THAI SAYS ACCORDS WITH U.S. ARE VOIDED

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(UPI)—Premier Kukrit Pramoj
said today that military agreements with the United States
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He said that Thailand was still a member of the Southeast Asia Treaty Organization but described the treaty as "meaningless." He said that SEATO had "carried out its task in a very satisfactory way, but the situation has changed" and "SEATO should be dissolved."

Speaking to newsmen at the airport here on his return from a trip to the Philippines and Singapore, Mr. Kukrit said that all of the 17,000 United States servicemen still in Thailand would leave by March 20. Earlier, the Government had put the withdrawal deadline at the end of March.

In announcing the end of bilateral military agreements, the Premier did not rule out those activities already scheduled, such as a joint United States-Thai naval exercise at the end of this month.

But he said the 1962 agreement between Thailand and the United States was "merely a communique" and did not have the binding force of a treaty.