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MMH:

Of the various aspects of the political situation in Siam set forth in the monthly report under reference, one only merits comment. The despatch contains further information in regard to Siamese-Japanese relations.

1. The police are diligently suppressing undertakings on the part of Chinese organizations in Bangkok to boycott Japanese goods, the principal alleged reason being that the Siamese Government does not wish to lose the rice export trade with Japan.

2. In January appeared for the first time the Japan-Siam Monthly, a magazine issued in Siamese by the Japan-Siam Association of Bangkok.

3. On January 5 it was announced in the press that a fund of yen 3,000 annually was to be donated by Mr. Tadao Okazaki, president of the Japan-Siam Society of Kobe,

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to provide for the visit of ten Siamese students each year to Japan. The students would be selected by the local Japanese Legation.

4. On January 24 the Siamese Chronicle announced that the Siamese postal authorities had authorized carriage of mail from Siam on ships of the Osaka Shosen Kaisha, which run from Bangkok to Japan. The Japanese ships will carry mails for Japan, China, Australia, and America, which formerly were shipped to Hong Kong for transshipment.

5. The Minister of Defense in an interview published in the London Times of December 12 stated that two gunboats and four submarines are now being built in Japan for Siam and will be ready by next April. In the Bangkok Times of January 20 it was reported that the Government will shortly place an order for the construction of two cruisers valued at $5,720,000. It has not yet been decided whether the contract shall be awarded to the Italian firm Supan Phanich or to the Mitsui Bussan Kaisha.

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I. POLITICAL RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES.

(Nothing to report.)

II. POLITICAL RELATIONS WITH OTHER COUNTRIES.

British Consul General Departs.

Mr. John Bailey, British Consul General to Siam, who first came here as a consular official in December 1907, left Siam to return to England on January 26th. It was announced until after Mr. Bailey's departure that he would not return to Siam. Through his long residence here and by a knowledge of the language he had attained a position equalled by few members of the diplomatic and consular corps.

Danish Consul General Retires

Mr. Hakon Christiansen, Danish Consul in Bangkok and local general manager of the East Asiatic Company (Danish), left Bangkok January 22nd to return to Copenhagen, retiring permanently from the local consular position, which he has held, with intermissions, since May 1927.

Chinese Volunteers from Siam

During January local newspapers reported the departure of three small contingents of Chinese, totalling about five hundred, for China as volunteers to fight against Japan. The KRUNGDEB VARASAB of January 27th stated

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stated that one group included four young Siamese men. Another group (KRUNGDEB VARASAB, January 29th) included six Cantonese girls who were to serve as nurses. With reference to the Siamese volunteers, the newspaper called the attention of the Siamese Government to the report, with the suggestion that it should prevent Siamese from entering the conflict.

Anti-Japanese Boycotting Suppressed

Reports in vernacular newspapers indicate that there are Chinese organizations operating in Bangkok with the purpose of boycotting Japanese goods and threatening violence to Chinese who deal in imports from Japan. At the same time, the police are diligently suppressing these undertakings, and it is reported that the desire of the Siamese Government not to lose the rice export trade with Japan is the basis for its concern. At the present only Japanese companies, Mitsui and Mitsubishi, are engaged in exporting Siamese rice to Japan. It is difficult to estimate at present the extent to which the boycotting is affecting Japanese trade here, but the Legation will watch the situation and report developments.

Siam-Japan Monthly

The first issue of the Japan-Siam Monthly, a magazine issued in Siamese by the Japan-Siam Association of Bangkok, appeared in January. The magazine sells at Baht 0.20 per copy. The first issue contained a copy of the treaty between Siam and Japan, an address by Mr. Kuramatsu Murai,

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Japanese Minister to Siam, commemorating fifty years of friendly relations between Siam and Japan, data for Japanese language study, and other information intended to promote friendship for Japan.

Fund Donated for Siamese Students to Visit Japan

The PRAMUAN WAN of January 15th announced that a fund of Yen 3,000 annually was to be donated by Mr. Tadao Okazaki, President of the Japan-Siam Society of Kobe, to provide for the visit of ten Siamese students each year to Japan. The announcement added that the students would be selected by the local Japanese Legation and that the initial trip would be made in March of this year.

Export of Siamese Rice to Cuba

The BANGKOK TIMES of January 9th in reporting the hearings of the Assembly for the preceding day included inquiries about the export of Siamese rice to Cuba:

> "Nai Deb wanted to know why Cuba did not buy Siamese rice.
>
> The Deputy Minister for Economic Affairs replied that Cuba had issued certain regulations governing importation of rice into that country, which showed a tariff preference to those countries which were buying Cuba's products up to fifty per cent. or more of the rate of their export to Cuba. Cuba's main exports were sugar and coffee, neither of which was imported into Siam. Even if Siam desired to import sugar and coffee from Cuba the percentage could not exceed twenty-five per cent. of its export of rice to Cuba and therefore Siam would still have to pay the higher rate of tariff for its rice. The Minister added, in reply to a further question, that negotiations in regard to these tariffs were still going on between Siam and Cuba. He also mentioned that the rice trade between Siam and Cuba had not been completely severed, as the questioner believed it to be. A certain percentage of local rice still went to Cuba.

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III. INTERNAL POLITICAL ACTIVITIES.

Closing of ISSARA and LAK MUANG; Strike of Nai Narindr.

On January 12th the ISSARA (see December political report - page 14) was indefinitely closed as a result of withdrawal of the licenses of the proprietor (Nai Narindr Phasit), editor, and advertising manager. On January 13th the LAK MUANG, as it had the same proprietor, editor, and advertising manager as the ISSARA, was obliged to close down.

Considering himself unduly harrassed by the censorship authorities, Nai Narindr, after the closing down of his newspapers, announced a sit-down and hunger strike, declaring he would fast unto death. For carrying on the strike he first located on the front lawn of the Ministry of the Interior, but upon hints from the police that he might be arrested for violation of the law he voluntarily withdrew one evening to the Phramane Ground (the former site of royal cremations, now used as a public park). All of his doings were minutely described by the newspapers.

On January 20th a parade was arranged in Nai Narindr's honor by Nai Thavat Riddhidej, who was described by the newspapers as "the tramway politician" and "the Labor leader". The parade, which took place along Rajadamnoen Road, was, according to the SIAM CHRONICLE, "peaceful but disorganized". It was afterwards reported that the Chief of Police had followed the parade in plain clothes, riding in a taxi tricycle and unrecognized. Nai Thavit failed to lead the parade and was not present at the meeting to address it, as he was detained by the police on the charge of distributing pamphlets not duly approved by the police licens and

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and for calling together a public meeting without first notifying the police. The meeting, which took place in the park immediately after the parade and near the spot where Nai Narindr was located, was attended, according to the CHRONICLE, by more pressmen and police than laborers. After it had commenced, a policeman brought word that Nai Thavit could not be present. Thereupon, Nang Sara, the daughter of Nai Narindr, who has also engaged in newspaper work but fallen a victim of censorship, delivered a "stirring speech". Listeners included the Minister of the Interior and several Assemblymen.

On January 22nd Nang Sara led a parade, almost entirely of young people, to the Assembly but did not enter, and, waiting outside the gates, tried to intercept the members and question them when they left. The gathering was not a large one and, though a bit noisy, kept under control, as adequate police service was present, giving directions and making a few arrests.

The strike was discussed in the national Assembly on January 22nd and also given attention in the Bangkok municipal assembly. In the former, the Minister of the Interior said that "The Government always desired to maintain the liberty of the press but wanted newspapers to pursue a policy within the four corners of the Press Act."

After some days Nai Narindr weakened from his strike and was removed in an unconcious state to the thospital, with his life in danger, but he eventually recovered. He was persuaded by Assembly members to desist from his fast unto death. Though failing to obtain restoration of his license

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license to own a newspaper, it would seem that he accomplished his purpose in creating public interest in the subject of censorship. Regardless of the humor in the situation, he was referred to as a "famous man" in the Assembly, and mentioned in the newspapers as a "hero" and a "martyr." While public opinion was awakened by the incident, it is impossible to say at present whether it will bring about a more liberal press policy.

The Navy

The following is quoted from the BANGKOK TIMES of January 20th:

"According to THE NATION the Government will shortly place an order for the construction of two cruisers valued at over seventeen million ticals. The contract to be awarded lies between an Italian firm and a Japanese firm. The former is represented by Messrs. Supan Phanich Co. and the latter by Messrs. Mitsui Bussan Kaisha, Ltd.

There has been no official confirmation or denial of the report.

Petty Dignitaries to be Abolished

The SIAM CHRONICLE of January 5th reported plans for abolition of offices of certain local petty dignitaries as follows:

"EXIT THE KAMNANS AND PHYUBAIBANS?
Government Evolving New Police Scheme.

'Kamnans', 'Phuyaibans' and other petty dignitaries, under the time-honoured institution of communal administration, may gradually fade out of the social picture in Siam, according to reports in the local papers today.

It is stated that the Government intends to evolve

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to evolve a scheme of abolishing positions now held by these village headmen, with an annual increase in the police force all over the Kingdom.

This programme is also expected to relieve the Amphur authorities of much of their police duties and to limit themselves to general administrative work.

The Kamnan(s) are administrative officials ranking below nai amphur and above phuyaiban. A nai amphur has authority over an amphur, which is a jurisdictional subdivision of a changvad, or province. The phuyaiban has authority over the next smaller jurisdictional area, or tambol. A kamnan generally has charge over a small number of tambol and the phuyaiban in his area are answerable to him. Kamnan and phuyaiban are regarded as special civil servants without fixed salaries. They receive certain immunities from taxes and certain rewards in relation to the carrying out of their duties. Their offices are generally of long tenure.

The contemplated change will obviously increase centralization of authority and alter the social and political order of the provincial life in a marked degree.

Political Parties

The SIAM CHRONICLE of January 15th reported that elective members of the Assembly were bringing the subject of establishment of political parties before the Council of Ministers and urging that plans be announced and preliminary steps taken for organization of parties. The following is an excerpt from the CHRONICLE article:

"According to the SIAM NIKORN, certain quarters are of the opinion that the police force

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force is not yet ready to cope with the problems arising out of the establishment of party politics and that authoritative quarters may approve of such a measure towards the expiry of the ten years of political transition as provided in the Constitution.

It will be recalled that the problem of political parties has been raised time and again in the past and recently the Director-General of Police considered the matter carefully and gave out a statement in favour of postponing such a step until a few years later.

The SRI KRUNG of January 28th announced that a certain prominent statesman (understood to be Luang Pibul Songgram, Minister of Defense) had informed one of its reporters that organization of political parties was being considered by the administration, and that most probably only three parties would be permitted. The newspaper added that a bill relating to the subject would be brought before the assembly near the end of B.E. 2482, i.e., before the end of March, 1940.

Political Prisoners

The SRI KRUNG of January 2nd announced that a fourth group of political prisoners, fifty-three in number, had been assigned to the Ministry of Defense for training before being released. No announcement was made as to the total number already released, which is understood to be about seventy-five (see September political report).

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IV. COURSE OF LEGISLATION.

Assembly

The Siamese Assembly of the People's Representatives held eight meetings during January, on the 1st, 4th, 8th, 11th, 15th, 22nd, and 29th.

During the month there was little definite progress in legislation. The questionings, discussions, and motions and bills introduced related in the main to provincial affairs, in which the new, elective members were interested and took most of the initiative. Most of the bills that came up for consideration were rejected, but a few were approved in principle and referred to the Council of Ministers.

The approved bills included two introduced by the Minister of Defense in relation to the defense service; one of these dealt with the appointment of aides-de-camp to the king, and the other with military discipline. An anti-noise bill was also approved in principle. The other approved bills were generally of a private nature. The rejected bills included proposed amendments to the Press Act, the Law of Weights and Measures, the Opium Act, the Administrative Act, and the Judicial Service Act, a bill proposing the abolition of changvads, and a bill to permit the carrying of firearms by all.

"What Happens When Ministers Resign?"

At the meeting of the Assembly on January 4th, an elective member introduced a motion for a debate to interpret Section 51 of the Constitution, as to whether

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ministers upon resignation should continue in office until the duties were taken over by a successor. Luang Dhamrong Navasvasti, Minister of the Interior, indicated that ministers should certainly remain in office until relieved, the procedure being established by tradition. After this explanation the motion was withdrawn.

In an editorial of January 5th, entitled "What Happens When Ministers Resign?", the SIAM CHRONICLE referred to the crisis of December 1937, which lasted about a fortnight, and stated that during that time all members had continued to transact their duties as usual.

The conduct of ministers during the crisis of July and August 1937 (see July political report - last sentence on page 7) had evidently created the question, but no reference to this crisis was made either in the hearings or in the newspapers.

Election of Kamnan and Phuyaiban Proposed

In the meeting of the Assembly on January 15th an elective member introduced a bill amending the Administration Act, in which provision was made for election of kamnan and phuyaiban for five-year terms. The SIAM CHRONICLE (January 17th) reported the hearings in part as follows:

> The sponsor introduced his Bill, explaining it at great length. The measure he proposed was to amend the Administration Act, concerning the kamnan and phuyaiban, who, according to the Bill, should be elected every five years.
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> As it is, most of the kamnan and phuyaiban enjoy their term of office throughout their life and their activities were open to question. In many cases, he alleged, these officials took bribes from people and, if according to the law, the people

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the people tried to petition to the authorities, the influence of these kamnan and phuyaiban in their respective areas would upset the purpose of such petitions.

In opposing the bill, the Minister of the Interior claimed that the kamnan and phuyaiban were good and loyal to the people, and claimed that the present law contained satisfactory provisions for expulsion of such officials from office in case of dishonesty.

After the debate the bill was rejected.

The subject arose again in the hearings of January 25th, upon which the BANGKOK TIMES (January 26th) reported as follows:

> Nai Dab Sanguan asked the Government if it were not possible to give a fixed rate of pay to village chiefs, and also to afford them opportunities for further training.
>
> The Minister of Interior replied that village chiefs were elected by the people because of their popularity and because the people felt they could be trusted. Their training was carried out from time to time in amphur and changvad offices. In regard to a fixed rate of pay this was not possible as it would cost too much money, and it would merely mean the imposition of further taxes on the people who would be called upon to bear the extra financial responsibility. At present village-chiefs earned a sufficient income through the payment to them of commission for the collection of taxes, and it depended on their efforts how much commission they earned. A village which produced good crops, naturally paid more taxes; and hence an active village chief could earn a lot of money.

Motion Relating to Control of Newspapers

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On January 23rd a motion was introduced before the Assembly by Nai Bhol Saensradi, of Khonkaen, an elective member, for a general debate on control of the press. The motion was regarded as too controversial and was voted

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voted down. Nai Bhol later announced his intention of reintroducing the motion before the meeting of January 29th, but failed to do so. The prospect of debate on the subject occasioned much interest in newspaper circles, as it seemed probable that severe criticism of the Government's present attitude toward the press would be voiced by some of the elective members if a debate were permitted.

(At the meeting of February 23rd Nai Bhol announced that he would withdraw the motion).

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V. GOVERNMENT FINANCE.

Currency Reserve

The Siamese currency reserve remained unchanged through December, totalling Baht 163,856,036 at the end of the month. This amount covered notes in circulation to the value of Baht 143,432,498.

Treasury Balance

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The Siamese Minister of Finance reported the treasury balance at the end of October as Baht 72,003,005, of which Baht 24,502,922 was held in Siam and Baht 47,500,083 abroad (GOVERNMENT GAZETTE, December 13th).

The treasury balance at the end of November was reported as Baht 70,506,928, of which Baht 25,190,588 was held in Siam and Baht 45,316,340 abroad.

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VI. GENERAL ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL CONDITIONS.

Rice Crop and Exportable Surplus

An official report of the rice crop issued late in January stated that 19,532,000 rai (7,812,800 acres) were under cultivation (harvested area included) on December 31, 1937, of which 2,352,000 rai (12.04%) were reported as damaged. 6,099,000 rai were reported as harvested up to December 31st, with a yield of 22,858,000 piculs.

The Department of Commerce of the Ministry of Economic Affairs has estimated the exportable surplus at 1,600,000 metric tons. This estimate was first made early in January and was not altered after issuance of the crop estimate for December. (SIAM CHRONICLE, January 4th and BANGKOK TIMES, February 1st.)

Favorable Trade Balance of Port of Bangkok

Exports from the port of Bangkok for December 1937 were Baht 8,775,919 ($4,036,923), while imports were Baht 7,825,883, creating the first monthly favorable trade balance since August. The principal increase in the export list was in rice shipments, which were exported in the quantity of 1,564,406 piculs, at a value of Baht 6,508,338 ($2,993,835), or Baht 4.16 per picul. Rice shipments for December 1936 totalled 1,341,246 piculs, valued at Baht 4,880,703 ($2,245,123) or Baht 4.88 per picul.

Imports into the port of Bangkok for the nine-month period from April to December 1937 were Baht 71,892,776 ($33,070,677), while exports were Baht 70,366,925 ($32,368,786, showing an unfavorable balance for the Siamese year

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year B.E. 2480 (which began April 1, 1937) in the amount of Baht 701,891 ($322,870). For the same period of the previous year there was a favorable balance of Baht 22, 461,466 ($10,107,660).

Rubber Restriction Agreement

The PRAMUAN WAN of January 29th reported that the Siamese Government planned to send two delegates to London in February to negotiate with regard to renewal of the present rubber restriction agreement, which expires December 31, 1938. The report stated that the Government would undertake to secure a higher quota for the next four-year period.

Harbor Project for Singora, or Songkhla

Local newspapers reported in January that a preliminary survey of the harbor of Singora is being undertaken by the Ministry of Economic Affairs with a view to undertaking an improvement project. It is reported that the project will involve an outlay of Baht 3,000,000. The Ministry has indicated that the project will not be undertaken until the Bangkok port development project is completed. (PRAMUAN WAN, January 15th; SIAM CHRONICLE, January 15th.)

Cooperative Areas

A report of the BANGKOK TIMES of January 14th refers to the efforts of the Government, under the Ministry of Agriculture, to develop "cooperative areas," which was initiated

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initiated two years ago, and indicates that influence of speculators has corrupted the project.

Under the originaly established policy each cultivator was allotted twenty-five rai (ten acres) of jungle land to be cleared for agricultural use. An object of the undertaking was to prevent speculators from acquiring the land for speculation and taking advantage of tenants. It is now reported that some of the cultivators have agreed to do forest clearing on the land allotted to them for the speculators and that demarcation pegs placed by the government authorities have been removed. It appears consequently that, despite close supervision of the Government, the efforts to promote independent land ownership in this respect are proving ineffective. (BANGKOK TIMES, January 14th.)

VII. ACTIVITIES OF AMERICAN COMMERCIAL INTERESTS.

(Nothing to report.)

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VIII. ACTIVITIES OF FOREIGN COMMERCIAL INTEREST.

Imperial Airways Inaugurates "Flying Boat" Service

The SIAM CHRONICLE of January 28th announced that on February 24th flying boat service would be inaugurated between Singapore and Southampton by Imperial Airways, Inc., replacing the land planes between those points. The eastbound flying boats will arrive in Bangkok on Wednesdays and Saturdays, and the westbound on Sundays and Wednesdays; both the eastbound and the westbound will depart from Bangkok on the morning after arrival here.

The landing place at Bangkok will be Klong Tuey (or Toi), the site of the new port development project, where an airport is now under construction. Koh Samui, a large island eastward of Ban Don, is to be an optional refuelling halt and most planes are expected to land there.

The Imperial Airways has planned to alter its schedule between Hong Kong and Bangkok to provide better connections with the new flying boat service.

The CHRONICLE added that an all-mail-by-air-mail scheme would be adopted with introduction of the new service.

Osaka Shosen Kaisha Liners to Carry Mail from Bangkok

The SIAM CHRONICLE of January 24th announced that the Siamese postal authorities had authorized carriage of mail from Siam on ships of the Osaka Shosen Kaisha, which run from Bangkok to Japan. These ships sail every two weeks and reach Japan in nine or ten days, the same time required by the fastest vessels between Bangkok and Hongkong in the journey between these two ports. The Japanese ships will carry

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carry mails for Japan, China, Australia, and America, which formerly were shipped to Hong Kong for transshipment.

Rapid steamship service from Bangkok to Japan under the Osaka Shosen Kaisha commenced last October (see October political report).

IX. EMIGRATION AND LABOR MATTERS:

(Nothing to report).

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X. MISCELLANEOUS.

Prospect of Siamese Exhibit at New York World's Fair

The SRIKRUNG of January 4th announced that the Siamese Government favored the idea of accepting an invitation to participate in the New York World's Fair in 1939. It added that Baht 40,000 ($18,400) had been offered by the American promoters of the fair to finance the Siamese representation, and that the Siamese Ministry of Finance was undertaking to secure an appropriation of Baht 60,000 ($27,600) to supplement the fund needed for the project.

Opium Seizures

(See Despatch No. 106, dated March 12, 1938.)

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Note: The present value of the baht (or tical), the Siamese unit of currency, is approximately $0.46.

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