

# STUDENTS ATTACK BANGKOK CAMPUS

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School Building Set Afire  
in Spreading Violence

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BANGKOK, Thailand, Aug. 20 (UPI) — Technical-school students, firing pistols and hurling fire bombs, used a stolen bus as a battering ram today to break through the gates of Thammasat University. They looted offices and stores in the neighborhood and set fire to the school's law building.

Despite 24 hours of violence, involving also police and security forces Premier Kukrit Pramoj held firm to his pledge to avoid widespread use of the army to keep the peace.

The students were seeking to avenge the beating and shooting of one of their colleagues last week, allegedly by rival students. The police dissidents were angered by the Government's withdrawal of charges last week against nine persons accused of inciting a farmers' revolt in the north. The security forces are demanding bigger severance benefits.

A fire brigade put out the campus blaze after the students had left. But as many as 1,000 students continued to mill around a nearby parade ground into the night.

## Premier's Home Ransacked

Former security guards at shut-down United States bases massed outside Premier Kukrit's office to back their demands for more severance pay. A crowd of dissident policemen and civilians ransacked the Premier's home in the early-morning hours. Damage was estimated at up to \$500,000.

At least nine persons were treated at hospitals. They included three security guards hurt in an explosion, two Government workers roughed up by the security guards and two newsmen clubbed by students.

In northern Thailand, dissident policemen and civilians who yesterday occupied the provincial headquarters at Lamphun continued their protest and appear to control most of the town.

The Thailand radio reported that the crowd had swollen from 10,000 to as many as 30,000 and that the protesters now occupied the local district headquarters and the railway station as well. Lamphun is about 350 miles north of Bangkok.

Although the incidents did not seem related, some technical students were seen carrying walkie-talkie radios similar to those used by the police. The right-wing technical students have allied themselves with the police on some occasions in the past.