

# 5 Asian Nations Fail To Complete Treaty After 3-Day Parley

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KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia, May 15—The Foreign Ministers of five Southeast Asian nations ended a three-day meeting today unable to complete the treaty of amity and cooperation that they were to have initialed.

The five countries forming the Association of Southeast Asian Nations—Malaysia, Indonesia, the Philippines, Singapore and Thailand—decided to subject the proposed accord to further study.

The principal objections were said to have come from the Philippines, which complained about the procedures in the proposed treaty for settling disputes within the association's region. At present the Philippines is embroiled in disputes with Malaysia over claims to Sabah, a Malaysian state. Manila has also accused the Malaysians of helping anti-Manila Moslem rebels.

The Foreign Ministers were unable to formulate a joint policy on how their eight-year-old organization was to respond to the changing political situation in Indochina, where Cambodia and South Vietnam have been taken over by Communists.

The Ministers said at a joint meeting that they had discussed the situation in general but were not prepared to reveal details.

A conference source said tonight that conflicting views had been expressed by the Foreign Ministers over virtually all major issues, including how to deal with Communist activity within their borders. There was conflict as well, the informant said, over proposals for a meeting of heads of Asian governments.

Another source of controversy was said to have been the question of increasing the membership of the association by bringing in Burma, Cambodia, North and South Vietnam and Laos.

It is up to the five countries to apply for membership, it reportedly was said at the conference, and not for the association to invite them to join.