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1. The Communist Party of Thailand has received instructions from China that ordinary Party members must be forbidden to see American films and that it is forbidden to buy American goods.*
2. The Party was also directed to levy penalties for non-observance of this order. Such penalties are to vary, in the case of the first offense, from a mere reprimand to dismissal from one's job, in the case of labor union members. The third offense requires the forfeiture of Party benefits.**

25X1A * Comment. It would appear that the injunction against purchase of American goods applies to every member of the Communist Party of Thailand, regardless of rank.

25X1A ** Comment. By 1 January 1951, this order had apparently reached the lower echelons of the Party's membership. An example of its having been put into operation occurred at a village near Bangkok in early January, when occupants of a vehicle delivering mineral waters were asked by shopkeepers whether their goods were of American origin, because in that case, the goods would not be acceptable. When the shopkeepers had been assured that the goods were of British origin, they bought as usual.

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