

# King of Thailand Gives Approval To New Rightist-Military Regime

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BANGKOK, Thailand, Oct. 22—King Phumiphol Aduldet approved today a 17-member civilian Government dominated by the right-wing and military and a new Constitution with no specific guarantees of civil or human rights.

The new Government contains several private citizens with no ministerial experience, and the first two women cabinet ministers in the nation's history.

It is heavily weighted with the military—two of the top members of the junta or Administrative Reform Committee that has ruled until now were named to the key positions of Deputy Prime Minister and Defense Minister and an air marshal will be Minister of Industry.

Admiral Sa-ngad Chaloryu, head of the 24-member junta, will be Defense Minister and Gen. Boonchai Bamroongphong, the former army commander in chief, and another senior member of the junta, will be Deputy Prime Minister.

## Ex-Judge Heads Regime

The Government is headed by Thanin Kraivichien, a 49-year-old former Supreme Court justice who was named Prime Minister by the junta soon after it seized power in a coup on Oct. 6.

The Government was sworn in by the King this afternoon and began functioning immediately. There was no indication, however, that the junta intended to hold all legislative power until it appointed a national assembly, probably next month, and after that would exercise only "advisory powers."

Nevertheless, the presence of Admiral Sa-ngad and General Boonchai in the new Cabinet and the selection of the ministers themselves from the most conservative elements in Thai politics and society, indicate little likelihood of friction between the Government and the junta behind it.

The new Government includes several members of the so-called Committee of

99, a right-wing group of business leaders formed after the 1973 student revolution that overthrew the last military government, that of Field Marshal Thanom Kittikachorn. These include the new Minister of Communications, Khunying Lursakdi Sampatisiri, the woman who headed the White Bus Company before all the bus companies were taken over by the Government and placed under the Ministry of Communications.

## U.S. Envoy Is Foreign Minister

The new Foreign Minister will be Thailand's Ambassador to the United States, Uppadhit Pajariyangkul, who is believed acceptable to the new military rulers following several civilian foreign ministers who many military officials felt were too conciliatory to the neighboring regimes in Indochina.

Considerable concern was expressed in some quarters tonight over the appointment of Samak Sunthornvej as the new Minister of the Interior with authority over the police, internal security and immigration as well as all local administrations. He has been accused of a penchant to satisfy personal grudges, particularly against members of the outspoken Thai press with whom he has clashed repeatedly in the past, and against leftist intellectuals and politicians whom he managed to alienate in his years as a legislator and deputy interior minister.

Some Western diplomats and liberal politicians said that Mr. Samak's appointment might intensify the already growing roundup of liberals and leftists.

Thailand's 10th Constitution since the absolute monarchy was abolished in the 1932 coup excludes the extensive bill of rights promulgated in the ninth constitution after the overthrow of the last military regime by students in October 1973. Instead, it speaks only of guarantees of "rights and freedoms in accordance with the law."



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King Phumiphol Aduldet signing draft copy of Thailand's new constitution

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