

# Key Thailand Negotiator With U.S. Over Bases Is Ousted From Cabinet

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BANGKOK, Thailand, Oct. 24—The ruling Thai military junta has removed from office three senior officials of the Foreign Ministry, including the chief negotiator with the United States on the talks that led to the American military ouster from Thailand, and the Director and Deputy Director of the national Budget Bureau.

The Under Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, Anand Panyarachun, who has served as the Thai representative at the United Nations and as Ambassador to the United States and Canada, was relieved of his post as the No. 2 man in the Foreign Ministry and suspended from the civil service.

It was a clearly political move against Mr. Anand, who, in fewer than two years in office, is understood to have alienated virtually every major faction in the military that seized power in the Oct. 6 coup here.

## Disturbed by Handling of Talks

Neither Mr. Anand nor the United States Embassy would comment on his sudden dismissal, though Mr. Anand himself observed that he was informed Friday of the order removing him from the civil service. That was shortly before the junta, at least officially, relinquished full governmental powers to a right-wing civilian Government that it had appointed.

The Thai military and American Embassy officials alike were understood to have been particularly upset by Mr. Anand's handling of the negotiations over the American military withdrawal from bases in Thailand and the residual presence of American forces here.

Fairly late in those talks, American officials were reportedly surprised by a sudden hard line on the part of the Thais, understood to have been planned by Mr. Anand, demanding the withdrawal of all but 270 advisers and turning over all the bases, including the top-secret electronic-espionage facility at Ramasun, to Thai jurisdiction.

The questions of continuation of operations at Ramasun and the transfer to the Thai military of more than 15,000 tons of American ammunition were understood to have been especially important to the Thai military leadership.

Two close associates of Mr. Anand in the Foreign Ministry, the Director General of the ministry's political department and his former deputy, who was recently appointed chief of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations section, were removed from office, though not from the civil service.

The two Budget Bureau officials lost their posts and were "suspended from official duties," reportedly over their close association with Air Siam, the Thai charter airline that is opposed by certain members of the junta who are officials in the other Thai flag carrier, Thai International Airways.

## Keeping Tabs on Communists' Moves

Concerning the bases, the Thai military was understood to feel that the capability of close monitoring of Communist troop movements in Indochina that Ramasun provided, some of which the Americans had shared with Thai military officials, was particularly essential to maintenance of the country's security.

The role of Mr. Anand in these talks with the Americans, in which he was said to have demanded full Thai jurisdiction over all American military personnel in return for letting bases like Ramasun continue operations and allowing the level of advisers to remain at 3,000, was not the only issue worrying the Bangkok military.

There was also the close linkage between Mr. Anand and the Thai relationships with Communist-ruled China, Laos, Vietnam and Cambodia, and the feeling that it was Mr. Anand who authorized the "admission of more Soviet officials into the country."