

IST Laos yesterday complained of border incidents allegedly caused by neighbor-land but for the first time in a year did not blame the Bangkok government.

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since Oct.

20 in which it claimed eight Laotians were wounded, property was damaged and one cow was injured by machinegun fire from the Thai side of the Mekong River border.

"These border incidents clearly indicate that the local authorities of the Thai administration have not paid attention to the central government (in Bangkok) which recently announced its desire to have friendly relations with its neighbours," the broadcast said.

During the year before the military coup Oct. 20 when Prime Minister Thanin Kraivichien ruled under military junta chairman Adm. Sa-ngad Chalawyo, Vientiane invariably blamed border incidents on the "Thanin-Sa-ngad

clique," indicating bad intentions on the part of the Bangkok government.

The change in wording suggests, according to western diplomats in Bangkok that Laos is "at least giving Bangkok the benefit of the doubt for the time being."

Thursday's broadcast, however, said the incidents "imply that central government authorities of Thailand in Bangkok cannot exercise strict enough control over their local authorities to make them abide by declared commitments."

NPC members & uniform

MEMBERS of the National Policy Council (NPC) will have to be in uniform in accordance with the regulations of the Prime Minister's Office, the Revolutionary Party announced yesterday.

Non-members of the NPC in uniform to mislead others to believe that they are NPC members will be imprisoned a maximum one year or fined 2,000 baht or both.

The prime minister who is authorized to enforce this regulation under RP Announcement No 26, will also be empowered to work out rules and regulations for the Prime Minister's Office, especially on the uniform order.

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Oct 6 defendants may now appoint lawyers

The 18 defendants in the October 6, 1976 case, will be allowed lawyers as a result of the amendments to the Military Courts Act made by the Revolutionary Party, said Army Commander Gen Serm na Nakhon yesterday.

But the defendants cannot

appeal once the military court trying them hands down its verdict. This is in accordance with the second paragraph of the amended Article 61 of the Military Courts Act which states in part that verdicts or order of military courts operating in abnormal condition are not appealable.

The case against the 18

defendants, two of them girls was submitted to the military court when the country was under martial law. The military court therefore is considered operating under abnormal condition.

Hearing of prosecution witnesses will begin on November 17 at the Army Quartermaster-General Department in Pakkred, Nonthaburi.

Blackburn girl's court hearing postponed again

BRITISH girl Rita Nightingale wept quietly in court here yesterday as a hearing in her trial on heroin smuggling charges was postponed for the second time because a defence witness did not show up.

Her lawyers and friends consoled her as she was led away after the criminal court judge postponed the hearing until November 21.

The absent witness was a room-boy from the hotel in which Miss Nightingale was staying before her arrest last March.

NONG KHAI - A Lao-tian mother saw her three children drown after their getaway rowboat capsized during a pre-dawn escape from Laos across the Mekong River yesterday.

Ten others on the ill-fated rowboat also disappeared in the sweeping current. Only the Laotian mother, Mrs Wiang Som-sutthi, and three others managed to swim safely to the Thai bank.

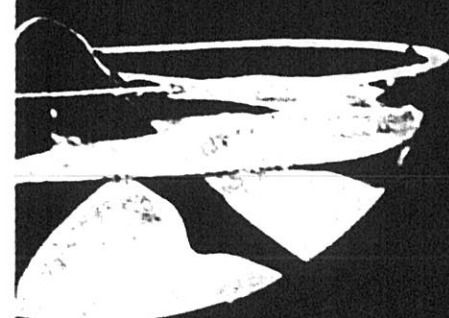
Mrs Wiang was immediately placed under police custody and charged with illegal entry.

She said the rowboat capsized owing to overloading and strong currents.

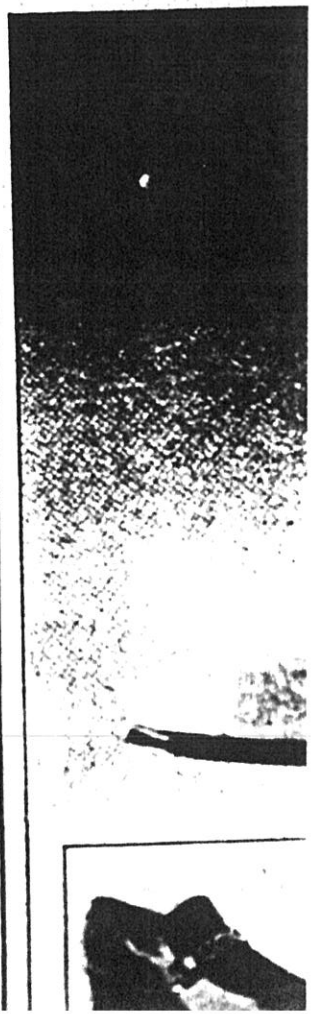
She intended to join her husband who has been confined in a refugee camp in this northeastern border province, with her three children.

The three children drowned in the mishap were a boy three years old and two girls, one two years old and the other a four-month-old baby.

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The two were charged
with selling the "Double
Uoglobe" heroin No 4,
weighing 2,840 grammes,
to Pang Kai Kwong.

Pang Kai Kwong con-
fessed to the charges and
said he was in Bangkok
for one week to buy he-
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gled out for Amsterdam.

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Embassy people to attend trial

ABOUT 30 officials
of various embassies in
Thailand will observe
the first hearing of the
18 defendants in the
Oct 6, 1976 case at the
Army Quarter-masters
Department, in Pak-
kred, on Thursday.

Judge Advocate
General Lt Gen Sam-
ing Tailangka said yester-
day that several em-
bassies sought permis-
sion through the For-
eign Ministry to attend
the trial.

He said that the
courtroom at the
Quartermasters can fit
300 observers.

Loudspeakers and
tents will be erected
outside the courtroom
where several thou-
sands of people can
hear the trial, he said.

The Meteorological De-
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fishermen not to venture
into the Gulf of Thailand
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to southern Thailand.

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Dr Sa-ard Thongtae, confirmed last night
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Dr Sa-ard tendered his resignation "a
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Commenting on press reports that he
frustration," Dr Sa-ard said: "That's not
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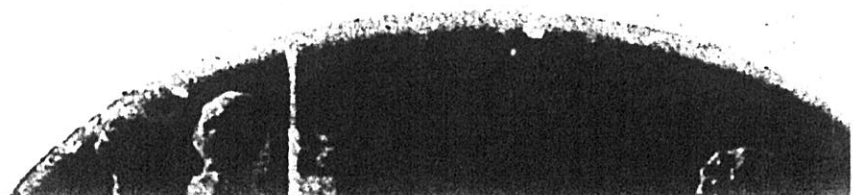
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had promised to stop the practice but so far the system continues.

Minister Boonsom also said that no consideration had yet been given to suggestions that school fees should be increased.

"I think the present rate is reasonable," he added.

He said emphasis will be given to promotion of vocational education and out-of-school youths.

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15, Metropolitan Police Commissioner Pol Lt Gen Suwan Ratanachuen said yesterday.

He added 5,660 other people also faced legal action on various charges including robbery, drug trafficking, gambling, car theft, illegal possession of weapons, prostitution, profiteering, hoarding and endangering society.

The second largest group of persons of 3,175 were arrested for gambling.

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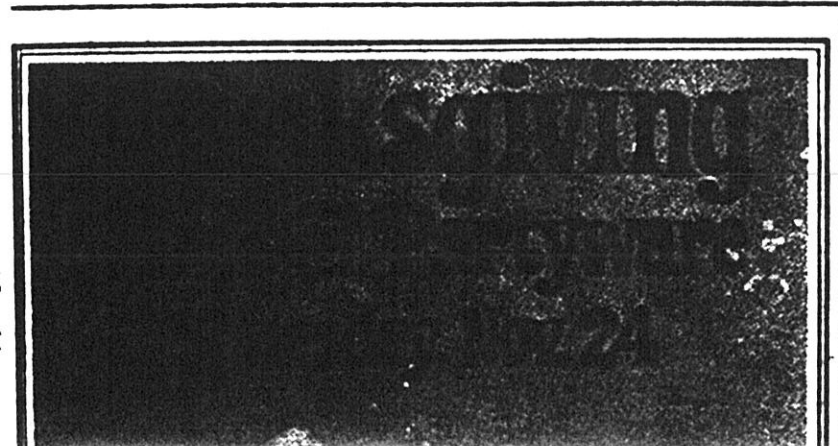
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"Let bygones be bygones and work together so that the nation may prosper. Please realize that we have no more time for squabbles and all



A big crowd cheering and waving their hands greeting the 18 defendants on their arrival at the Army Quartermasters Division on a prison bus for the hearing.



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Oct. 6 '18' get more time for defence

THE first hearing of the 18 defendants in the Oct 6, 1976 case earlier scheduled for yesterday was postponed to January 2 to enable some of the 18 accused more time to seek lawyers to defend themselves.

The three-man Military Court under the chairmanship of Air Vice Marshal Sansern Vanich announced the postponement after half of the defendants who failed to appoint lawyers for yesterday's hearing, requested that they be given more time to seek their own lawyers. Next hearing, after Jan 2, will be held every Monday.

Nine of them who have already appointed lawyers for the hearing are Sutham Saengprathum, leader of the now-defunct National Student Centre of Thailand, Apinand Buahapakdee, Mahin Tanbunperm, Arom Pongpa-ngan, Prayoon Akkarabavorn, Attakarn Uppathampakul, Thongchai Vinitkul, Kongsak Asapakdee and Somsak Jiamjirakul.

Lawyer Thongbai Thongpao will give legal advice to Sutham, Mahin, Prayoon and Somsak while the others who have already appointed lawyers, included Vasant Panich, Charn Kaewchoosai, Chatchai Chanplaisri and Suriyan Vorasiri.

Nine other accused who will have to seek their legal counsel before the Jan 2

hearing are Anupong Pongsuwan, Surachart Bumrungsuk, Praphan Wongsripitak, Viroj Tangvanich, Miss Suchila Tanchainand, Suchart Patcharasoravuth, Orissa Iyarawanwat, Miss Sa-ngiam Jaemduang and Seri Sirinupong.

First among the 82 prosecution witnesses who will have to give evidence on the case will be Deputy Special Branch Commissioner, Pol Lt Col Sakol Suwan. The Jan 2 hearing will be, as usual, be held at

the Army Quartermasters Division courtroom which can accommodate about 300 people.

The 18 accused who were among 3,000 people arrested in the Thammasat University riot shortly before the Oct 6, 1976 coup, face charges of communist activities, murder, attempted murder, illegal possession of war weapons, illegal gathering and

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Singapore charges VN hijacke

SINGAPORE - Five Vietnamese who hijacked a Vietnam plane to Singapore will be tried here on charges of armed robbery, wrongful confinement, and arms offenses, the government announced Thursday.

The hijackers killed two crew members and wounded a stewardess. The plane took off from

the plane returned to Vietnam Oct. 30, leaving the hijackers, a passenger wounded to return.

Vietnam has demanded the hijackers' return, but the government said Singapore has no extradition treaty with Vietnam and that it understands Vietnam's party to any of the international conventions on hijacking.

LABOURERS' REQUEST TO BE REVIEW

THE Interior Ministry will reviewed an earlier request by labourers to register an "Employees Federation", already rejected by the previous Government.

Deputy Interior Minister Damri Nollmance said

yesterday that the under-secretary of state had instructed a revision since Monday.

The only problem impeding the registration is that some founders of the federation are not described as workers and have no rights of joining the federation, he

said.

Several founders of the federation are members of state enterprise labour unions which have been formed from the current Labour Relations Act according to the decision of the Th government.

Ask if the Interior Ministry will revise the previous Cabinet's decision on state enterprise labour unions Mr Damri said: "The legal matter which has fused most workers is not an urgent matter."

The deputy minister called upon workers to operate with their conscience and "do not demand much, otherwise the employers will go bankrupt and they will be left unemployed."

33 arrested in Manila

MANILA - About 30 military guards and three officers were arrested following the escape last month of two prominent Filipinos facing military trial in an alleged plot to assassinate President Ferdinand Marcos, their lawyer, former Senator Jose Diokno said yesterday.

Speaking to the Foreign Correspondents Association here, Mr Diokno denied reports that the government, out of embarrassment had connived in the escape on October 1 of former Manila newspaper publisher Eugenio Lopez Jr., and businessman Sergio Osmena III, now in the US after flying out clandestinely to Hong Kong in a private plane. -Reuter

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Twenty-five of the 360 members appointed to the National Assembly Wednesday night registered themselves at the Parliament House yesterday.

The first two to show up at the Parliament lobby were Mr Suchart Techasen and Mr Suchart Howatanakul.

Two labour leaders, Patsam Tawatchainand and Sunthorn Kaewnetr, also registered themselves before leaving for the United States on an observation tour today. They also requested the registration postponement of their appointed colleague, Miss Somchan Intaro, of Thai Kurabo Labour Union who is currently in Washington as guest of the US State Department.

Officials of the Parliament Secretariat Office said no deadline has been set for the registration of assembly members.

A Royal Decree will be released in a few days to announce the opening of the session expected to be held within seven days after the Royal appointment.

● To prepare for the general election as stipulated in the new Constitution as well as boost the people's rights in the election.

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that we have continuity."

The foreign minister denied suggestions that the pressure from some super powers had forced Thailand into establishing relationships with Indochina.

"Thailand is a sovereign state and we are independence in our policies," he said.

Mr Upadit also reported that the new Thai Government has been trying to contact Cambodia for talks as soon as possible to resolve border disputes.

The border clashes along the Thai-Cambodian border, he said, are not due to the policies of the Phnom Penh Government. "But there might be some small misunderstanding," he said.

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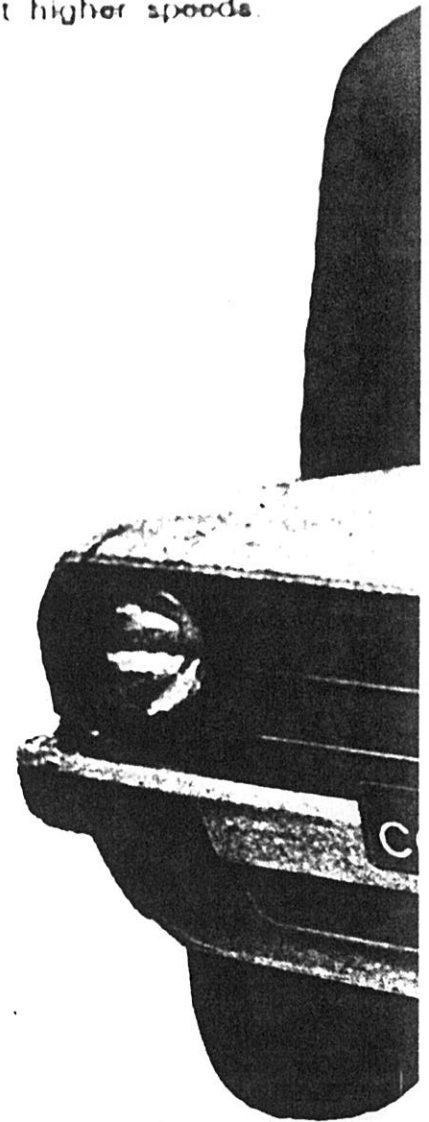
Six of them are also accused of less majesty, a charge arising from the mock-hanging during the demonstration at Thammasat University.

Yesterday's one-hour trial in the Military Court at the Army Quartermasters Division in Nonthaburi drew a huge crowd of more than 3,000 people.

Only those carrying with them ID cards were allowed to listen to the trial in the Quartermasters premise. Only 300 people could directly listen to the trial in the courtroom but loudspeakers were put up outside the courtroom so that others could listen to the trial.

The trial attracted not only local but also overseas interest. Fifteen representatives of foreign embassies and international human rights organizations were present in the courtroom.

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Jade haul

RANGOON, Burma - Jade
stones valued at about
\$266,000 were seized Jan 9
by police in Mandalay, 430
miles north of here, state-
owned newspapers reported
Tuesday.

The stones were packed
in gunny bags hidden under
a pile of tobacco loaded on
truck, the reports said. - UPI

After the deal with the Pyongyang regime fell through,
Kyodo said, the Chinese approached Egypt, which has been
at odds with the Soviets over expulsion of Soviet military ad-
visers and personnel from the Middle East country in July
1972.

The Japanese report did not say when the deal between
Peking and Cairo was made over the transfer of the MiG-23.
Neither did it mention whether or when China plans to intro-
duce SAMs and T62 tanks.

China at one point tried to produce its own ultra-modern
jetfighter but failed, the Japanese news agency added. -UPI

Vietnam and the fighting of
recent weeks between the
communist neighbours.
The Peking government
appears to have been follow-
ing a cautious middle path
despite its strong ideological
ties with Cambodia.

One diplomat suggested
Madame Teng's visit could be
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ness, Malaysia, the Philip-
pines and Thailand in Decem-
ber and January, signing agree-
ments on trade, economic
and technical cooperation.
The Soviet News Agency
Tass said Trinh's visit proved
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Martial law a 'matter of concern'

A SENIOR US official
on human rights and hu-
manitarian affairs last
night cited the enforce-
ment of martial law as a
"matter of concern" as she
wound up her five-day visit
to Thailand.

US Assistant Secretary
of State for Human Rights
and Humanitarian Affairs,
Miss Patricia Derian said
human rights violation is
"inevitable" in any coun-
try where martial law or
a state of emergency is in
effect.

However, she said she
feels encouraged by the
new trend of political
developments in Thai-
land; a general election is

upcoming and there is
Press freedom.
She visited seven of the
so-called "Thammasat 18" in
Bang Kwang maximum securi-
ty prison yesterday afternoon.

And she described the visit
in her departure statements as
"particularly important".
She, however, refused to
characterise her private con-
versation with the seven de-
fendants. But she said, "I am
glad they have legal clear-
ance."
She also clarified that the
objective of her visit here is
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'NO ACTION AGAINST TEACHERS'

DEPUTY Interior Minister Prem Tinsu-
larnond confirmed yesterday that no discipli-
nary action will be taken against teachers
who staged a two-day rally in the northeast-
ern province of Khon Kaen.

"The rally did not involve politics and
the Government did not describe it as a
threat but a direct airing of opinion," Lt
Gen Prem said.

The Government, he cited, agreed with
the provincial teachers' request to be direct-
ly attached to a new bureau and Cabinet has
assigned the Interior Ministry to set up a
committee to consider the matter.

Reports from Khon Kaen reaching Bang-
kok last night said dissident teachers in
eight of the entire 15 districts under the local
administration yesterday continued their class
boycott.

The eight districts are Muang, Nong Rua,
Manjakiri, Nampong, Ubonrat, Chumpae,
Chonnabot and Baan Pai. They vowed to stop
conducting classes until replies were given to
their two-point demand: to upgrade "Pracha-
baan" teachers as government officials and to
set up a new bureau to directly control "Pra-
chabaan" teachers.

They have given the Government a seven-
day deadline as of yesterday.



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