Red China Appears To Be Behind Subversion Campaign in Thailand

Vientiane–(UPI) – Communist China appears to be behind a three-sided campaign of subversion, infiltration and propaganda in the staunchly pro-western kingdom of Thailand.

The Thais have been counted safe for the West. They are the only southeast Asian people who never have been troubled by a serious threat from within by communist guerrillas.

But the "land of the free", as the Thais call their country, stayed that way largely because Laos shielded it from the impact of the communist world.

Buffer Crumbling

Now the buffer has begun to crumble, and these cracks have started to appear in Thailand's armor:

–Infiltration into the poverty - stricken northeastern provinces with the avowed aim of winning their primarily Laotian inhabitants to a neutral Laos.

–A propaganda campaign carried out by regular communist cells and also over powerful radio transmitters inside Red China.

– A program to stir up minority tribesmen in Thailand's northwestern provinces, carried on largely by agents from similar tribes in China.

The last threat is by far the least known. The reports which reach Vientiane come from travelers who have had contact with police in northwestern Thailand.

Spreading Discontent

According to these travelers, Thai police say the communist - indoctrinated tribesmen move down from China through northern Laos and Burma, to spread discontent among Thai minorities.

The situation can be expected to become more serious with the recent capture by Laotian rebels of most remaining Laotian towns near Thailand's northwest frontier.

One of these towns is Muong Sing, the old "city of lions" and traditional capital of many border tribes.

It lies just seven miles from Red China.

The Communist propaganda threat has been publicized recently by Thailand and stepped up by the Chinese.

Thai police made headlines recently by rounding up a communist cell in Bangkok itself.

Peiping, meanwhile, has begun propaganda broadcasts over a clandestine transmitter which calls itself "the voice of the people of Thailand."

Line Soft Pedaled

The Thai government says the station is located in the Sip Song Pan Na Thai autonomous state in South China. The radio soft pedals the communist line and attacks instead the "oppression" of field Marshal Sjrit Thanarat's government.

The most immediate of the Red-supported threat is a "separatist" movement in northeast Thailand.

The government arrested 350 suspects there last year alone, according to Bangkok newspapers. The papers also reported the capture of arms, and several running gun battles between separatists and police.

This movement leans heavily on the pro-communist Pathet Lao rebels in northern Laos, who are accused by the Thai government of supplying arms and instructors to the rebels.

Most northeasterners are tied by blood and customs to Laos. The separatists take advantage of this to stir up opposition to the "Siamese" government in Bangkok.

Looks Much Larger

Small though the movement is, the chances of Red Chinese involvement make it look much larger in the eyes of western diplomats.

There are even signs that Peiping is already grooming its candidate for the dictatorship of a communist Thailand.

He is Pridi Panomyong, a radical politican who was in and out of power as Thailand's prime minister and royal regent from 1932 to 1948.

Pridi left his country under a cloud of charges that he was a communist and a conspirator in the 1946 murder of King Ananda Mahidol.

The Thai government charges that he has been with the communists ever since, and is now the guiding spirit behind "the voice of the people of Thailand."

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4-H News

Ranchers Horse Club

The Ranchers 4-H club of Lake Creek held their first organized ride recently.

We arrived at Lauramay Noble's play field at noon, where a welcome fire and lunch waited. The business meeting was called to order by President Tom Perry. Club Leader Mr. Perry presented Lauramay with a advancement certificate, that certifies Lauramay has achieved the rank of a 4-H Horseman.

Members who placed at the Desert Pegasus Spring horse show May 20 were seniors: Pole bending, stake race–Bill Hoefft first, Mark Flint fourth; scurry – Lauramay Noble first; Texas barrels – Lauramay Noble second, Bill Hoefft fourth; junior: scurry–Tom Hoefft fourth; Texas barrel–Tom Hoefft third.

Bob Bonner, Bill Hoefft and Lauramay Noble each placed in the musical chair and Bill Hoefft tied for the senior trophy.

Gordon Soffell participated in the Southern Oregon horse show at Grants Pass May 27, bringing home several ribbons for the Gymkhana events.

After the business meeting and horsemanship practice, despite the bad weather, the awaited call "mount up" found 15 members, two leaders and junior leader in the saddle for their return trip home.

Next club meeting will be June 9, at Mr. Perry's home, with Cheryle and Nancy Stanley on refreshment committee.

Lauramay Noble,
Reporter

Smart Cookies

The Smart Cookies 4-H cooking club held their meeting at Mrs. Florey's home on May 29. Sally McKay led us in the pledge of allegiance and Corinne Florey led us in the 4-H pledge.

There were 12 members present. For roll call we answered by saying if we could participate in the prefair. We discussed going to the prefair. We also discussed having a swimming party.

Refreshments were served by Alice Minger.

John Gilham,
Reporter

Scout News

Troop 40

Central Point – A camp preview meeting was held for the parents of the members of Boy Scout Troop 40 recently. The senior scouts of the unit told of the highlights of the camp and the activities that take place there.

After the camp preview a traditional ceremony was held for Steve Wikan. A Court of Honor was then held with the following boys receiving merit badges: Martin Stockdale, citizenship in the home; Russel Morris, reading; Charles Akins, farm arrangement and home repairs; Ernie Irons, poultry keeping, sculpture, and basketry.

Erwin Akins received his second class badge. First class badges were presented to two patrol leaders, Russell Morris and David Kingslein.

Tenderfoot investures were Larry Brothers, Fred Strous, and Eddie Dillon.

After the meeting the senior scouts served refreshments.

TRAINING OPERATION

Four valley Navymen are participating in Exercise Pork Barrel, a 10-day Navy training operation off the coast of southern California.

Serving aboard the attack aircraft carrier USS Oriskany are Richard G. Brown airman apprentice, son of Mrs. Helen F. O'Rourke, 113 Laurel st., Medford, and D. D. Simmons, seaman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton W. Simmons, 319 South C st., Eagle Point.

Serving aboard the guided missile light cruiser USS Topeka are Donald H. Courtright, 804 Cedar st., Medford, and Norman G. Adkins, hospitalman apprentice, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kendrl J. Dufur, 637 Fifth ave., Gold Hill.

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