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Oct 6 trial

THE United States feels that any discussion of the human rights situation in Thailand has to take into account the country's geographical position relative to Communist Indochina, the perceived threat of insurgencies in Thailand supported by Indochinese states and the past history of antagonism between Thailand and Indochina, a US State Department official said in Washington last night. The text was released by USIS.

Robert B Oakley, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs, said in his prepared text that human rights in Thailand cannot be discussed in a "vacuum".

"A justification given for not returning to the open, politically-effervescent, democratic system which prevailed from 1973 to 1976 is the threat posed by these states, including support for the Communist insurgencies in Thailand's North, Northeast and South.

"Thai feelings of vulnerability have been increased by the removal of the US military from Thailand and the huge amounts of US arms left in the hands of the Vietnamese—some of which have been sent to Laos," Oakley said.

"I wish to direct your attention to another important point—the effect which massive human rights violations in the Indochinese countries has upon Thailand," he said.

Oakley added that over the past two years, some 130,000 refugees from Indochina have sought refuge in Thailand.

"They see Thailand as being so far preferable to the situations of poverty and repressions which exist in their countries that they take great risks to escape. Despite the threat of arrest or death from troops who have orders to fire upon those attempting to flee, over

1,000 refugees a month continue to pour into Thailand," he said, adding:

"Despite the serious economic, social and political problems caused by these refugees, the Thai do not turn them back, although they sometimes are tempted to do so."

Oakley said in conclusion: "In addition to the action it is taking to improve the welfare of its own people, the Government and people of Thailand are making a substantial human rights contribution to those who are less fortunate than they. Indeed they are second only to the United States in providing assistance to Indochina refugees. They deserve our commendation and our financial support in this effort, one which they know must be continued for several years to come, given the sharply contrasting human rights situation in Indochina."

The Nation Review, July 1, 1977.

# Govt assures US on

## Oakley talks 'fair trial'

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Oakley

THE Thai Government has assured the United States Government that normal Thai legal procedures will be followed for persons arrested in connection with the Oct 6 incident when they are brought to trial.

"Summary justice under Article 21 of the Constitution will not be employed and the courtroom will be open to both the Press and public. We intend to have an embassy officer present," according to Robert B Oakley, US Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs in a prepared text of his testimony last night before a subcommittee of the US House of Representatives Foreign Relations Committee conducting hearings on the human rights situation in Thailand.



The hearing was scheduled for 9.30 last night (Bangkok time). Text of Oakley's statement was released by the United States Information Service (USIS) in Bangkok yesterday.

The subcommittee is headed by Representative Donald M Fraser (Democrat and Farmer-Labour) of Minnesota.

Oakley said formal charges of criminal activity against 110 of those persons arrested before the military takeover on Oct 6, last year, are being considered.

"But the (US State) Department is informed that not all of them are likely to be brought to trial," he said.

Oakley disclosed for the first time that the US Embassy in Bangkok had expressed concern to the Thai Government over the rights of legal counsel for the suspects.

Oakley, who recently visited Thailand, referred to US Secretary of State Cyrus Vance's definition of human rights in his April 30 address which stated that the US concern for human rights was covered under the broad categories of integrity of the person, vital human needs, and political liberties.

"With respect to integrity of the person, there is no specific declaration of the people's

rights and liberties in the Thai Constitution. Thai courts, however, continue to adhere to a legal code based on Western European models. In effect, those tried in Thailand are allowed basically the same rights as the accused in the United States," Oakley said in his prepared statement.

He added: "There are, however, certain provisions of martial law in

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### SPOTLIGHTS

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## Bomb hoax at school

THERE were scenes of confusion and apprehension yesterday at Chulalongkorn Sathit (Demonstration) School and Bangkok Bank's headquarters in Suapa Rd yesterday afternoon after an unidentified caller said time-bombs had been planted to be exploded simultaneously at 3.00 pm.

The caller claimed he was from the southern province of Pattani.

No untowards incidents were reported, however.

Parents rushed to Sathit School (picture) after the school's principal instructed officials to alert parents to fetch their children in the afternoon

after the hoax call was received.

The school will be closed today after classes were promptly called off at 2.00 pm to avoid any confusion.

Pathumwan police and explosives experts were sent to Sathit School to search for any explosive devices. Nothing was found as of last night. The search will continue today.

At the Bangkok Bank premises, an alert was called when the hoax call was received. A brown paper-bag suspected to contain a bomb was found to be empty when Plabplachal police station's bomb experts arrived.

## Govt considering hefty alien registration fee hike

THE Interior Ministry is considering the Immigration Division's proposal to increase the alien registration fee from 1,000 baht

from having to pay "under the table" to certain Government to earn about 60 million baht additional

AUSTRALIAN journalist John Everingham, detained by Laotian authorities for a week, has been released from his church jail cell the Australian Ambassador to Laos said yesterday.

Ambassador W. Forsythe told UPI in a telephone conversation from Vientiane that Everingham, 29, had "no complaint" from his internment and "appeared reasonably fit."

Everingham was the last non-Communist journalist based in the Laotian capital.

Everingham's release came barely three hours after three British subject were set free in charge of British Charge d'Affairs Peter Barlowe.

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... Ghazali, Eu Hoi Yip, and three other ranking members of the MNLL and deported them to Hanoi.

Some reports said they have since left Hanoi for China, said Ghazali.

They had an office in Jakarta during Sukarno's days when the late Indonesian president was sympathetic to the Communists.

Ghazali said the Plen and other leaders had used false passports to move between Singapore, Malaysia and Indonesia.

The MNLL had jungle hideouts as well as coffee shops and other businesses as front organisations.

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to major cities and to in the southern Philippines.

Rear Adm. Romulo Paldon, chief of Southern command, is the order and cited re "violent incidents" in region where a six-month long ceasefire is in effect between government troops and forces of secessionist Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF).

Henceforth, Paldon said, Moro Front men who wish to enter any city or town in the 13 provinces of the Mindanao Sulu region, earlier claimed as an area of autonomy, will first have to seek a clearance in the form of a "mission order" from the local MNLF.

He said Everingham had been held at a Roman Catholic church, abandoned, "about 10 years from the US Embassy" in Vientiane.

## From Page One

### FAIR TRIAL

effect in Thailand since October 7 that can be used to supercede Thai law, and these provisions present a problem of due process and individual liberty.

"Under Order 22, there are nine categories of violations which can be cause for arrest and imprisonment without recourse to normal Thai legal procedure. Six categories involve criminal activity while three categories potentially involve political conduct.

Since the October coup, more than 3,000 Thai citizens have been detained under these nine categories. At present, there are approximately 1,000 persons in detention.

"The vast majority of these prisoners are considered petty criminals and are detained in reform centres for periods lasting two to six months. The detention of most of these people appears to be a genuine effort to reform a criminal element in Thai society," Oakley said.

The Thai Government, he said, has identified 64 of the prisoners currently being held as violators of one of the three categories of Order 22 that has a political basis.

Oakley continued: "We have no way of ascertaining the number of prisoners whose arrest may be politically motivated. However, political or not, all these people are held without due process. The cases of all Order 22 prisoners are reviewed every two months and releases made."

The senior American official said the last review was made on May 11 when 613 were freed, 43 of whom Thai authorities identified as "political" prisoners.

"We know of no reports that those detained have suffered torture, cruel or inhuman treatment," Oakley said.

Of the 3,000 persons, mostly students, arrested at Thammasat University on October 6 before the coup, all but 23 have been released or are free on bail, he said.

### POINTS

contacts to influence government policy. Student organizations have been similarly barred, but unions continue to function although they are legally constrained from strike actions. This limitation, on labour is a serious constraint, and the Thai Government is considering such alternatives as a board of binding arbitration...."

"With respect to the second category of human rights outlined by Secretary Vance, the Thai Government has demonstrated a commitment to the provision of essential food, shelter, health care and education for the Thai people. The Thai Government's budget provides for continuing efforts to expand primary and secondary schooling. Higher university education in Thailand is one of the finest and largest in Asia with 32 universities in operation. The Thanin Government is promoting land reform and rural development. There are special education and development programmes for minority populations, including the King's Hill-tribe Project. There is a minimum wage law and a rice price subsidy for the urban poor.

"The Thai Government is appreciative of the modest US aid programme of \$ 14 million in FY 77 and accepts some assistance from other countries as well as international financial institutions. However, most of the funds and personnel for development projects in Thailand come from domestic Thai resources.."

### ALIEN

An informed source said the Immigration Di-

vision is also considering stricter control on the procedures for aliens to obtain permanent resident permits for national security.

Gen Anand earlier said that the quota of resident permit will be decreased from 200 to 100 per year for each nationality.

Interior Undersecretary of State, Chamnong Thephasadin, meanwhile, said the consideration of the Immigration proposal will be completed and announced in the near future. He indicated that all categories of registration fees — and not only alien registration — will have to be increased.

### LAO GOVT.

vice Overseas workers Ray Francis Oram, 26, his wife Soujitra, and Alistair James Kennedy, 22, were released early Thursday afternoon.

Everingham was released Laos today, Ambassador Forsythe said.

Ambassador Forsythe said Everingham had been arrested on "numerous charges." They included "possession of grass (marijuana), two firearms, helping an espionage ring here, corrupting the morals of Lao youth, things like this...."

He inferred he believed the charge were irrelevant.

Everingham has resided in Laos for ten years and is married to a Laotian who is now in Australia.

Once briefly detained by the Communist Pathet Lao, Everingham worked for the weekly Far Eastern Economic Review and free-lances for the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC).

"He will be leaving the country today," Ambassador Forsythe said.

### GOVT. PREMISES

police.

Hat-Yai police chief, Pol Maj Amporn Pailee talked to all the people injured by the 2 bomb explosions at Hat Yai Railway Junction admitted to the district hospital. Police said they could not determine who planted the bombs since no clue or leaflets were left in the railway station compound.

A suspect, Kamolsak Sirikanchana, 20, who was questioned by police after the blast was still being detained at Hat Yai Police Station despite the fact that no charges had been handed down against him.

Two time-bombs blew off in the baggage room in this southern railway junction Wednesday, four days after a similar time bomb exploded at Don Muang Airport in Bangkok injuring four persons.

### VANCE

to Thailand. Over 20 of them were later seen in the United States May 21 this year, part of the 150,000 Indochinese refugees now in the

Other countries have welcomed refugees from France, Canada, Australia and Israel, V said. (Another story P. 2)

### B 1 BOMBER

the most difficult decisions I've made since been in office," Carter said. "I'm recommending that we discontinue plans for this weapons system."

He said the United States should go ahead with development of a cruise missile, and a testing programme on the would continue in case there are unforeseen difficulties in the new missile or other strategic weapons systems.

Carter's rejection of the B1 came as a surprise. Most observers, including many congressmen who had talked with the President, thought would approve its production.

The cruise missile essentially is a pilotless plane that has tremendous accuracy over land because it uses a computerized map in guidance system.

Carter said that his research continues on the B1, each estimated cost about \$100 million. "we should be deployment of cruise missiles using air-launched platforms, including the B52a." — UPI

to hold talks with leaders on August 15-17

schedule has been fixed during August visit of Japanese Prime Minister Takao Aoki for talks with Thai leaders on the Asian political situation, according to a Tokyo yesterday.

visit to Thailand will be made after he ASEAN leaders following the Kuala Lumpur Prior to Bangkok Mr. Fukuda will also visit Singapore.

to UPI the Japanese prime minister is due Tokyo August 7.

trip to the region since assuming office. Fukuda will be accompanied by Foreign Minister Hatoyama and other cabinet members.

said Fukuda will seek to promote economic relations with Southeast Asia and propose to increase governmental aid to the region by 50 per cent to 44 million (120 billion yen) per year.

He is also expected to pledge efforts to reduce the huge surplus with Southeast Asia as a result of the yen's strength.

representative itinerary calls for him to fly to Kuala Lumpur for talks with leaders of the Association of Southeast Asia Nations (ASEAN). He will also visit other ASEAN member nations and the Philippines.

the first Japanese prime minister to visit Thailand in three years since former prime minister Kakuei Tanaka made such a trip in 1974.

Thailand is the host nation for the ASEAN summit scheduled for August, has already extended an invitation to Fukuda to visit Kuala Lumpur.

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Malaysian field commander Brigadier-General Hassan Salleh said after a meeting yesterday with Thai joint overall commander Major-General Yuthasak Klongtrua-jrok that their review of the operation centred on the need for changing tactics to meet a changing situation.

General Hassan said it had been learned that the outlawed Communist Party of Malaya (CPM) had ordered all

*The Nation Review. July 29, 1977 p. 1*

## A review of Oct 6 trial sought

RELATIVES of over 20 detainees arrested in the October 6 incident said they will submit a letter to the government asking for a review of the trial procedures.

The letter with 16 signatures, requested that suspects in the October 6 uprising who will be tried by the Military Court be given opportunities to face trial in the Criminal Court.

They should be allowed to appoint their own attorneys to defend them, as well as the right to appeal, the letter said.

Seventy-four people and student activities will be tried by the Bangkok Military Court in the near future on 11 counts including being Communist sympathisers. Over 20 of them are being detained in several prisons while the rest of them are out on bail.

troops in the salient, a wedge of Thai territory jutting into northern Malaysia.

General Hassan said the CPM directive aimed at frustrating the combined troops so that they would pull out of the salient. "However, we are not working according to a set time table in this operation," he said.

General Hassan said combined artillery and air forces would continue to pound the guerrillas in their jungle hideouts while ground forces kept up their search operations.

Meanwhile, a report from Sungai Padi said eight Communist guerrillas have been killed and 19 others seriously wounded in the combined Malaysian-Thai operation launched July 7 in Weng.

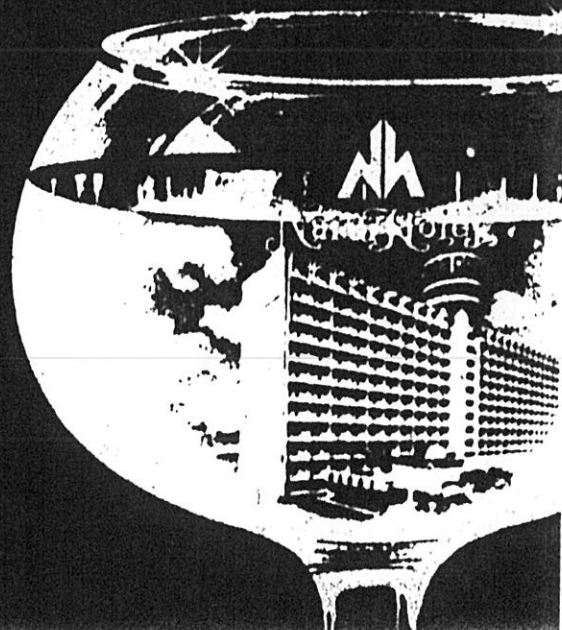
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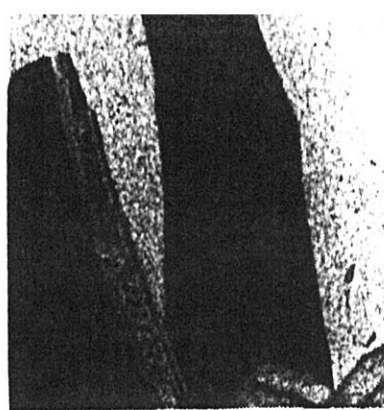


## THAI RICE FOR VIET SOLDIERS

NONG KHAI - A Lao-tian boat "V.T. 83 Bualoi" has been plying the Mekong River from Tha Kaek

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**Saudi Oil Minister  
Ahmed Zaki Yamani**

police, died on the night of July 27 when she was raped by "at least 10 people" who had just returned from a wedding party.

To cover up their crime, police said, the rapists took the girl's body to the railroad tracks where a train ran over her.

A police detail was dispatched yesterday to a deserted area bordering between Prompiram and

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# Church praises PM's aim for justice in Oct 6 case

THE CHURCH of Christ of Thailand has sent a letter to Prime Minister Thanin Kraivichien congratulating him on his reported intention to make it legally possible for the "Oct 6" eighteen defendants to have defence counsel.

Dr Kosol Srisang, Secretary General to the Church of Christ, said in his letter that the Church

was "deeply impressive" with the Prime Minister's determination to see that justice is done in the trial which will begin tomorrow at the Defence Ministry's Military Court.

Dr Kosol, quoting the prime minister's intention reported in the Bangkok Post on Aug 29, suggested in his letter dated Aug 31, that the basic course of justice would be to transfer the Oct 6 case to a civilian court and allow the defendants to appoint their lawyers to defend their case.

Praising Prime Minister Thanin as a former judge recognized throughout the world, Mr Kosol said he recently attended the World Church of Christ meeting in Geneva where he met a participant from

Germany who was also involved in the activities of the International Commission of Jurists (ICJ).

"Quite a few religious leaders expressed their interest and concern over the course of justice of the trial of Oct 6 accused and "I was also informed that the ICJ had also followed the case closely," Dr Kosol said.

Dr Kosol said he was convinced that Prime Minister Thanin, a former judge of high reputation, would certainly ensure full justice in the case "so that Thailand's reputation will be resounding throughout the world."

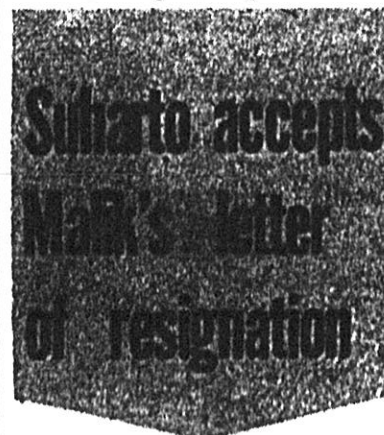
## Preparing for the winter

CHIANG RAI—A total of 130,636 poor people in the North will need help when the chilling winter hits this northernmost province soon.

"They are poor people who cannot afford an extra blanket when the cruel winter comes," said the provincial public welfare officer, Mr Sanchai Chaithamma.

The figure was compiled by local village headmen and administrative chiefs to map out assistance to beat the cold.

So far, donations have poured in from charity organizations in the form of 10,620 blankets, 22 sacks of used clothes and 121 other items.



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## Do 'refugees' return

AI — Twenty-five refugees who "bribed" officials in order to leave Laos safely, for sent back across the Mekong River by officials here Saturday.

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y Immigration officials, the refugees their boat without resistance but with

# Court prepared for big crowd at today's trial

**LOUDSPEAKERS** have been set up in the Defence Ministry compound where the Military Court is located, to enable the huge crowd expected today to attend the first trial of the 18 defendants charged with Communist activities, treason and inciting riots during the October 6 riots.

Judge Advocate General Lt Gen Sming Tailangka told The Nation that the entire courtroom can seat a maximum 90 persons and only the Press, foreign

diplomats and observers and relatives of the defendants will be allowed inside.

More seats will be put up at the gallery in front of the courtroom and only those who reach the courthouse first will be allowed in while the rest will have to listen to the trial through the loudspeakers in the Defence Ministry compound.

"Everybody is welcome but there are not enough seats for all," Gen Sming said.

The Public Relations Department, he said, had earlier requested 40 seats for foreign correspondents while local Thai and English newspapers hope to send at least one reporter and photographer each to cover the trial.

Gen Sming said that the US Embassy which requested permission to attend the trial reasoned that the trial procedure and results will be sent to the US Congress to substantiate its consideration for subsidy to the Thai Government.

A US Embassy spokes-

man, meanwhile, said "an observer" from the embassy who understands Thai language will be present during today's trial.

The US Embassy had earlier received letters, believed written by relatives of some of the 18 defendants, addressed to US President Jimmy Carter, UN Secretary General Kurt Walheim, and Donald Fraser, Chairman of the

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**Sutham Saengprathum**, former leader of the now-defunct National Student Centre of Thailand, one of the six defendants charged with lese majeste and several other charges.

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## ASEAN meet agree on dialogue with

**PATTAYA** — Economic ministers of five Southeast Asian countries meeting here yesterday with major agreements on industrial and trade and future economic relations with the United States.

The five, Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand and the Philippines will begin talks with the US in three day's time aimed at drawing the American administration into stronger economic links with the South East Asian region.

Government leaders of the five, which together make up the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), met Japanese Prime Minister Takeo Fukuda in Kuala Lumpur last month in a similar move to strengthen econo-

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### COURT

US Congress' Subcommittee on Human Rights.

"We have passed the letters on to Washington," said the spokesman.

Among groups voicing their concern for a fair trial include Dr Manfred Kopp of the International Commission of Jurists (ICJ) and the Church of Christ in Thailand which will send a representative to the trial.

"Both the ICJ and the Church of Christ had sought the Defence Ministry's permission to listen to the trial," Gen Sming said.

University sources disclosed that a huge throng of students are anticipated to be present at the court, or at least in the Defence Ministry compound, to listen to the trial.

At the Military Court today, the 18 are scheduled to be formally charged and to state their pleas. The trial is expected to take a long time to hear out the over 200 state witnesses.

Their charges include Communist activities, treason, instigating riots, illegal possession of firearms, attempting to kill and killing of government officials. Six of them also face charges of lese majeste.

They face a maximum sentence of death if found guilty.

### ASEAN

try—to ASEAN preferential trading arrangements

coming into force next year.

Indonesia Trade Minister Radius Prawiro told reporters the 250 agricultural and industrial products would be put forward to ASEAN's committee on trade and tourism at the end of this month and could be approved by a further meeting of economic ministers in late January or early February next year.

Preferential ASEAN tariff cuts on an initial 71 products were approved by ASEAN heads of government at last month's summit conference and will come into force on January one.

### FAKE CHEQUES

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— It is slightly smaller in size.

### BHUTTO

judge on a complaint that Bhutto recently made derogatory statements about Pakistan's judicial system in a public address to his People's Party and to foreign correspondents.

Bhutto is to hear the second contempt of court charge Oct. 1. — UPI

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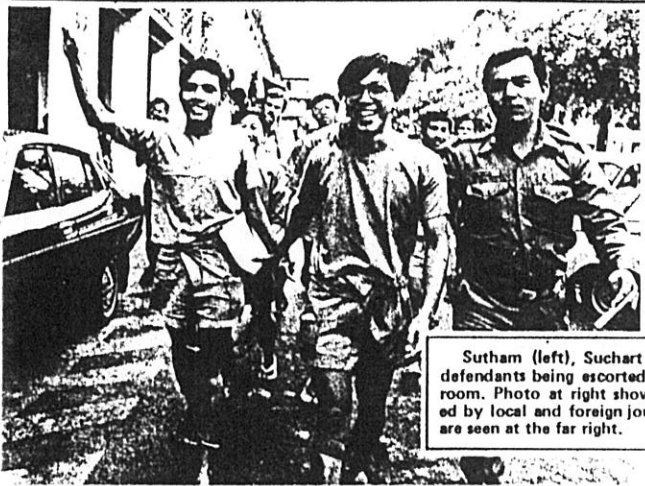
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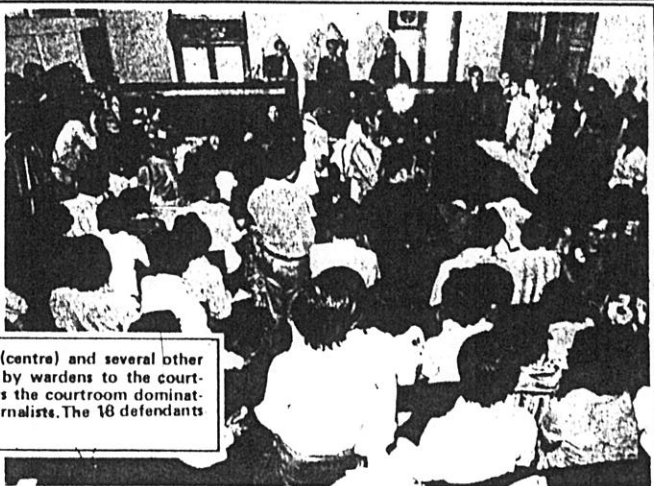
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## Ob ready to reply to Labour

PRESIDENT of the Nation, Mr Ob Vassurat, will hand over the Labour Department to the Labour Department why no representatives from the election to the National Assembly Board two weeks ago.

Mr Ob said the reply was to labour unions immediately after the election from the Labour Department on the reasons behind the delay.

The employers held a meeting at Ob's office, Vidhyakhom Complex.

They agreed to officially inform the Labour Department that the employers' association would be the one to handle the department.

## More fake inland cheques turn up



An official of the Government Savings Bank compares the genuine inland traveller's cheque, right, and a fake one.

FAKE inland traveller's cheques of the Government Savings Bank turned up again last Saturday when several cheques worth a total of 80,000 baht were discovered, according to informed sources.

Most of the falsified cheques were found in such places as gambling dens and gold shops, the sources said.

Deputy Director of the Government Savings Bank, Dr Suphat Chunhasopak, said that since 1974, 13 fakes inland traveller's cheques worth 1,300,000 baht were found.

He categorically denied a report that some 200 fake inland traveller's cheques worth two million baht had been found in the past two years.

Dr Suphat said commercial banks had been informed of the differences of real and fake cheques.

Police have been informed of the existence of fake traveller's cheques so that legal action be taken against the forgers, he said.

So far, no one had been arrested in connection with the forgery.

He said that the fake cheque can be recognised very easily. The colour of the real cheque is brighter and the design is clearer than the fakes. The signatures of the Bank's Chairman and Director are more prominent. The word "Government Savings Bank" is transparent and the edge of the real cheque is sharper.

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# Oct 6 defendants plead not guilty

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The 18 defendants transported under tight security from three detention centres of Bangkok, Lard Yao and Bangkwang, were greeted by over 2,000 students and well-wishers present at the Defence Ministry compound to listen to the trial. Most of them were not allowed to enter into the courtroom due to limited seats.

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## Bhutto accused of another political murder

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan - Deposed Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, under arrest in an alleged political murder, has been accused of ordering the killing of a second opposition leader, federal investigators said yesterday.

They said the allegation was made by four federal police officials and an alleged assassin who are under arrest as suspects in the slaying of Dr Nazir Ahmed, an opposition member of the National Assembly, in southern Punjab province in 1972.

The five said Bhutto, who was then prime minister, ordered the killing of Ahmed because he had made speeches blaming Bhutto for the secession of East Pakistan, now Bangladesh, in the 1971 Indian-Pakistan war, according to the investigators.

The suspects said the killing was ordered through Ghulam Mustafa Khar, Punjab governor at the time, the investigators said.

It was not known whether Bhutto would soon be formally charged in that death.

The former prime minister is being held in the central Pakistani city of Lahore, 180 miles south of this capital, facing a murder charge in the 1974 killing of a political opponent's father.

Police officials allegedly involved in that slaying reportedly have said Bhutto ordered the killing of Ahmed Raza Kasuri, an opposition member of Parliament, but that Kasuri escaped and his father was killed.

Bhutto was ousted from office in a military coup July 5 after 5 1/2 years in power. Political opponents have also accused him of misappropriation of funds and other official corruption and abuses of power.

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