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SUMMARY. DURING A RECEPTION AT THE SOVIET EMBASSY, ALEKSEY ADZHUBEY EXPLAINED HIS GOVERNMENT'S ERROR IN OVEREMPHASIZING INDUSTRY AT THE EXPENSE OF AGRICULTURE. HE URGED THE SOVIET DIPLOMATIC COMMUNITY TO INCREASE ITS CONTACT WITH THE THAI PEOPLE IN ORDER TO IMPROVE REPORTING ON LOCAL CONDITIONS. ADZHUBEY FELT THE THAIS SHOULD KNOW THE SOVIETS BETTER TOO.

1. AFTER A RECEPTION GIVEN IN HIS HONOR AT THE SOVIET EMBASSY, BANGKOK, ON 30 NOVEMBER 1963, ALEKSEY ADZHUBEY, IZVESTIYA EDITOR AND KHRUSHCHEV'S SON-IN-LAW, DELIVERED A SPEECH TO SOVIET BLOC REPRESENTATIVES WHO HAD BEEN ASKED TO STAY AFTER THE RECEPTION. ADZHUBEY EXPRESSED DEEP PERSONAL AND NATIONAL REGRET AT THE DEATH OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY AND EULOGIZED HIS EFFORTS TO LESSEN WORLD TENSION. CONCERNING THE SOVIET UNION, ADZHUBEY EXPLAINED THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAD ERRED IN PLACING TOO GREAT AN EMPHASIS ON INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT WITH TOO LITTLE THOUGHT OR EFFORT FOR THE AGRICULTURAL REQUIREMENTS OF THE POPULATION. THIS LED TO THE SHORTAGE OF WHEAT IN PARTICULAR, AND FOOD IN GENERAL. ADZHUBEY EMPHASIZED THAT MEMBERS OF THE SOVIET DIPLOMATIC COMMUNITY IN THAILAND SHOULD MAKE GREATER EFFORTS TO CONTACT THE LOCAL POPULATION TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THAILAND AND ITS PEOPLE. THIS WOULD RESULT IN BETTER AND MORE COMPREHENSIVE REPORTING ON LOCAL CONDITIONS. IT DOES NOT MATTER, HE STATED, THAT SOME CONTACTS MAY NOT AGREE WITH THE SOVIET POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY - THERE ARE MANY OTHER AREAS ON WHICH RAPPORT MAY BE BASED. THE SOVIETS SHOULD LEARN MORE ABOUT THAILAND, BUT IT IS EQUALLY IMPORTANT FOR THE THAI TO KNOW THE SOVIETS BETTER.

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