

THAIX-AIDE ASSERTS U.S. HAS OVERSTAYED

BANGKOK, Thailand, April 30 (AP)—A former Foreign Minister has condemned the continued presence of American forces in Thailand, saying it was never intended that they should remain after a Vietnam cease-fire.

Thanat Khoman, who in his 10 years as Foreign Minister negotiated the basic agreements that allowed United States forces into Thailand, criticized the United States and Thai policy and the detrimental effects he said American bases had had on society.

The criticism appeared in the current issue of the monthly Thai-language Social Science Review. Mr. Thanat, who lost his job in a coup d'etat in November, 1971, said Thailand agreed with reluctance to President Kennedy's request to admit United States marines during the 1962 Laotian crisis.

Mr. Thanat said the Thais agreed on the understanding

that it be made clear the action was at the request of the United States, but the White House nevertheless issued a statement saying Thailand had requested the troops.

According to Mr. Thanat, the presence of United States troops, now numbering more than 45,000, has caused drug trafficking, encouraged military rule and led to a black market.

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