

THAILAND *Law*

At present there is only one library in Thailand. It is the Library of the Bar Association or Hongsamut Netibanditsapha located in Bangkok. Its collection numbers approximately 3,000 volumes, the majority of which are books and monographs and the remainder bound and current periodicals. <sup>1/</sup>

A collection of over one hundred legal books and monographs and other law materials is available in the Library of Thammasat University in Bangkok. Thammasat is the major university for law. Chulalongkorn University which also gives degrees in law presumably has some legal material in its main library.

In the effort to improve its library, the Bar Association received a grant from the Asia Foundation which amounted to \$6,000 in 1959 and \$3,000 in 1962. <sup>2/</sup> The bulk of this fund was used to purchase legal materials. The Bar Association has also drawn up a proposal to convert its library into a first-rate law library patterned after the facilities at Indiana University. This proposal would involve the cost of five million baht (\$250,000), however, in May, 1962 (the latest information available) it had not yet been approved. <sup>3/</sup>

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1/ "Hongsamut Netibanditsapha" [Library of the Bar Association]. Botbandit v. 20 no. 2. (April, 1962) pp. 386-90.

2/ "Hongsamut Netibanditsapha" [Library of the Bar Association]. Botbandit v. 20 no. 3. (May 1962) pp. 619-21.

3/ Op. cit. pp. 386-90.

Books on American law in English seem to make up a very negligible part of legal materials in Thailand at present. However, with the rapidly expanding interest in law and in Thai-U. S. relations, there will presumably be increasing demands for such material in the future.

Statistics on the approximate number of lawyers in Thailand are not presently available.

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