

# SEATO Faced With Serious Challenge; Hampers Freedom

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 United Press International  
 London—SEATO, the Southeast Asia Treaty Organization, has been confronted with a severe challenge that may seriously hamper its freedom of action against Communist subversion in the treaty area.

The challenge has come from SEATO's secretary general, Nai Pote Sarasin, who declared subversive activities the responsibility of a member country's own national forces.

Sarasin, a former provisional prime minister of Thailand who is on an official visit of Australia, was reported from Canberra today to have termed political coups a "domestic affair" of the country in which they occur, which could not involve other members.

It appears this interpretation would limit SEATO's right of intervention, for instance, in the event of a Communist-engineered or backed coup in a member country.

The issue has been spotlighted by the recent Baghdad coup which confronted the Baghdad Pact nations with the crucial question of whether or not to intervene in Iraq through the Feisal government.

Opposed Iraq Intervention  
 The Baghdad nations came to the conclusion at a meeting in London a fortnight ago against intervention because the rebel regime was considered to have the support of the people of Iraq and because it was held to be in full control of the country. Also it at once pledged itself to honor existing international commitments.

Sarasin now reportedly holds the view that a political

coups in a SEATO member country, in principle, would not involve other members. Other member nations could not take action unless they were asked by the threatened government. Even then, they would not be obliged to go to its aid under the treaty arrangements, he stated, according to the reports today.

Some observers argued that if, for example, a Communist coup should remove the ruling regime in a SEATO country by a lightning stroke, the "threatened government" would no longer have a chance to invoke SEATO assistance.

**Arouse Considerable Interest**  
 There would be, in this interpretation no room for SEATO intervention, even if the ousted regime could have invoked it.

**Ashland Children Narrowly Missed By Heavy Trucks**  
 Ashland — Two Ashland children narrowly escaped serious injury and possible death earlier this week in incidents involving trucks.

Tuesday evening a two-and-a-half-year-old girl turned and ran the other way when she saw a truck headed in her direction.

The unattended truck rolled down Iowa st., smashed through the carport at the Alvin J. Brown home, 295 Iowa st., crossed the patio, and came to rest in the dining room of the Fred Frederick home, 235 Hillcrest. Damage to the two houses was estimated at \$3,450.

Early the following morning Robert Cope, three-year-old son of Dr. and Mrs. B. A. Cope, 717 Roca st. was nearly struck by a truck while strolling about the city before 4:30 o'clock. A truck driver told police he swerved his vehicle to avoid hitting what he thought to be a dog in the street.

Robert, unmissed by his parents, was found by a private citizen. The boy, wearing only a T shirt and carrying a wet diaper was taken to the police station. After lengthy questioning officers determined that Robert's last name was Cope, and called his surprised parents.

When questioned, the adventurer revealed that he was on his way to visit a lady who frequently baby sits for the family.

These views have been received with considerable interest in government quarters. Britain appears to agree with the broad outlines of this interpretation of SEATO's Thai secretary general.

A Foreign Office spokesman let it be understood that he had "no quarrel" with this viewpoint.

But views within the treaty organization were expected to be divided.

Some of the Western SEATO nations were expected to accept the interpretation only with considerable reservations.

The text of the treaty itself is hazy on this point, according to expert opinion.

**Drivers Licenses Suspended Listed**  
 Salem — The department of motor vehicles has released names of 373 drivers whose licenses were ordered suspended during the period beginning Aug. 4 and ending Aug. 8.

Length of suspension varies, depending on charges involved, recommendation of court, discretionary action by the department or requirements of Oregon law. The department said some of the licenses involving financial responsibility and court recommendations may have been re-instated after suspension was ordered.

The department warned drivers that the penalty for driving while suspended is a jail sentence of no less than two days and up to six months, and there may be imposed a fine up to \$500. Under licensing procedures, this will also result in an additional year of suspension.

Those suspended in Jackson county were:



## The Family Council

Editor's note: The Family Council consists of a judge, a psychiatrist, three clergymen, a newspaper editor, a women's editor and two writers. Each article is a summary of an actual report. The Family Council does not give advice; it merely reports on problems that have been dealt with by responsible agencies and counselors.

**Mildred S.** — I want to move away from Mother.  
**Lionel S.** — She should tell her mother off.

**Mildred S.** — I am 25 and have been married eight years. I have three children and I'm old enough, I hope, to have a right to my own life.

My mother doesn't seem to think I have any rights at all. She thinks she still owns me and that what's mine is hers. She takes over my home and children whenever she feels like it. The other day four of her friends arrived at my house unexpectedly. They said my mother invited them and was supposed to meet them there.

I just don't feel I can take it any longer. I have begged my husband to pull up stakes and get us to another community so I don't have to deal with my mother. He refuses to do this.

**Lionel S.** — It has taken me eight full years to get where I want in the firm I am working for. Mildred says I can get a job somewhere else. Maybe. But she doesn't understand how you have to fight to get into the position you want.

Besides, it seems crazy to me that we should have to move from a home we like because we've got to run away from a senseless old woman. Why can't Mildred tell her

off once and for all. When I tell her to do that she says, "Oh, I could never talk like that to my mother."

What it comes to is that because Mildred is too scared to talk back to her mother, we have to pay through the nose.

The Council: We agree with Lionel that running away to another community is no way to tackle the problem of a domineering mother.

What's to stop Mother from running after?

This problem should be dealt with in a forthright manner. This does not mean to "tell Mother off" or even to "talk back." Drastic methods would not be necessary at all if Mildred were able to behave in a firm, clear-minded manner.

Unfortunately, Mildred is still a frightened child in relation to her mother. This may be partly her mother's fault, but it is also her own. She has been hiding a lot of the resentment she feels toward her mother deep in her heart. Some of it may be rightful resentment and some may be just a carry-over from a pattern of early childhood.

It is time for Mildred to separate reasonable anger from the unreasonable kind and to face her mother honestly and plainly about some aspects of their relationship. She has every right to tell her mother that she cannot permit her home to be used as a waiting depot for the older woman's friends.

She must tell her mother that her home and her children are her own domain and she will tolerate no intrusion. The older woman may be upset at first, but if she loves her daughter and has some judgment she will soon see the justice of Mildred's position.

Mildred can't now speak to her mother honestly because she fears the full impact of her anger will be unleashed if she allows any anti-Mother emotion to escape.

But if she gets a little of it off her chest in a reasonable cause, she may find that some of her more loving feelings toward her mother will rise to the surface and the two women will be able to enjoy a more peaceful relationship. (Copyright 1958, General Features Corp.)

## Three Injured in Accident Near Trail

A two-car accident on Highway 62 near Elk creek Wednesday afternoon resulted in minor injuries to the three occupants of one of the vehicles according to state police.

Charles Ray Sitzer, 56, Elvira Sitzer, 27, and William Ray Sitzer, 3, all of Trail, suffered minor injuries when their car was struck in the left side by a vehicle operated by Lawrence Austin Heaton, 18, of Grants Pass, police said.

Officers said that both cars were traveling toward Medford when Sitzer attempted to turn from the road to the Sunset on the Rogue store. Heaton was reportedly attempting to pass at that time and ran into the turning car. His vehicle sustained front-end damage but he was not injured, officers said.

Columbia is the only South American nation which has seaboard on both the Atlantic and Pacific.

## Tea House Dance Set For Week End

Theta Tau Alpha, Tri Hi Y, has scheduled a "Tea House of the August Moon" dance this week end. The dance is a fund-raising project to help the club raise money to send delegates to the Silver Creek convention, a YMCA officer-training camp.

Scheduled Aug. 16 at the YMCA building from 7:30 to 11:30 p.m., the dance will feature a local singing group, the Shadows, from St. Mary's High School.

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