

shortage today and tomorrow while the Metropolitan Water Works Authority work on improving some water mains.

The areas where residents are requested to store water for consumption during this period are:

The whole of Soi Intamara 22, various lanes off Rambutri Road, Chakrapong Road, Soi Wat Sutharam, Soi Klang off Taksin Road, Soi Yen-arkas 3 off Chuaplerng Road and Soi Wat Ruak off Charansidwong Road from 9.00 pm today to 5.00 am tomorrow.

Soi Charoen Panich to Soi Uraiwan on Lad Prao Road Soi 1,2,3,4,5, off Rong Muang Road, from Kaelai crossroads to Sanam Binnam crossroads on Tivanond Road, Soi Koboh off Taksin Road and various sois, from Soi On-nuj to Soi Udomsuk, off Sukhumvit Road tomorrow from 9.00 am to 4.30 pm.

Supply will be cut for two consecutive days today and tomorrow, to residents on Padipat and Paholyothin roads where water is supplied from Samsen main station.

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Lawyers to petition govt for protection

THE Lawyers Association of Thailand (LAT) will petition the Prime Minister, Bangkok Peace-Keeping Director and the Police Chief, to protect lawyers defending the "Thammasat 18," following a series of threats by the "opposite side."

The decision was reached during a meeting yesterday following an earlier complaint by certain lawyers that their lives were in danger if they carried on defending the 18 detainees over the Oct 6, 1976 riots.

Mr Thongbai Thongpao, Chief of the 42 lawyers in the case, had submitted a letter to LAT President Mongkol Sukhothakajorn, requesting immediate measure to protect them.

Some of them are Pol Maj Gen Chana Samutavanich, Mr Suthee Puvaphan, Mr Pongsak Panyachiva, Mr Krerak Rawangpai, Mr Charn Kaewmeesai and Mr Suthas Ngerm-muen.

LAT cited the case of Mr Charn Kaewmeesai who was threatened with murder and destruction of his property by a group of three to four strangers

who went to his residence. "They threatened to burn Mr Charn's house and some strangers kept following Mr Suthee Puvaphan" Mr Thongbai said.

The petition letters will be submitted to Prime Minister Kriangsak Chomanan, in his capacity as Interior Minister, Army Commander-in-Chief Gen Serm na Nakhon, in his capacity as Bangkok Peace-Keeping Director, and Police Director General Montchai Pungkongchuen this morning when the second hearing of the "Thammasat case" is scheduled to be held at the Army Quartermaster Division in Nonthaburi.

Judge Advocate General Sming Tailangka, meanwhile said no additional seats will be reserved for relatives or colleagues of the 18 defendants in the courtroom since the existing chairs are adequate.

AMERICAN OFFICIALS TO MEET THE PRESS

FOUR US officials visiting Thailand will meet the Press in Bangkok on four separate occasions this week.

Ms Mathea Falco, senior advisor to US Secretary of State and co-ordinator for International Narcotics Matters, will meet newsmen at the Foreign Correspondents Club of Thailand (FCCT), President Hotel, this afternoon.

US Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs, Mr Robert B. Oakley will open a press conference tomorrow morning, also at the FCCT. Mr Oakley is to call on Prime Minister Kriangsak Chomanan at Government House this morning.

Congressman Lester L. Wolff (Democrat-New York) who is to arrive at Don Muang Airport tomorrow afternoon will meet the Press at the VIP lounge in the airport.

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WOLFF: US WILL REMAIN A PACIFIC POWER

THE United States will remain a Pacific power participating and not interfering in the Asian affairs, U.S. representative Lester Kionel Wolff said Saturday.

The democratic Congressional leader from New York, who is heading an 11-member delegation, said the overall security situation in Southeast Asia harrng the border conflict

ple, could share the cost of maintaining the scaled down base that would be of benefit to the Philippines as well as the United States. Wolff said it costs the United States 25 billion dol

Wolff said the United States became a world power as a result of free enterprise. It was against protectionism or any kind of barrier in trade. However, he added, certain

Laos, Thailand and Burma to the United States continue to be serious. Supply of drugs from this region to the United States was increasing though the gov-

'Thammasat 18' trial

postponed to Monday

YESTERDAY'S Oct 6, 1976 case trial was postponed until next Monday after all the 42 lawyers defending the "Thammasat 18" boycotted the hearing in protest against a spate of threats by some groups of people.

All the 18 defendants and their lawyers petitioned the Military Court before the hearing yesterday morning for a postponement reasoning that the defendants, the lawyers and the public attending the trial were being harassed by the "opposite side" while authorities failed to provide them adequate protection.

Chief Judge Air Vice Marshal Sansern Vanich and two other judges sat on their benches at 9.00 am only to find that all the lawyers' seats next to the 18 defendants were deserted.

One of the 18 defendants, Sutham Saengprathum who is the former secretary general of the now-defunct National Student Centre of Thailand, read the petition

letter before the judges, indicating that the lawyers had been verbally attacked by some groups of people who rallied in front of the courtroom before every hearing.

"Some of them also put up posters condemning the lawyers while others presented flowers tied with black ribbons to lawyers defending the 18," Sutham said.

He added: "The lawyers agreed that the harassment should be promptly eliminated to prevent the situation from deteriorating further. The lawyers want the trial to be concluded as soon as possible but they also fear for their lives."

However, Judge Sansern appeared sceptical when the lawyers did not show up in the courtroom to submit their own petition since he said that he spotted some lawyers outside the courtroom.

He also expressed concern over the threats received by the lawyers but, "if they are afraid of danger, other lawyers should be appointed to replace them. Or you may want the court to help you find lawyers," he said.

Defendant Thongchai Vinitkul said the lawyers were willing to defend them should they be provided adequate protection.

"Who will guarantee that the new lawyers will be safe if they replace the old ones," he added.

Sutham added: "Those defending the case have already proved themselves to be brave enough."

About 300 security men yesterday guarded the courthouse in the Army's Quartermasters Division in Nonthaburi, where over 1,000 persons turned up.



Col. Chinda

SECRETARY General of the Civil Service Commission (CSC), Col Chinda na Songkhla, who tendered his resignation last Friday, said yesterday that he will continue working in the government service at the request of Prime Minister Kriangsak Chomanan.

Col Chinda who met with reporters for the first time after his move to resign last week, quoted the premier as rejecting his resignation on grounds of "inadequate reason."

He also read out the premier's letter which said: "The work that you have initiated has not been completed yet. You claimed that you are tired; then I'm tired too."

The secretary general said the nature of his work is highly responsible and, "I have been working in this position for quite some time," he said.

To resign before retirement, Col Chinda said, is rather strange for most people. He has three more years in

Call for amnesty

WORKERS of the State Railway of Thailand (SRT) yesterday reaffirmed their earlier move with 35 other labour unions, calling for amnesty for those involved in the "Thammasat riots" including 18 defendants currently being tried in the Military Court.

The statement, signed by SRT labour union leader Sawad Lukedode and deputy leader Amad Kamthesthong, clarified that the joint statement on Dec 23 last year was distributed to the public following an agreement by 36 labour unions from both the private and state enterprise sectors.

The 36 labour unions, which agreed with various groups of people who have sought amnesty for the "Thammasat 18", believe that total amnesty should be granted to all of those implicated in the Oct 6, 1976 incident.

"Total amnesty will create unity in the country," the SRT's statement said.

The earlier joint statement by 36 labour unions requested the present government which toppled the Thanin Government, to grant amnesty to "all offenders" in the Oct 6, 1976 case, similar to the amnesty granted by the Sanya Government to those implicated in the student uprising on Oct 14, 1973.

Those charged with lese majeste should however not be entitled to the amnesty, the joint statement said.

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The issue of Baht parity has caused some concern to the Government as well as the National Policy Council which held a meeting last week to consider the issue. The

and given reassurance that the present Baht parity is appropriate and no adjustment is necessary at present.

The Chairman of the National Policy Council told the Press afterwards that he has been convinced that the

believe that the Baht is too strong. Therefore, a revaluation by way of floating the Baht is needed.

Another group of university lecturers believes that if the present trend of the adverse balances of trade and payments continue, the Baht will be too weak and a devaluation will

Oakley lauds new govt's moves

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**PM anxious
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Oakley

PRIME MINISTER Kriangsak Chomanan yesterday asked a group of visiting US Congressmen to convey to Washington the Thai Government's anxiety that there could be a shortage of American arms in Thailand when he need arises.

Rep Donald Mitchell Republican-New York) disclosed the Thai premier's message during a press conference at Don Muang Airport before leaving for New Delhi yesterday afternoon.

The group of 11 Congressmen called on Gen Kriangsak at his suburban residence shortly before midday when Gen Kriangsak hosted a work-lunch to welcome the group.

Deputy Prime Minister Sunthorn Hongladarom and Foreign Minister Upadit Panharyangkun and US Ambassador Charles S. Whitcomb were also present. Rep Mitchell said he headed a sub-group to discuss Thailand's security problems and its relations with the US with Gen Kriangsak

THE United States welcomes "accelerated progress towards elected government" in Thailand and greater Press freedom under the administration of Prime Minister Kriangsak Chomanan, a senior American State Department official said in Bangkok yesterday.

Robert B Oakley, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs, told a

news conference at the Foreign Correspondents Club of Thailand that the Kriangsak government's moves, together with better observation of due process of law in several Asian countries show "there is more high-level attention being given to human rights," and that it is not only the US that is concerned about such rights. The US official said Patricia Denian, the US Assistant Secretary of State for Human Rights and Humanitarian Affairs, is having "an excellent exchange of views" with the Thai Government during her current visit to Thailand. She visited the Nong Khai and Loi refugee camps Tuesday and will see the Lum

Sing Camp and meet with some of the October 6 defendants today. *Continued Page 3*

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Bomb blast on train

SONGKHLA - A bomb exploded on a southern train after it left the southernmost town of Sungsai Kolok yesterday, injuring 11 persons, one seriously.

A loud explosion was heard from the rear coach of the Sungsai Kolok-Thonburi express shortly after it stopped at Thepa Station in Songkhla. Eleven passengers in the coach were injured by the blast.

Another dud M-26 hand grenade was also found near the train. Police discovered leaflets, signed by the so-called "Black 1902" under one of the seats.

Police said the rear coach was latched on at Yala.

LATE NEWS

ANKARA, Turkey - The government of Democratic Socialist Premier Bulent Ecevit won a vote of

Carter invited to Thailand

PRIME MINISTER Kriangsak Chomanan yesterday extended an open invitation to US President Jimmy Carter to visit Thailand.

Gen Kriangsak mentioned the informal invitation during his conversation with a group of US Congressmen calling on him at his residence where they had a working lunch. The group was led by Rep Lester Wolff (Democrat-New York) who is chairman of the US House of Representatives' Select Committee on Narcotics Abuse and Control. General Kriangsak told reporters after the work-lunch that his invitation to President Carter is the most significant point in his talks with the US congressional group. The US Congressmen, Gen Kriangsak said, want to help the Thai Government in its narcotics suppression efforts by providing more resources, such as helicopters, to Thailand.

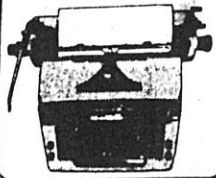
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A daily round-up of news and views in the Thai Press



SIANG PUANG CHON yesterday

came up with a campaign "to right the wrong" by appealing to its readers to help provide information on crimes and corruption in their neighbourhood.

Do you know any of the illegal gambling dens? Who are the underground lottery operators? Where are the brothels in your neighbourhood?

Do you know any sawmills cashing in on illegal logging, and who are conspiring with them; the forestry officials, the district officials or the police?

Who are the drug peddlers or major drug dealers? Where are the printing houses that have been counterfeiting liquor stamps?

Siang Puang Chon urged those who can answer any of these questions to pass on their information for publication on its pages.

"If you are willing to help right the wrong for our fellow countrymen and for Thailand, please send your information to us," the newspaper urged.

Siam Rath yesterday ran an article written by a "prachabarn" teacher (teacher of local self-government body) who urged the government to stop some Interior officials and journalists from mocking "prachabarn" teachers.

Using a pseudonym of "Ror. Tabthonglang," the writer contended that "prachabarn" teachers reacted independently without alleged instigation from any group of "third hand" or unscrupulous politicians.

"Prachabarn" teachers were transferred from the Education Ministry to the Interior Ministry in 1966. The transfer has deprived the teachers of their full-fledged civil servant status and placed them under local self-government bodies like municipalities and sanitation districts that usually cannot afford much fringe benefits as those enjoyed by civil servants under the central government.

The writer said the teachers are patiently waiting for the government to respond to their demands that include forming a new

Thammasat 18' trial

Defence bombards first state witness

THE FIRST state witness openly admitted in the Military Court yesterday that the movement and activities of students including the "Thammasat 18" before the military takeover on Oct 6, 1976, were legal as stipulated in the previous constitution.

Pol Lt Col Sakol Suwanna, Deputy Chief of the Crime Suppression's Second Division, who appeared before the Military Court as prosecution witness for the third time in yesterday's weekly hearing of the Oct 6, 1976 case, was answering the defence lawyers in the cross examination which focused on the students' activities beginning from the students' uprising on Oct 14, 1973 to the announcement of martial law on Oct 6, 1976.

He earlier handed over the judges a 351-page confidential document concerning the students' political activities during the three-year period of full democracy and freedom. The judges also received an album with the pictures of the "Chinese Exhibition" held at Thammasat University in 1974.

In a reply to the defence lawyer Thongbai Thongpao, Pol Lt Col Sakol indicated that the defendants and other student activists were arrested at Thammasat University at around noon on Oct 6, 1976, several hours before the implementation of martial law to scrap the 1974 constitution.

"The students and several other groups of people including former Prime Minister Kukrit Pramoj were protesting against the return of Field Marshal Thanom Kittikachorn," he said.

Replying to another defence lawyer Kirik Rawangpai, Col Sakol admitted that the students' movements were conducted within the framework of student unions which were legally set up and in some cases government officials also participated in some of the activities.

Col Sakol also admitted in the cross examination by another defence lawyer Vasant Panich that several political groups including the Red Gaur, the Housewives Group and Navapol were formed with the purpose of obstructing the

students' movement.

The obstruction by the rival groups, he admitted, had resulted in the injury of several students, citing the bomb throwings at demonstrators during the "Mayaguez" protest on March 21, 1976.

He said that several activists who participated in the students' movement were assassinated. He mentioned Mr Saeng Rungnirankul, Dr Boonsanong Boonyotayarn, Mr Amres Chaisard, Mr Vichai Ketsripongsa and Mr Chumporn Thummai as examples.

Col Sakol admitted that an "Independent Radio Group" had been set up by broadcaster Col Utharn Snidwongse na Ayudhya to attack the students' movement round-the-clock.

Asked whether the group had attacked the students' protest against the return of Field Marshal Thanom through the radio, Col Sakol said: "I don't know since I did not bother to listen to the broadcast."

Col Sakol hesitated when asked by the fourth defence lawyer Suthee Puvaphan, if there was a constitution in administration under the democratic system.

"Yes, there must be a constitution," he replied after being prompted by the judge to reply.

Mr Suthee added: "Then the constitution obviously stipulates that sovereignty and ruling power from the people, doesn't it?" Col Sakol's reply was "yes."

Mr Suthee continued: "Did the constitution allow public demonstrations under the protection of the government and the general election for the formation of the government?"

"Yes, it did," Col Sakol said. "And the student activities were conducted under the stipulation of the 1974 Constitution."

Under the democratic system, Col Sakol admitted, people are allowed to openly protest against the government within the framework of

the law.

The last defence lawyer, Marut Bunnag asked: "You (Col Sakol) and your subordinates will have to arrest and file a lawsuit against culprits in any case, won't you?" The reply was "yes."

"Did you report to your superiors over the students' demonstrations which were not against the law?" Mr Marut asked.

"Yes, I did," Col Sakol replied.

Mr Marut continued: "And the students' demonstrations after the announcement of the 1974 Constitution were legal and patriotic, weren't they?" Col Sakol answered: "Yes, they were."

The hearing which started at 9.00 am ended 4.00 pm after a one-hour midday recess.

The second state witness, Mr Thanong Laovanich, currently leader of Boonrawd Brewery labour union, will show up in court for the cross examination next Monday.



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The ambassadors to Peking of Finland, Sweden, Denmark, and Tanzania and the Iraqi ambassador to Hanoi returned recently from a two-week visit to Cambodia. They stressed, however, their trip had been arranged well in advance of the December 31 break in diplomatic relations between Phnom Penh and Hanoi, and they were all accredited to Cambodia for presenting their credentials.—Reuter

NOT THE END

what Hanoi has called a border dispute but what Phnom Penh has labeled Vietnam's "ambition of encroaching on and seizing Cambodian territory...to form an Indochina federation."

"At present, the expansionist and annexationist Vietnamese continues ... sending spies and commandos to conduct espionage, subversion and sabotage in our territory and shelling our cooperatives and worksites along the border," Radio Phnom Penh said.

Both Vietnam and Cambodia have said that workers in rice and other farm projects go to work each day armed with rifles along their joint boundary. —UPI

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Chief of Southeast Asian Division Saovanit Kongsiri, Chief of Press Division Thongchan Chotikasathien and Secretary to the Foreign Minister, Mr Kriangsak Sirimongkol.

JAKARTA

opposing the re-election of President Suharto.

Secretary and Defence Minister General Maraden Panggabean told Parliament yesterday that the government crackdown on the students was aimed at preventing the recurrence of the 1974 anti-government rioting in which 11 people were killed following student demonstrations.

General Panggabean said he would give a detailed report on the current political and security situation at the next parliament session. Meanwhile students of the Bandung Institute of Technology (ITB) were yesterday reported to have decided to boycott their classes.

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HILLTRIBES MEN ENTER MONKHOOD

A LARGE group of 144 hilltribes men shaved their heads and entered the monkhood under the joint sponsorship of the Bhuddism Training Centre and the Public Welfare Department at Wat Benjamaborpit, yesterday.

The tribesmen came from several northern and northeastern provinces which included Mae Hong Son, Chiang Mai, Chiang Rai, Nan, Petchabun, Kampaengpetch, Phrae, Uthai Thani, Supan Buri and Kanchanaburi.

They are from various tribes: Meo, Yao, Musor, Isor, I-kor and Karen.

TU '18 TRIAL: STATE WITNESS SAYS STUDENTS' MARCH WAS PEACEFUL

A STATE witness admitted during a cross examination by defence lawyers at the "Thammasat 18" trial in the Military Court yesterday that demonstration by students to force former Prime Minister Thanom Kittikachorn out of the country was conducted peacefully.

The sixth witness, Pol Lt Aree Montriwat, also described as "brutal" the assault and attack on students during the rally. He was cross examined by defence lawyers: Charn Kaewchoosai, Pongsak Panyachiva and Suthee Puvapan.

Lt Aree was shot at the finger by what he called a "high-speed weapon during the Oct 6, 1976 incident. He said he also heard a loud explosion of an M-79 launcher at the time when he was shot at the finger.

"How can you know that it was a blast from M-79 launcher?" asked a defence lawyer. Lt Aree failed to give a direct reply, merely saying, "It was fired from a discharger."

Asked if it was possible for policemen to prevent "outsiders" from killing the protesting students, Lt Aree said: "It was possible but it would be rather difficult on grounds of insufficient police force."

Lt Aree described as "very bad behaviour" and "extreme brutality" after looking at 11 photographs of the Thammasat incident which showed a man urinating at a dead body, a man hanged from a tamarind tree at Sanam Luang and the kicking of students and stepping on students' face by policemen. The pictures were brought into the courtroom by defence lawyers.

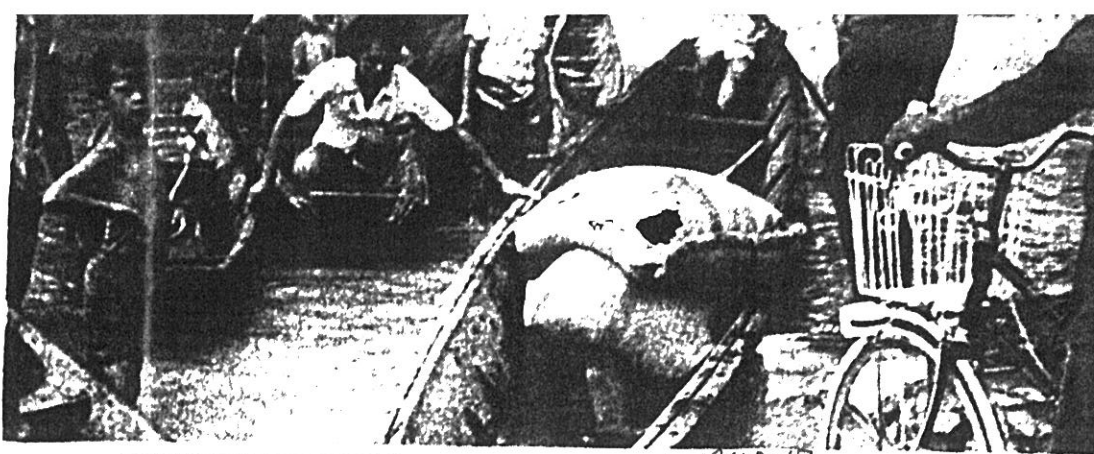
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Thammasat 18: Lawyer proposes quick ending

Defence lawyer Thongbai Thongpao has his own proposal for the speeding up of the "Thammasat 18" trial.

Thongbai said yesterday that he had recently made a four-point proposal during his recent talks with a senior official for political affairs of the United States Embassy here.

The first alternative, according to him, is that the Government should request the Military Court to reconsider whether it has the jurisdiction to try the case.

Thongbai said defence lawyers had earlier asked the court to take the matter into consideration. He contended that the riot on Oct 6, 1976 took place and ended before the enforcement of the martial law.

If tried, Thongbai said, the case should be transferred to the Criminal Court.

Thongbai's second alternative is to urge the Government to draft a legislation to grant amnesty to the 18 defendants

and introduce the legislation to the national legislative body for approval.

Thongbai also said that it was possible to retract charges against the 18.

Citing himself as an example, Thongbai said charge of communist activity against him was

withdrawn after the trial had been going on for seven consecutive years.

The last alternative was that the number of witness in the case should be reduced. The Public Prosecution Department earlier announced that it had 84 state witnesses to testify in the trial.

Balloonists set new endurance record

BEDFORD, Massachusetts - With nearly two-thirds of their trip behind them, the three-member crew of the silver and black double Eagle II set an endurance record

yesterday as they continued their attempt at the first manned balloon crossing of the Atlantic.

At 1213 GMT, a spokesman for the weather-tracking station here said that the crew had passed the record of 107½ hours in flight during an attempted Atlantic crossing. The old mark was set by balloonist Ed Yost on Oct. 5, 1976, when he was forced to ditch 200 miles (320 kilometres) east of the Azores.

Spokesman Dave McClure said the three were 680 kilometres west of Ireland, heading due east, early yesterday.

Lebanese forces take over bridge

BEIRUT, - Lebanese gendarmes yesterday took over a bridge commanding the entrance to east Beirut from Syrian troops of the Arab peace-keeping force.

The redeployment was seen as part of measures to stabilise security in east Beirut which was calm

rived here yesterday and drove immediately to the defence ministry.

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TALKS WITH PREMIER

VIETNAMESE Prime Minister Pham Van Dong has indicated that he wants a private and unofficial talk with Prime Minister Kriangsak Chomanan during his visit here on October 6, Foreign Minister Upadit Pachari-

yangkhun said after a meeting with Vietnam's Director General of Political Department yesterday afternoon.

Mr Upadit said that Director General Pham Binh was here to make arrangements with the Thai government for Mr Dong's visit.

He quoted Mr Binh as saying that Pham Van Dong expected to have a face-to-face or informal talks with Gen Kriangsak.

Mr Upadit said that the Vietnamese Prime Minister will discuss "pending issues"

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Carter interested in 'Oct 6' trial

OBSERVING the Thammasat 18 trial at the military court yesterday, the third secretary of the US Embassy here said President Jimmy Carter has expressed particular interest in this case.

Mr Allan Jury said that he was instructed by US Assistant Secretary of State for Human Rights and Humanitarian Affairs Miss Patricia Derian to make close observation of the case and to consult with one of the defence lawyers, Thongbai Thongpao to find ways to speed up the trial.

Students smash Shah's portrait

BRUSSELS—Fourteen Iranian students yesterday burst into the Iranian Embassy here and smashed portraits of the Shah to protest against his tough suppression of recent anti-government riots.

WEATHER

Bangkok weather forecast: Max. Temp. 33.0 C., Min. temp. 26.0 C., cloudy sky. Chance of rainfall 40%

BURMA REBELS CROSS

CHIANG MAI—About 100 Burmeses crossed the border into Thai territory in Mae Aye District in the face of a military operation against anti-government rebels in Burma.

According to an official report received from Provincial Governor Sueb Rodprasert, the rebels were expected to arrive in Thai territory in the next few days. The fighting down continued.

All arrivals were being placed under the supervision of the local police and border patrol, a report said.

Villagers living in the areas were being moved to safer places as a preventive measure to avoid a possible event, said the report.

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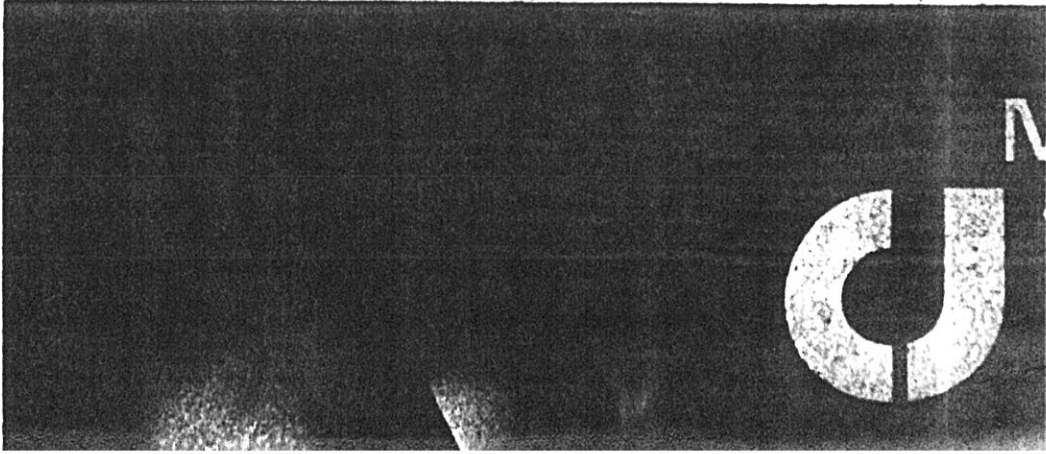
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Crown Prince back to soccer field

HIS ROYAL Highness Crown Prince Vajiralongkorn will join the Armed Forces Staff College team in a soccer match with businessmen and people in the northern province of Chiang Mai tomorrow, the Royal Household announced yesterday.

The match which is expected to be an exciting one will also be televised in the province, beginning at 4.00 pm.

The Crown Prince did not join the college team in a match with combined businessmen and people team of last Thursday, having suffered from mild diarrhoea.

Commander of the First Division of the Royal Guard, Maj Gen Pat Uraileert, meanwhile, said the Crown Prince will preside over a charity soccer match between the joint army-police team and the Rak Muang Thai team at the National Stadium on September 23.

Gen Pat said he also learned that the Crown Prince is expected to play for the Armed Forces Staff College team in a match on the same day.

The match is designed to seek donation to help flood victims in the North and Northeast.

Bangkokians will for the first time have a chance to watch the Crown Prince play soc-

'Thammasat 18' case Premier promises a surprise

PRIME Minister Kriangsak Chomanan said yesterday he had a surprise as regard the "Thammasat 18" case in his pocket to be disclosed in the near future.

He, however, declined to answer reporters' questions on whether he planned to release the 18 persons, mostly students, arrested in connection with the riot at Thammasat University on October 6, 1976.

Asked whether he thought the 18 persons had suffered enough punishment in jail, Gen Kriangsak said: "To me they're just like my own children. Let's shelve this matter for a while and I promise a surprise for all of you."

Judge Advocate General Saming Tailangka, meanwhile, said he personally thought there are two alternatives in releasing the 18 defendants.

The first choice, he said, is to ask the Public Prosecution Department to drop the charges against them while the second is to enact a law granting amnesty to all of them.

He however disagreed with those who urged the prime minister to free the 18 defendants, evoking his absolute power under Article 27 of the interim Constitution.

Chief defence lawyers, Thongbai Thongpao, last night welcomed the

Inter-Arms' licence may be revoked

PRIME MINISTER Kriangsak Chomanan said yesterday the Government might withdraw the licence earlier granted to the Thai Inter-Arms Co Ltd unless it makes concrete move to implement its multi-million baht arms production project.

LATE NEWS

THURMONT, Maryland - Israel has presented new suggestions for a settlement in the Middle East, sources at the Camp David summit reported yesterday.

The sources said the Israeli ideas, kept secret under a news blackout imposed by President Carter, were reviewed at a meeting between the US leader and Egyptian President Anwar Sadat. - Reuter

Managing Director of Thai Inter-Arms Mr Vichai Vorachart had early this year blamed the bureaucratic red-tape and lack of cooperation among governmental agencies for the delay in the company's project to construct nine weapon plants.

Gen Kriangsak also said the meeting of the Armed Forces at the Supreme Command Headquarters had approved a plan to build an arms factory here

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WEATHER
 Bangkok weather forecast: Max. temp. 31.0 C., Min. temp. 24.0 C. Very cloudy sky. Chance of rainfall 70%

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U.S. The group was said to have initiated the idea even before the Oct 15, 1973 riot which toppled the Thanom-Prapass regime.

These young soldiers were said to have been in close touch with the poor masses of the people in the rural areas during their combat missions and had grown to become aware of the real problems of the country.

Pioneers of the group were identified by Arthit as several young military men who graduated in the seventh and eighth batches of Chulachomkhlaio Military Academy with Col Prachak Sawangchit, deputy chief-of-staff of the Fifth Army Division based in Songkhla, as the "core."

The newspaper also identified Lt Col Manoon Roopkachorn, commander of the Fourth Calvary Unit in Kiakkai, Bangkok, as chief coordinator. Col Chamlong Srimuang, who has been drafted by Prime Minister Kriangsak Chomanan to work in the Prime Minister's Office, was described as "brains" of the group.

BAAN MUANG said Cabinet had decided to review the whole set of bills concerning salary scales of government officials to satisfy angry officials who claim the scales are unfair.

Two newspaper headlined their page one with the plight of the stevedores who are being threatened with automation.

SIAM RATH said more than 2,000 of them would be laid off because of the change into mechanical facilities. **TAWAN SIAM** said the government was facing a serious protest from the estimated 5,000 workers who have threatened to stage a work stoppage.

DAILY TIME conti-

MORE HEAVY DOWNPOUR

A depression is slowly moving from Vietnam heading towards Thailand and will cause heavy rainfalls for three or four days in the North and Northeast, the Weather Bureau reported yesterday.

The weathermen said the depression centred above Hue of Vietnam at 7.00 pm last night and has since moved northeastward.

People in the North and Northeast are warned against the second round of flash flood, resulting from the depression. The Interior Ministry has also ordered authorities of several provinces in the North and Northeast to be well prepared for possible heavy downpour.

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as the trial is being conducted by a Military Court.

He cited the example of an order of former Prime Minister Thanom Kittichakorn who used the same kind of power granting amnesty to hundreds of prisoners in 1965.

"The prospect is bright because Prime Minister Kriangsak is also Defence Minister," he said.

The 18 which include a number of labour activists are currently detained at various prisons on various charges ranging from communist activity, illegal gathering, illegal possession of war weapons and firearms to obstructing the authorities performing their duties.

NARITA

During the past few weeks, radicals have launched petrol bomb attacks on police installations near airports and caused massive disruptions by cutting telephone and telex links.

About 20,000 radicals, supporting local farmers and environmentalists, are expected to stage a rally at Narita on Sunday to culminate a 100-day anti-airport campaign.

Cabinet ministers yes-

plant within two months.

Thai Inter-Arms, which was recently granted a licence to produce arms, had an investment of 1,250 million baht and planned to construct its nine factories on a 400-rai land in Saraburi.

None of the company's executive committee members were available for comments last night.

KHMER REFUGEES

centres set up to receive refugees from periods of up to half a year while the others were received by family members living in France.

Mr Beucler said that in proportion of its population, size and economy, France had done more for Indochina refugees than any other country.

It was the unsettled state of the French economy which prevented the taking in of more than 1,000 refugees each month, he added.

Refugees were still leaving the three Indochina countries in large numbers with about 3,000 people from Laos and several hundred from Cambodia arriving in Thailand each month, he said. — Reuter

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The Petchpimam Theatre on New Petchburi burning last night.

vacated the theatre immediately after they spotted smoke entering the movie hall.
Fire Brigade officials said they received a report of the fire from the theatre at around 10.00 pm.
More than 40 fire engines were rushed to the scene and found that the blaze was so huge that it took them over two hours to bring it under control.
Fire Brigade Chief, Pol Maj Gen Sakrapee Prakramakul, who also showed up at the scene was furious after learning of inadequate water supply to douse the blaze. It was brought under control at 11.40 pm.

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Oct 6 Amnesty bill

to Assembly tomorrow

A high ranking government official last night confirmed that the government will submit an Amnesty bill for the Oct 6 defendants to the National Assembly tomorrow.

Cambodia ready to send envoy

CAMBODIAN Deputy Prime Minister Ieng Sary has informed the Thai Foreign Ministry in a cable that his country was ready to designate an ambassador to Bangkok.

The cable, received by the Thai Foreign Ministry recently, also said that Phnom Penh was also ready to receive the first Thai ambassador following the Communist takeover of Cambodia in 1975.

A team of Thai officials will leave for Phnom Penh today to make preparations for the reopening of the Thai embassy there.

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According to Deputy Prime Minister Sompob Hotrakit, General Kriangsak Chomanan Government will urgently move that Amnesty bill to be included in the agenda of the National Assembly tomorrow.

Several Cabinet members fully discussed the

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pros and cons of the enactment of the Amnesty Bill and all agreed that all related parties, and not merely the 18 defendants currently under trial at the Military Court, should be granted amnesty so that "the case would end without any conditions,"

sources said. Sources quoted certain Cabinet members as citing the possibility of some defendants going underground upon their release as one disadvantage in granting amnesty to the 18 defendants, mostly students.

The pros of the amnesty as proposed by some Cabinet members was that all parties concerned would be pardoned and students who went underground may return to the surface without any preconditions, source added.

Sources said that Cabinet did not see that it would be

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Heavy rains hit Northeast

SEVERAL rice fields in the Northeast has been hit by a second round of heavy downpours, resulting from the depression over Vietnam.

Kalasin Governor Arun Pusthep said yesterday

that three consecutive days of rainfall had prevailed in the province and about 30,000 rai of paddy fields in Muang, Yang Talad and Kamalalai District are now under water.

In Loei, Governor Cham Panthumrat said the water level was measured at 10 to 20 centimetres and several thousand rai of ricefields are inundated.

The Weather Bureau, meanwhile, announced that the depression was moving northward to South China.

Heavy downpours will hit the Northeast for a few more days, it said.

Govt closes paper mill

CABINET on Tuesday ordered the closure of the financially-crippled Kanchanaburi Paper Mill, Industry Minister Kasame Chatikavanij said yesterday.

All assets will be transferred to the Bangpa-in Paper Mill, he said. Some of the mill's 200 employees will be moved to the Bangpa-in Paper.

Kasame said the Ministry will still take care of the other unemployed.

The Kanchanaburi Paper Mill was established in 1938 with two million baht registered capital. It was established as a pilot project of the Defence Ministry which was later transferred to the Industry Ministry in 1942.

The non-commercialised production capacity of the mill forced it to run at losses for several years. This forced the Industry Ministry to propose the closure after it announced earlier to sell out to the private sector.

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