

Thai in Saigon as Rumors of Shift in Forces Rise

SAIGON, South Vietnam, June 9 (AP)—Thailand's Chief of Staff flew here from Bangkok today amid mounting speculation that part of Thailand's 12,000-man Black Panther Division would be withdrawn from South Vietnam to fight in northwest Cambodia.

The officer, Air Marshall Dawee Chullasapya, made his unannounced trip here as Bangkok sources reported that he would talk with South Vietnamese leaders about withdrawing one regiment from the 12,000-man division.

The move would bolster embattled Cambodian forces now fighting North Vietnamese and Vietcong troops around Siem-

reap where enemy soldiers briefly held the airport.

Informants in Bangkok said yesterday that the Thai Government considered the enemy thrust against Siemreap "a grave threat to Thailand" and it apparently was on this basis Air Marshall Dawee was dispatched to Saigon. A similar mission to Pnompenh was undertaken simultaneously by Air Marshall Dawee's deputy, Lieut. Gen. Kriengsak Chamand.

Thai Patrols Increase

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BANGKOK, Thailand, June 9 — Police patrols along Thailand's border on northwestern Cambodia have been increased

to a round-the-clock operation, and a marine battalion has been sent to help the police.

In addition, for the first time in nine years, a strict check is being made of Cambodians and others crossing the border.

But intelligence missions operating in Cambodia with Cambodian permission have reported that they have not detected any sign of a direct threat to Thailand from the border provinces.

The intelligence reports say that there are 64,000 North Vietnamese and Vietcong troops there. But there is said to be nothing in the reports to support any suggestion that the Communists are poised to enter Thailand.