

NYTimes JAN 12 1974
**Thai Paper Names C.I.A. Chief
In Bangkok as Flare-Up Lasts**

BANGKOK, Thailand, Jan. 11 (Reuters)—A Thai newspaper today identified the head of the United States Central Intelligence Agency in Thailand in the latest episode in a student and press campaign against the agency's activities in Thailand.

The English-language Nation, quoting the assistant police director general, Maj. Gen. Vitoon Yasawad, identified the agency chief as Hugh Tovar, who is listed in the diplomatic and consular list issued by the Thai Foreign Ministry.

It was the first time that Mr. Tovar had been publicly named as the agency chief in Thailand, although his role had been known in informed press circles for some time.

A former C.I.A. station chief in Laos, Mr. Tovar is no longer in Thailand.

The C.I.A. became the target of student and press attacks last week when the United States Embassy admitted that a C.I.A. agent in northeastern Thailand had sent a fake letter to Prime Minister Sanya Dharma-
masakti calling for a cease-fire against Communist insurgents.

The admission followed a report in The Nation that the agent had sent the letter to Mr. Sanya last month in the name of a Communist insurgent leader.

Since the admission, students have staged mass demonstration outside the United States Embassy and forced Ambassador William R. Kintner to leave a reception after burning paper American flags in front of him.

A Thai pressure group, People For Democracy, yesterday cabled the United States Senate, calling for the removal of Mr. Kintner.

Marshal Criticizes C.I.A.

BANGKOK, Jan. 11 (UP.)—The United States Central Intelligence Agency has been operating in Thailand since World War II but "has no right to participate in our administration," the Defense Minister said today.

The minister, Air Chief Marshal Dawee Chullasapya, appeared at a news conference to discuss the letter written by a C.I.A. agent to the Thai Government under the name of a Communist insurgent leader offering a cease-fire in exchange for autonomy for the rebels.

"The writer of the letter did it with a lack of intelligence," the minister said. "The C.I.A. has no right to participate in our administration. The C.I.A. has absolutely nothing to do with our official activities."