

# Protests in Thailand

## Bangkok

Thousands of demonstrators burned an effigy of President Ford in Bangkok yesterday to protest his sending U.S. Marines to Thailand to recapture the American freighter Mayaguez and her crew from Cambodia.

With the rescue complete, American sources said Washington hurried to repair its relations with Bangkok by almost immediately flying the 800-man Marine task force out of Thailand.

Prime Minister Kukrit Pramoj, whose prestige at home was threatened by the U.S. decision to ignore his diplomatic protest against sending Marines based on Thai soil into Cambodia, said his government is considering a complete review of Thailand's long-standing alliance with the United States.

Foreign ministry sources said that Kukrit is considering three options:

- Recalling the Thai ambassador from Washington.
- Asking for an immediate withdrawal of all U.S. troops, which number about 23,000, from Thailand.
- Circulating a diplomatic note to all embassies here formally advising them that the United States acted on its own in forcibly retrieving the Mayaguez.

But Kukrit said Thailand will stop short of a complete break in relations with Washington.

"We have to respond, because otherwise the United States will continue this sort of thing," Kukrit told newsmen after he had disclosed he is reviewing several options in dealing with the Ford administration's decision to ignore agreements on the use of U.S. forces here. The agreements call for

and agreed with the Ford administration's tactics in regaining the freighter and her 40-man crew.

They burned an effigy of the American president before disbanding peacefully.

But Kukrit said his diplomatic protest, presented to the U.S. embassy here within 12 hours after the Marines were airlifted to Utapao Air Base, was ignored.

"It is obvious that Thai-U.S. relations have to be reviewed," he said.

With the fall of Saigon and Phnom Penh, Thailand has been trying to reach an accommodation with its new Communist neighbors.

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prior consultation with Thailand on all troop movements.

Several thousand protesters, mostly student leftists,

gathered in a Bangkok park to demonstrate against the U.S. action. A few charged that Kukrit acted in collusion with the United States