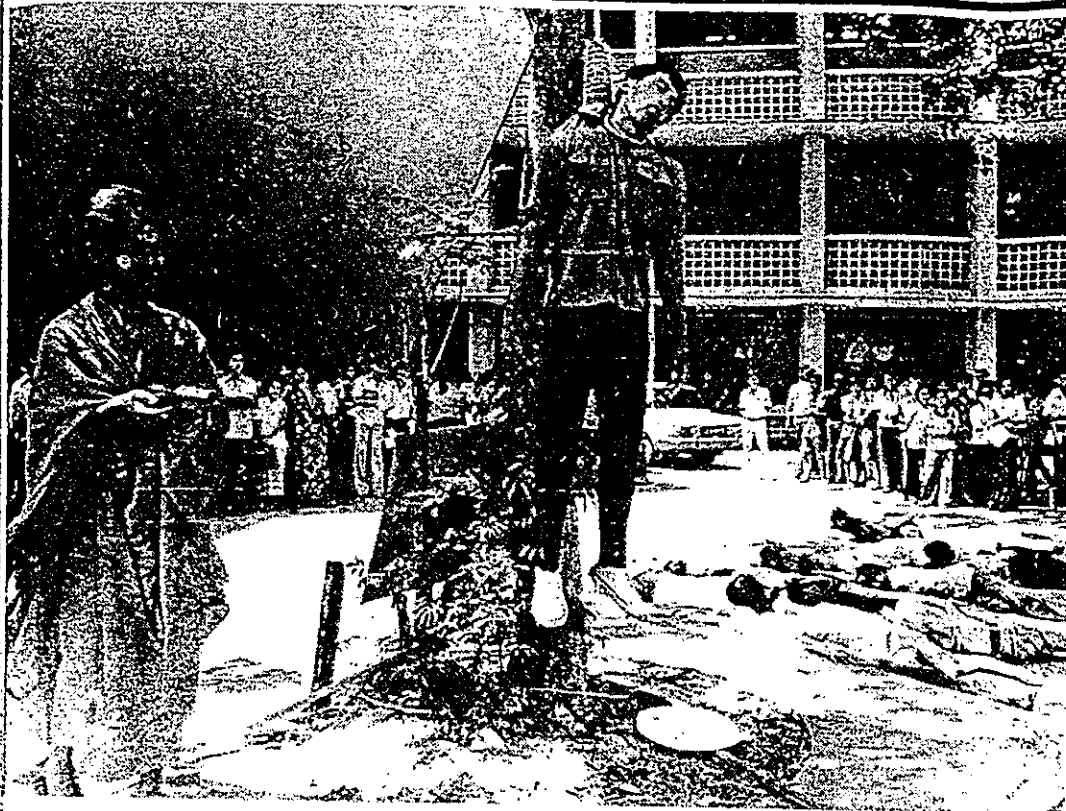
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Some of the student activists participating in the mock show yesterday at the Thammasat University campus.

IT was just a mock hanging but the effect was such that it created an eerie atmosphere at the Thammasat University campus to kick-off another anti-Thanom protest. Opposite the Dome (the traditional landmark of the Thammasat University campus) several hundred students held a mock hanging of the two People's Front activists who last week were garrotted and later hanged on the site of a deserted suburban house in Nakhon Pathom.

A student acting as one of the two garrotted victims was "hanged" from a tree in front of the scene while another student dressed in robes and carrying a gun, depicting Para-Thanom, walked around. Nearby several dozen students lay "dead" on the ground.

The scene was a re-enactment of the killings preceding the October 1973 uprising and the brutal garroting of the two activists after the return of a former strongman Thakritachorn.

Srisuk admits behind garro

POLICE Chief Gen Srisuk Mahintorathap admitted yesterday Pathom policemen were responsible for the brutal garroting.

He claimed that investigators knew the identities of the policemen involved and promised that arrests would be made within the next few days and stern legal action taken against them.

The bombshell announcement came at a specially summoned press conference at the Police Department yesterday during which Gen Srisuk, his deputy, Lt-Gen Chumphol Lohachala, who was directly in charge of the case, and Assistant Police Chief Lt-Gen Narong Mahond together with other senior officers summarised the latest developments in the case.

The Police Chief refused to identify the policemen implicated in the killings but merely stated that there were "more than two uniformed officers involved" and that they had committed the murder presumably out of personal anger without any political implications or other motives.

The conclusion that policemen were responsible for the killing of Nakhon Pathom electricity employees Chumporn Thommai and Vichai Ketsripongsawas in line with accusations made by student and labour activists who had charged from the very beginning that witnesses had seen policemen beating up the two activists who were pasting up posters calling for the removal of exiled former Prime Minister Thanom Kittikachorn.

Gen Chumphol, who has been accused by the activist groups of being inefficient in his handling of the case

Peace hones 'scuttled'



STUDENTS TAKE OVER THAMMASAT

Universities close in bid to oust Thanom

Deputy Prime Minister Dr Nibhong Naisithorn to order the official closure of all universities until Thanom is expelled.

About 1,500 Thammasat students boycotted their mid-year exams yesterday and other university students had vowed to follow suit today.

An estimated 7,000 students and members of the public joined the NSCT-organised rally at its peak at 6.00 p.m. yesterday which was tightly guarded by over 200 riot police and plainclothesmen. Spotlights were also installed around Sanam Luang at the request of the NSCT who feared that insufficient lighting might be exploited by opportunists to harass

and disrupt the rally.

Fiery speeches and songs strongly attacked Pitra Thanom for using religion as a "shield" and condemned the weakness of the Seni Government in failing to deal with him. NSCT leader Sitham said students would not meet the Premier again after earlier meetings had proved fruitless. "This time we depend on the people," he declared.

Telegrams from the provinces of Nakhon Si Thammarat, Pattani and Phang-nga supporting the NSCT rally were read out.

Some minor incidents occurred during yesterday's rally when a member of the Red Gaurs crept behind the stage where NSCT leaders

were haranguing the crowd and challenged them to a gun duel. He was later escorted away by police.

Another unidentified man also shouted abuse at the NSCT but was hustled away by police before trouble broke out.

Some 20 people calling themselves patriots held an anti-NSCT rally nearby and shouted abuse at the NSCT rally. They denounced the NSCT as a communist organisation trying to overthrow Thailand's most cherished institutions.

About 1,000 protesters were spending an all-night vigil at the Thammasat campus where plays and songs were performed similar to those preceding the 1973 Uprising.

Meanwhile, seven students were arrested in two separate incidents yesterday while pasting up anti-Thanom posters. They were later released after being fined for putting up posters in public places.

The first incident occurred at 7 a.m. when Phayathai police spotted five Mahidol students pasting up posters on walls and electricity posts along Phayathai Road. One student managed to escape arrest. The others were fined 50 baht.

The second incident was at 10 a.m. when Bangyirue police caught three students—one from Ramkhamhaeng University and two from Suksanaree School—putting up the posters on the walls of Wat Intraram. They were fined 300 baht each.

Blood shed

DURING the anti-Thanom rally at Thammasat University campus yesterday a crowd of over 1,000 students watched Ramkhamhaeng law student, Kampant Makaramanee, slash his arm with a razor blade to protest the return of former Prime Minister Thanom Kittikachorn and the Government's inability to solve the crisis.



Dr Anuwat

Too much of a good thing?

THE Chart Thai Party's nomination of Dr Anuwat Wathanapongsiri for Deputy Agriculture Minister in the new Cabinet has created dissatisfaction among several party members who are reportedly upset because "they cannot persuade him to join in some shady deals," a key party member claimed yesterday.

"One of the reasons for the opposition against Dr Anuwat's re-appointment is because he would never give any opportunities to MPs to make personal gains from ministry projects," the member said.

The key party official claimed that recently the Agriculture Minister was considering to give the highest bidder the contract to supply the ministry with 14 million baht worth of goods. But when the issue was passed on to his deputy, Dr Anuwat chose to award the contract to the lowest bidder.

He said there were other cases, one involving fertilisers, but he did not elaborate.

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Police beatings

Allegation that a group of Nakhon Si Thammarat students beating of two political activists.



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Gen Chumphol, who has been accused by the activist groups of being inefficient in his handling of the case, noted yesterday that now investigators have substantial evidence to show that police officers were involved, two other possibilities had been ruled out.

The other two theories which police had earlier been working on were that the two dead activists were either killed by personal rivals following an earlier dispute in a foodshop or by rival factions in the same leftist movement.

The three top police commanders said it appeared that Chumporn and Vichai ran into the policemen while they were out pasting up anti-Thanom posters in the early hours

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Students and anti-Thanom protesters link arms to provide security as they move their rally to Thammasat University.

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The announcement is now expected tonight.

Meanwhile a Cabinet source disclosed last night that the Cabinet list submitted by the Chart Thai party had one alteration from the present Chart Thai ministers.

The change was the transfer of current caretaker Deputy Interior Minister Chooa-nga Ritthiprasart to become Deputy Education Minister while the current caretaker Deputy Education Minister Dabchai Akkaraj was transferred to become Deputy Interior Minister.

scrapes home any's elections

ellor Helmut Schmidt has barely al elections that cut his coalition nt from 46 seats to eight.

Final returns in Sunday's election, with 91 per cent of those registered voting, gave Schmidt's Social Democratic Party and their coalition partners, the Free Democrats, a combined total of 50.5 per cent, a drop from the 54.2 per cent they won in the 1972 election.

Challenger Helmut Kohl, who campaigned with the slogan "freedom instead of socialism," led the conservative Christian Democrats to a popular vote of 48.6 per cent - up from 44.9 per cent in 1972. It was their best showing since West Germany's first chancellor, Konrad Adenauer, won an absolute majority in 1957.

Schmidt's survival as chancellor hinged on a renewed pledge by the coalition's junior partners, the Free Democrats, or Liberals, to stick with the Social Democrats, giving the coalition a majority.

The Social Democrats, who won 230 of the 496 seats in the Bundestag in the 1972 election, dropped to 213 on Sunday, and the Free Democrats lost two of their 41 seats.

The Christian Democrats, with their Bavarian wing, the Christian Socia-

LATE NEWS

WASHINGTON (UPI) US Secretary of Agriculture Earl L. Butz resigned yesterday after making a disparaging racial remark which embarrassed President Ford's administration.

lists, rose from 225 to 244 - only eight behind the coalition's new 252-seat total.

The 57-year-old Schmidt said in a television broadcast that US President Gerald Ford telephoned to congratulate him well before the final results were announced. Ford "expressed the opinion that we deserved it," he said.

Kohl, 46, the state governor of Rhineland-Palatinate and a fresh face in national politics, still claimed victory and maintained that West German President Walter Scheel should ask him, as leader of the strongest political group, to form the next government when the new parliament convenes on December 14.

But Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher, head of the Free Democrats, reaffirmed his campaign promise to stay with Schmidt's party and rejected Kohl's overture to join him.

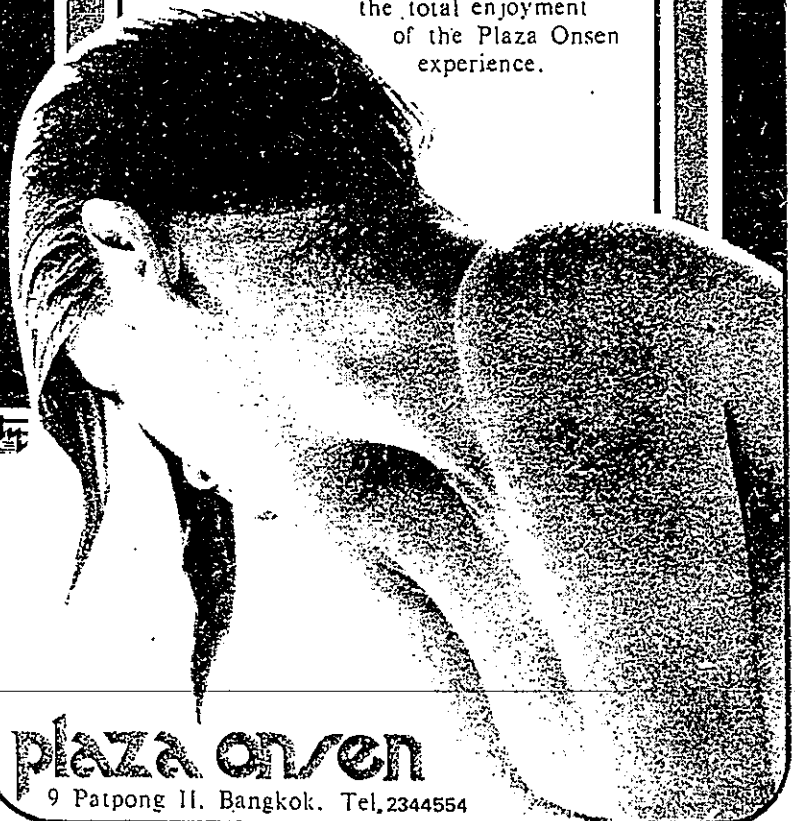
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