

# Agnew, in Bangkok, Pledges More U.S. Aid to Thailand

BANGKOK, Thailand, Feb. 2 (UPI)—Vice President Agnew promised more military and economic aid to Thailand today in his meetings with the country's leaders.

Mr. Agnew leaves Thailand tomorrow for Laos, the fourth leg of his Asian tour, undertaken to reassure United States allies of continuing American support in the wake of the Vietnam War.

The Vice President remained out of sight to the Thai public except when dashing from one appointment to another.

In meetings with Thailand's Premier, Thanom Kittikachorn, and other officials, Mr. Agnew promised more military and economic aid. The Vice President also met King Phumiphol Aduldet, then met Thanom again for a late lunch today.

Mr. Agnew spent the evening in his Erawan Hotel suite, according to an aide, who said, "We're in a relaxed situation at the moment."

A spokesman for the United States Embassy here said that several of the Secret Service agents who had swarmed around Mr. Agnew during his previous stops took the night off to relax.

### To Be in Laos at Key Moment

The Vice President has been under extremely tight security in Saigon and Phnom Penh and



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Vice President Agnew meeting with Premier Thanom Kittikachorn yesterday in Bangkok. Mr. Agnew leaves Thailand today for Laos, on the fourth leg of his Asian tour.

there were indications that the same would be true on his trip to Laos.

Mr. Agnew is scheduled to meet with American officials in Laos and the Laotian Premier, Souvanna Phouma, then return from Vientiane to Bangkok later Saturday. He is slated to depart for Singapore on Sunday. He also will visit Kuala Lumpur and Jakarta before heading home.

By coincidence, Mr. Agnew may be in Vientiane at a crucial point in the negotiations for a cease-fire there. A high-ranking representative of the Pathet Lao

rebel forces is scheduled to arrive in Vientiane from Hanoi on Saturday, two days after he sent Premier Souvanna Phouma a telegram urging an immediate cease-fire.

Regarding the aid discussion in Thailand, a Thai Government

spokesman said today that Mr. Agnew had told Premier Thanom the United States "promises to carry on supporting Thailand, both economically and militarily." The spokesman added that "the amount of aid will be discussed later between

United States and Thai officials."

The United States has provided \$11-billion in military aid to Thailand since 1950 and much of the bombing of Indochina has been carried on from United States bases in Thailand.