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KOREA.

I understand that Field Marshal Pibul is greatly perplexed over the preparation and equipment of the Siamese "combat team" offered for Korea, and that no practical steps have yet been taken to prepare this force, apart from the appropriation of a sum of 18 million ticals to cover expenditure thereon.

2. The United Nations have asked Siam for 40,000 tons of rice for Korea of which delivery of 20,000 tons is requested in October, the remainder to be supplied as required. It is the Siamese intention to comply with this request but the Government is said to be worried about the cost of supplying such a quantity.

3. All shades of Siamese opinion have been greatly and beneficially affected by the good news of recent United Nations successes in Korea, and many prominent people who, a month ago feared that Siam had backed the wrong horse, are now very much more cheerful.

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