

SEATO Report

Warning on Cambodia

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Thailand may be forced to take military action in Cambodia if the danger of enemy incursions increases on the Thai frontier, it told the Southeast Asia Treaty Organization yesterday.

Foreign Minister Thanat Khoman, at a closed meeting of the SEATO council of Ministers, made clear that his country does not covet an inch of Cambodian territory, said a SEATO spokesman.

There was no indication

Thailand is considering any immediate entry into the Cambodian war. Instead, a careful appraisal appeared to be under way of what support the United States could provide in the training and equipping of Thai forces for volunteer duty in Cambodia. About 3000 Thais and Thais of Cambodian descent have volunteered to fight in Cambodia.

U.S. Secretary of State William Rogers told the delegates that President Nixon

asked him to say that the United States would do everything it can to support American commitments in Southeast Asia.

According to U.S. officials, Rogers reported that the United States is reducing its forces in an orderly and planned way that would permit time for Asian allies to take over the primary responsibility for their own defenses.

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