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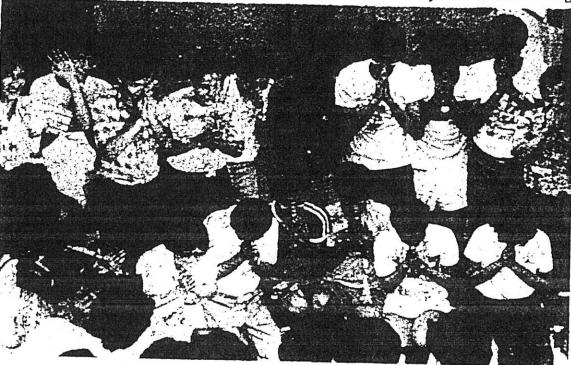
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SHOUTINGS, weepings and tears greeted the released October 6 defendants as they leave the Krungthep Maha Nakhon Special Prison to freedom and to the arms of their relatives and friends who gathered in the hundreds in front of the prison.



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Narathiwat Friday evening to have the bill signed by A group of Thai lawyers, supported by several quarters of the population, volunteered to de-fend the "the Thammasat 18". their plights.

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Arom Phongpha-ngan is justice and freedom is delightful,"

Sutham Saengorathum

"JUSTICE

FORMER leader of Metropolitan Waterworks Authority Labour Union Arom Phongphangan said he was used to withstanding a lot of pressure before and therefore encountered no difficulties when he was detained in prison.
"I will go straight home (in Bangkok) where my mother is staying after coming from Surat Thani to take care of my kid since I was arrested," said Arom said the former secretary general of the now-defunct National Students Centre of Thailand (NSCT), Sutham Saengprathum who was born in 1955 in Nakhon Si Thammarat. his colleagues are very deeply grateful to the kindness of ilis Majesty the King who approved the annesty for all those involved with October 6, 1976.

"Release from prison, has long been said while we Expressing his gratitude, Sutham said that he and

Arom was chosen by the International Labour Organization to represent Thailand at the ILO annual whose face looked pale and tired. session in 1976.

Suchira Thanchainand

"THE first thing I will do after being released is to go to see my family and visit friends from whom I have long been separated," said Suchira Thanchainand, former deputy secretary general of now-defunct National Students Centre of Thailand (NSCT). now with his family and also spend some time with friends and the people who helped him while he was were being imprisoned. We were really sure of it only when we took the first step outside prison," said Sutham said he would like to spend most of his time

Thanking all her supporters, Suchira said she will again use her abilities to serve the country, by de-"The detainees naturally felt down-hearted," he said, but "we will never give up. Manypeopleare suffering more than us", he said.
Sutham was a fourth-year student of the Law Facul.

four children. She was a student of Law Faculty of Tham-masat University before being arrested during the veloping democracy.
Suchira is the third child in a family of October 6 riots

Suchat Phacharasoravuth

SUCHAT Phacharasoravuth born on May 7, 1955 was a student of Thammasat University. He spoke just a few words to the Press after he stepped out of prison. "I used to hear very often that I and my colleagues would be released soon. Now I thank the Government for making our hopes come true."
Suchat said that he will continue his course at the university but he could not tell at the moment when. "I HAVE lost my freedom for more than 700 days and now I have it back," said Mahin Tanboon-pherm, born in 1954 in Bangkok and a former leader of Ramkhamhaeng University's students.

He said he was very unhappy while being detained behind the bars since he could not do any good for society. He said he would like the Government to release all other political prisoners.

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Atthakam Upathamphakul

"I AM glad to get back my freedom after having lost it for nearly two years," said student activist of Thammasat University Atthakarn Upathamphakul who was born on October 6, 1955.

Saying that he would like to carry on his study at the university, Atthakam said that he will help as much as possible to better society.

Atthakam was formedy an executive member in charge of public relations of the Thammasat University Students' government as well as outstanding activist during his study at high-school level.

Khongsak Asaphakdi

"I WILL return to my hometown in Buriran and work in a farm," said Khongsak Asaphakdi who was bom on October 1, 1950.

Khongsak was an employee at Srithai Plarmacy shop in Bangkok when he was arrested during October 6, 1976. Khongsak was one among the flour former defendants who are not university students.

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He explained that the two detainees currently detained at Bangkhen Prison were farmers. "I strongly believe that they are innocent," said Thongchai. Thongchai was a vice president of the Thanmasat

University student government. He said he will return He expects to continue his study at the university home to spend most of his time with his family next semester.

stay anywhere. I am happy even in a cell," philoso-phized Orissa Irawanwat, the former leader of a vocational student front. 2 wealthy "I have gained experience. The Orissa Irawanwat

Orissa has long been suffering from a wound on his cheek where a bullet had pierced right through.

His detention was reported world-wide last year when various activist groups sought the help of Amnesty International

- Orissa was born on September 23, 1952. He was shot while hiding in the river at Tha Phrachan.

Seri Sirinuphong

Born in 1940 in Phatthalung Province, Seri Sirin-uphong was an official of the Communications Minis-try's Harbour Department before he was arrested on October 6, 1976.

"I will set forth to take care of my family whom I have left for nearly two years.

"My father is now in a hospital. I have to take good care of him, too," said the former government official. However, he claimed that he still has right to continue his work at the department and is entitled to a promotion. He is thinking of going back to the same department.



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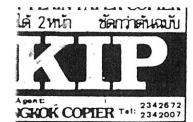
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Premier warns amnestied 19 to behave well

PRIME MINISTER Kriangsak Chomanan yesterday warned the 19 former Oct 6 defendants to be humble in giving interview to the Press and demonstrate proper behaviour to the public.

Addressing the 19 released defendants who called on him at his Bangkhen residence yesterday morning, Gen Kriangsak said: "I believe all of you are loyal to the nation, religion and monarchy and strongly desire to build the country. We must cement our opinions and reasons for the sake of the nation."

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The speech which last about 30 minutes was made to the 19 after they had their breakfast with the Prime Minister, his family and few senior government officials.

Present during down-to-earth talks were the Premier's advisor Dr Arthit Urairat, the Pre-mier's Secretary General

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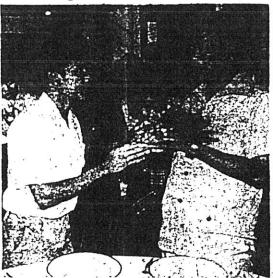
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THE ADVISORY Committce for the Administration Regulations of the Prime Minister will discuss a draft on regulations to control the work of government officials aimed at preventing them from getting lazy on Wednesday.

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for the superintendents of all units of the government agencies to come up with specific schedule for work to be done by their subordinates who will be required to complete their work within a fixed time.

According to the commit-tee, which is chaired by De-puty Prime Minister Sompoh fortrakit, the drafted regula-tions will give emphasis on those government agencies dealing directly with the public.



One of the 19, Sutham Saengprathum, presents a bouquet to Premier Kriangsak upon their arrival at his residence.

Satellite plunges back into atmosphere SHINGTON-Pegasus 1, one of the largest satelver shot into space, plunged back into the atmos-early yesterday over Africa, space agency offi-2 satellite re-entered the earth's atmosphere over rn Angola at 2.12 am EDT (0612 GMT), the Na-Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)

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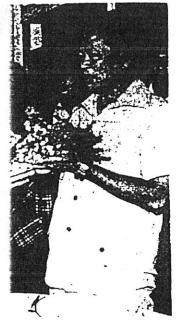
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The 19 former defendants "wai" Prime Minister Kriangsak Chomanan to thank him for the amnesty at his residence.

Celebration time

STUDENTS of eight universities will swarm Thammasat University campus today to participate in a home-coming celebration for the 19 former defendants of the Oct 6 case.

The celebration will be kicked off at 6.00 am with the 19 and their relatives and colleagues as well as Thammasat University Rector Prapas Auychai offering food to 99 monks invited from nearby Wat Mahathat and other temples.

After the religious ceremony, all of them will proceed to Larn Poh in front of the Arts Faculty in the campus to have their breakfast together.

President of Thammasat University Club, Krisdang Nutcharas, will introduce the 19 to people attending the celebration.

At 9.30 am, Rector Prapas will preside over a traditional "Bai Sri" ceremony to welcome the 19 who will later hold talks with interested students until midday.

In the afternoon, two of the 19, Sutham Saengprathum and Surachart Bumrungsuk, both students of Chulalongkorn University will go to their university to meet their teachers.

Chulalongkorn University students also plan a welcome celebration for the two at a lawn near Chakrapong Building in the campus.

The 19 will be invited to King Mongkut's Institute of Technology tomorrow to a celebration at "Sala Virachon" (the Hall of the Heroes), starting from 1.00

On Friday, students of eight universities will again hold a "To the People's Embrace" celebration to well-Continued Page 3

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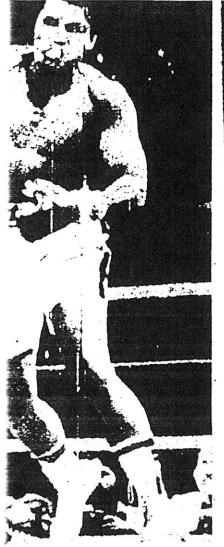
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ROUND FIFTEEN



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Kriangsak turns chef again...

Prime Minister Kriangsak Chomanan turned a chef again yesterday when he went into his kitchen to cook curry fried rice for the 19 former defendants of the Oct 6 case who visited him yesterday at resident to thank him.

Former leader of the National Student Centre of Thailand, Sutham Saengprathum, represented the group in presenting a bouquet of flowers to Gen Kriangsak upon their ar-

chen to cook the rice while some women reporters gave helping hands by passing him spices and dressings.

Sutham and his colleagues, in a jovial mood re-lated their daily lives in prisons. Sutham said he cultivated orchids which were bred by Mr Pichai Vasanasong, who was formely detained at the same prison in connection with the March 26 abortive coup.

Sutham and former labour leader Arom Pongpa-ngan and seven others Kriangsak during

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PRIME MINISTER Kriangsak Chomanan to be humble in giving interview to the Press

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"Isn't it distasteful to see Hanoi dance to the tune of the Kremlin to the extent that it does not!

Hartling told newsmen at Kuala Lumpur airport that he would fly to a refugee camp, housing about 5,000 Vietnamese refugees, on the east coast of Malaysia today to take further measures for the welfare of the refugees.

He said Malaysia was playing an important role in dealing with the problem of resettlement of the Vietnamese refugees passing through this country since the end of the Indochina war in

Since 1975, Malaysia has harboured more than 20,000 refugees, mostly Vietnamese, who fled the Communist rule in their homelands. The arrival of Vietnamese refugees in Malaysia increased this year, and at present more than 13,000 of them are waiting in camps on the east coast for repatriation to westem countries.

Hartling said UNHUK had allocated US\$25 million this year for the care of the refugees in Southeast Asia, and 60 per cent of this sum would be spent in Thailand which was giving shelter to more than 100,000 refugees from Cambodia, Laos and Vietnam.

Hartling later called on Foreign Minister Tengku Ahmad Rithauddeen for talks on the resettlement of the refugees

still remaining here.

United States and Australian officials are currently vetting the refugees for resettlement in their countries at the rate of more than 1,000 a month.

Hartling will also meet Prime Minister Datuk Hussein Onn and Home Minister Tan Sri Ghazalie Shafie before leaving for Singapore on September 20 on the last leg of the tour. He has already visited Thailand, China, Laos and Vietnam.-Reuter

Institute

From Page One !

WARNS

Majesty to clarify the truth to the people," he said.

seeking political support by releasing all of you. I do not want assistance from any body. Releasing you will on the contrary be a risk to me. But I think what I have done is right and just."

that he had no intention of using the 19 as a campaign instrument but "I know very well that some people are trying to use you as an instrument for their interest.'

Gen Kriangsak posed with the 19 for photographers at his residence after the speech. They returned at around 11.00 am.

BREAKFAST

pipat at a separate table.
"I could not sleep well in prison for it was very bright with lights at night but they switched off the lights at my house," Arom told the Premier.

Sutham thanked Gen Kriangsak for "pushing us out of the prison before we expected. And even

one minute of freedom is precious to all of us. Gen Kriangsak and th to the people," he Khunying Virat gave d.

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SUMMIT

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Earlier Begin's press said. The Premier reiterated aide said the American news media were being too optimistic and the Egyptian press too pessimistic about the Camp David summit.

Dan Pattir gave no hint of the state of the talks in a telephone interview with Israel Radio.—Agencies

TALKS

bases from which the United States backed its war effort in Indochina, as well as Hanoi's acceptance of the continued presence here of American forces does not necessarily prevent better relations with Manila.

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soften past criticism of terday and last night's ASEAN as Western-inspir- state banquet, Dong and ed and to seek a closer Marcos are scheduled to relationship to protect its meet on board the presiflanks. Neither side seem dential yacht this evening to believe that Vietnam is during a cruise of Manila interested in joining the Bay. Before that Dong will organisation at present, visit the International Rice

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CELEBRATION

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A "Bai Sri" ceremony will also be held at the university on the same day. The ceremony will be participated by Chulalongkorn University Rector Kasame Suwannakul, students and workers.

SATELLITE

NASA had predicted about 21,000 pounds of the satellite and its attached rocket stage would burn up from re-entry heat, but that about 1,600 pounds of stronger metals might survive and hit the earth although they would be broken into perhaps hundreds of pieces.

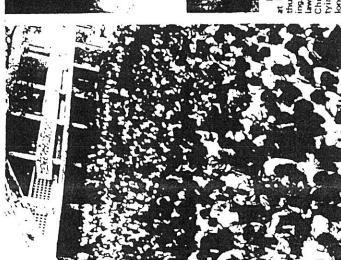
The satellite originally orbited 325 miles up on a path that took it 31 degrees north and 31 degrees south of the equator. It had been tugged back toward earth by atmospheric friction to approaches as close as 158 miles from earth.

Two other Pegasus satellites also were launched in have, 1965. Pegasus 3 re-entered without fanfare in 1969



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planned home-coming party for the 19 former defendants of the October 6 case at Chulalongkorn Universi-

The party, to be co-hosted by ten universities -Chulalongkom, Thammasat, Ramkamhaeng, Kasetsart, Silpakom, Khon Kaen, Prasarnmitr, Mahidol universities, and King Mongkut's Institute of Technology at Bangmod and Lard Krabang, was scheduled for Friday.

Deputy Rector of Chulalongkorn University, Prapanpong Vejjajiva, had earlier turned down the students' request to use the campus for the celebration.

Nine students representing the 10 institutes then went to the Government house where a Cabinet meeting was proceeding and asked to see Minister of the Office of State Universities, Dr Kasem Suwannakul to be informed of the government policy concerning the planned home-coming reception for the 19 former October 6 defendants.

However, the nine were later summoned by Prime Minister Kriangsak into a meeting which lasted from

7.15 to 9.10 pm.

Emerging from the Government House, the nine representatives refused to answer questions put forward by waiting reporters on the results of the meeting saying that a press conference will be held this morning at Chakkrapong Building at Chulalongkorn University.

Gen Kriangsak, however, said later that he disagreed with the proposed home-coming reception to be held at Chulalongkorn and requested the nine student re-

presentatives to give up the idea.

"I did it just for the sake of the country's survival,"

he said, but did not elaborate.

"If they want to hold such a party, they could simply do it at their respective campus," he said.

Asked to comment on the future role of the students he said: "I don't agree with their playing politics. Well, they could become involved after gradua-

"But I am for the idea of activities aimed at upholding democracy on the campus," he added and again did not elaborate.

Early in the day the 19 former defendants were treated to a home-coming reception hosted by the King Mongkut's Institute of Technology (Bangmod) during which the October 14 heroes were also commemorat-

Speeches voicing their determined efforts to fight for justice in the society were also read out during the reception which was preceded by a religious ceremony in the morning.

Picture above shows one of the 19 former defendants, Atthakarn Uppathampakul, receiving flowers from a girl student of King Mongkut Institute of Technology.



lawyers. The poster behind them reads: "Welcome the Innocent People". Deputy Chulalongkom University Rector Prapapong Vejjajiva is shown in the last picture tying a white cord around Sutham's wrist during a "Bai Sri" ceremony at Chulalongkorn University's big auditorium.

Warm welcome for released students

Fake new 5 baht coins found

FAKE sandwichtype five-baht coins were recently discovered for the first-time in circulation in the city a senior Bangkok Bank official said yesterday.

Mr Narongkiat Trachoo of the bank's Financial Section said the fake coins were quite similar to the genuine ones as they all had copper rings around them.

The new genuine five-baht coins made of nickel with a piece of copper sandwiched in-between.

The fake coins has the same size and weigh as the genuine one but the inscriptions of the King and the garuda on both sides of the coin are rough, he said.

Smallpox totally eliminated

THE World Health Organization's offer reward since October last year of US\$1,000 (about 20,000 baht) to any person re-porting the first case of smallpox has so far been unclaimed.

WHO reported that not a single case of smallpox has been found since October last year.

"That is tantamount to the total elimination of smallpox from the world," it said.

MORE THAN 1,000 students from various institutes turned up at Thammasat University yesterday to warmly welcome the 19 former defendants of the Oct 6 case who were released last Saturday.

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celebrants participating in a norhern-style "Bai Sri" œremony.

The celebrants tied white cords around the wrists of the 19 during the ceremony to welcome them back and wish them happiness in their future.

A couple of students stood on the stage to alternately read a poem depicting their steuggle for justice and the regrettable death of their colleagues in their past activities.

Thongbai Thongpao, chief of the lawyers de-Thongpao, fending them during their trial, and three other lawyers were also present at the celebration.

The 19 released defendants were sometimes seen in a jovial mood and sometimes filled with tears when they related their in-volvement in the Oct 6, 1976 incident and their past two years in prison.
The celebrants and the

19 stood silently for one minute to commemorate the fallen students during the Oct 6 incident.

Former leader of the National Student Centre of Thailand (NSCT) Sutham Saengprathum announced to the crowd that his two years in prison had inspired him to continue struggling for justice without regards to suffering or discouragement.

Tearful Thongchai Vinijjakul told the gathering that he felt sorry for the loss of some colleagues but, "today will be the last day that we will cry for them. We will cry no more."

The celebration ended before midday.

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Meanwhile, the home-coming celebration for another two released de-fendants at Ramkhamhaeng University appeared more colourful than at Thammasat and Chulalongkom Universities.

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congratulating the two on their freedom and wishedthem good luck in their

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'Outsiders' can become ambassadors in- a Cabinet session re-

OUTSIDERS, cluding military offi- cently. cers, are expected to be appointed as Thai thrashed out the proambassadors October, sources said yesterday. Two

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SRISAK MEETING HARTLING IN KL

DEPUTY Undersecretary of State for Interior Srisak Thammarak will head a Thai team to Kuala Lumpur today to discuss the refugee problem with United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, Poul Hartling, and senior officials of several other

Pol Maj Gen Srisak who will be accompanied by Foreign Ministry officials said he would urge other third countries to take more Indochinese refugees from Thailand.

"The refusee population in Thailand currently recorded at 140,000 persons is a big burden and we can no longer handle the situation ourselves, he

Srisak yesterday chaired a meeting at the Interior Ministry to discuss vocational and educational assis-tance to refugees at various camps throughout the

The education will be provided by the Education Ministry under financial aid from the UNHCR, he said.





The officials said only that the prime minister had promised to "cooperate with petrochemical-related projects." So as not to stab the foundering Japanese petrochemical industry in the back, they say, the government will have to make better progress in carrying out plans for industrial reorganisation before it could consider entering into such a deal. For obvious political reasons, Fukuda would like to avoid angering voters in his industrial constituencies.

In December, the 73-year-old politician faces the presidential election for his ruling Liberal Democratic Party (which carries with it the premiership). With the domestic economy still sagging badly earlier this year, betting was going heavily in favour of party secretary-general Masayoshi Ohira to force Fukuda into an unwanted one-term retirement (Review, Aug. 25).

Ohira's camp lost an important political test case in an August regional election in which one of his disciples was defeated for a prefectural governorship in the southern island of Shikoku (Kagawa prefecture), so Fukuda has been playing his foreign policy card to the hilt to improve his chances at the polls.

The warm reception Fukuda received in the Middle East adds to an impressive list of diplomatic coups staged in recent months, like the long-pending agreement with South Korea for mutual exploitation of continental shelf resources in June and the equally-delayed conclusion of the Japan-China peace and friendship treaty in mid-August.

Along with these diplomatic mopping-up operations, the politically cagey premier can point to his less substantial but nevertheless widely-publicised overtures to Asean, to the US in the past year and to fellow advanced industrial nations at the July Bonn summit as evidence that his "multi-directional" foreign policy strategy is alive and well.

With Fukuda's political stock on the rise, a growing number of political analysts here are clearly plumping for the incumbent. "In terms of domestic politics it doesn't really matter if Fukuda can make good on all his pledges including those concerning the Middle East," says one source. "What really counts now is that he has effectively stolen his rivals' thunder."

THAILAND

Paving the way to the polls

The 'Thammasat 18' are freed as Kriangsak clears the decks for a national election

By Richard Nations

Bangkok: Thai Premier Kriangsak Chamanand's unprecedented move in personally introducing an amnesty bill to the National Assembly to free the "Thammasat 18," who had been on trial in a martial law court on charges of treason, communist conspiracy and lese majeste, is seen as an effort by the prime minister to sweep away the political debris from the last military coup two years ago before a return to elected government.

The bill, which passed all three readings before the assembly in one morning session, granted amnesty not only to those on trial, but to "all offenders involved in the demonstrations at Thammasat University" on October 6, 1976. The prime minister was quoted in the English-language daily, The Nation Review, as saying it was intended to cover "those who fled to the jungle, the village scouts, the policemen and officials involved in the operations at Thammasat University that day."

The amnesty law has divided opinion in the country. Some in the cabinet wanted this political thorn removed, but disagreed with the means. Many felt the trial should be allowed to run its course so that the traditional amnesty on the king's birthday could be considered. This would avoid interfering with the judicial process. Others opposed the amnesty on political grounds.

The influential English-language Bangkok Post gives a flavour of this opinion: "Suspicion has been voiced that [Kriangsak] may be trying to seek the political favour of the leftists... Enactment of the amnesty bill... could cost the prime minister support of the numerous right-wing groups and all the effort he has put into bringing about national reconciliation could be endangered as the right and left again line up in confrontation as the October 6 and October 14 anniversaries approach."

Kriangsak, however, has told the press that if he was not prepared to risk opposition he would not be prime minister in the first place. The timing of the move is viewed by some observers as evidence of Kriangsak's own confidence in his power just when the annual October mi-

litary appointments are being decided, indicating the premier feels he has little to worry about from rightwing elements in the military who will see the amnesty as appeasement.

Moreover, the prime minister was able to claim that the king has been encouraging him to find a solution to the Thammasat issue for some time. After the bill was passed, Kriangsak flew south to meet King Bhumibol at the Taksin Palace. He returned to disclose long-standing royal support for an amnesty.

There are good reasons for clearing up the Thammasat affair before the return to open politics. Despite over a year of trial testimony, no convincing evidence has surfaced to substantiate the state's charges of communist conspiracy and treason. On the contrary, much of the prosecution's own testimony has raised questions over the role of heavily-armed border patrol and special police units as well as ultra-rightist groups in Thammasat University campus on the morning of October 6.

The amnesty law has the clear advantage of settling the whole affair expediently. But there are risks involved. By truncating the trial, as the Bangkok Post pointed out, "the government opens itself to the accusation that it may not actually have had a case against the defendants, with connotations that they have been unjustly held all this time and with the result that they could try to make of this a great deal which would be to their own but not the national interest."

The Thai Communist Party has claimed the amnesty as a victory for the people, who forced the government to cave in to popular pressure and release the defendants. Whether the student movement itself will try to make quick political capital out of the 18's release remains to be seen. The day after their release Kriangsak invited all the former defendants to breakfast at his home, where he cautioned them to return to their studies and abjure violence.

But the remarks of former National Student Centre of Thailand leader Sutham Saengprathum illustrate the masterful ambiguity with which the students have evaded questions about their political intentions: "Two years in jail have made me conscious about contributing the right things to society. I have struggled for the right things and I will continue the struggle."