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High Thai Aides Now Rule Out Any Manpower for Cambodia

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BANGKOK, Thailand, Sept. 10—Two leading Thai officials have declared that their Government will not send troops to Cambodia. This decision also covers the 3,000 ethnic Cambodians who have been in combat training since July 2, they said:

Deputy Premier Praphas Charusathien and Foreign Minister Thanat Khoman said in interviews yesterday that Thailand was now giving priority to settling the Indochina conflict in conformance with resolution of the recent Jakarta conference that called for the withdrawal of all foreign troops from Cambodia.

The two officials said the Thai Government believed the introduction of even volunteer forces would only prompt the communist countries to take reciprocal actions. Originally, a ethnic Cambodian volunteer contingent of 2,000 men was scheduled to leave for active duty in Cambodia by the middle of this month.

Their area of assigned duty was to have been along the Thai border. It was also reported that the Lon Nol government, which had previously requested Thailand to send two divisions of combat troops, now agreed that it would be better for Cambodia to fight on her own.

Foreign minister Thanat did state, however, that "Thailand is giving everything we can spare to the Cambodians, short of manpower." This aid also includes air support whenever requested by Phnompenh.

Nonetheless, should the situation deteriorate to the extent that the sovereignty of Thailand is directly threatened, then "we won't wait but will take measures to safeguard our own security," Mr. Thanat said.

In a separate statement he said he believed it would be best if in the future the United States refrained from sending its armed forces into any more Vietnams or Cambodias. He did not elaborate.