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# Hanoi and Bangkok Agree To Set Up Diplomatic Ties

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BANGKOK, Thailand, Aug. 6—Vietnam and Thailand agreed today to establish diplomatic relations, completing Vietnam's diplomatic reconciliation with non-Communist Southeast Asia.

The difficult series of negotiations between Vietnam and Thailand, its closest non-Communist neighbor, were completed this morning after more than a year of bickering and mutual recriminations and a final two days of talks.

For Vietnam it marked what Hanoi leaders hoped would be the beginning of a new, closer relationship with the West—and particularly with the United States, which has said it would not provide Vietnam with economic reconstruction aid unless Hanoi established amicable relations with its neighbors.

For Thailand it marked what

the leadership hoped would be at least a temporary guarantee that Vietnam would not support Thailand's Communist insurgency.

Neither side got everything it wanted. In the short run this may prove far more damaging for Thailand and its delicately poised coalition Government than for Vietnam, which has shown in the last year and a half that it can wait for what it wants.

The powerful Thai military is unhappy with the events leading up to today's accord and this in itself could prove a bigger danger to Thailand's stability than anything Vietnam might have in mind with respect to encouraging a domestic insurgency here.

The agreement contained a

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number of specific commitments. These included:

Permission for Thai passenger aircraft to fly across Indochina en route to Hong Kong and the Philippines. This permission is expected to open the door to many other airlines and the saving of nearly two hours in travel time and thousands of dollars in fuel on the heavily traveled Bangkok-Hong Kong route.

The establishment of a joint committee to consider repatriation of Vietnamese refugees in Thailand.

The release of Thai fishermen and their trawlers being detained by Vietnam. Most were released last week by Hanoi, apparently as a gesture of good will on the eve of the visit of the Thai delegation to Hanoi.

A visit by a Vietnamese trade delegation to Bangkok to discuss commercial links.

Consideration of the question of Thailand's return of nearly two dozen American planes flown by escaping refugees last year at the time of the fall of Saigon—a major matter of dispute between Thailand and Vietnam.

Nowhere in a joint communiqué issued today was there any mention of the demand that the Thai military had previ-

ously insisted upon—that Vietnam guarantee it would provide no military aid or advice Thailand.

The closest was a bland reference in an informal joint statement released yesterday saying that "in principal" Vietnam would not give direct aid to Communist insurgents in Southeast Asia. Thailand was not specifically mentioned.

The Thai military, which is quietly becoming a major force in Thailand's politics after maintaining a low profile for three years, has been dissatisfied with the way discussions with Vietnam and, earlier this week, with Laos, have been handled. They were taken by surprise, according to sources close to the supreme command, by the sudden decision by the Foreign Ministers to go to Vientiane and Hanoi and they were not directly consulted about the Thai bargaining position.

## Florida Fall Kills Jerseyan

MIAMI BEACH, Aug. 5 (UPI)—David Marshall, 23 years old, of Haledon, N.J., fell four floors to his death while trying to climb from the balcony of his room at a Miami Beach hotel to a room occupied by friends, the Miami Beach police reported.