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1. Most Thais* consider the "Stockholm" Peace Petition as a matter of little significance. Many Thais think that Westerners, particularly Americans, overrate its importance as far as Thailand is concerned.
2. Communists and a few people who knew its real purpose did not sign the Petition.** There were, however, many Thai signers who were ignorant of the true purpose of the Petition, or who did not take the matter seriously.
3. Undergraduates at the University of Social and Political Sciences (UMPS) are among those soliciting signatories.
4. Mme. Phunsuk Phanomwong, wife of Pr'di Phanomwong, was asked to sign by a student at the UMPS.
5. When asked why she signed the Petition, Mme. Phanomwong pointed out that many persons, including Thai Cabinet members, had also signed. Declaring that her main interest was to secure peace, she asked, "Why should a woman not sign, too?"
6. It is speculated that Mme. Phanomwong may have signed because she feared that her refusal to do so would in some manner endanger her husband.

25X1A * [redacted] Comment. As contrasted with the overseas Chinese minority in Thailand, apparently.

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