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1. Nai Chinda Chindanaseri*, a Sahacheep Senator prior to the November 1947 Coup d'Etat, is now being employed by the Soviet Legation in Bangkok. It is acknowledged by Nai Chinda himself, and by his associates, that he is giving private lessons in Siamese to Serge S. Nemchina, the Soviet Minister.** This is not the full extent of the association.

2. Nai Chinda is a graduate of Assumption College in Bangkok, where he took a course in French, the language in which he converses with Nemchina. He received a law degree from the University of Moral and Political Sciences in 1939. He is a close associate of former Sahacheep Senators Nai Thienchai Apichatbutr and Nai Tai Panikabutr, both of whom are active in local labor circles. Nai Chinda is also associated with the law firm of Nai Sawai Sutthiphitak, secretary to former Prime Minister Thamrong Nawasawat.

3. Nai Chinda is a quiet, intelligent studious man who can be characterized as a "bookworm." He is not one of the Pridi "inner circle" and is unpopular with most former Sahacheep members because of his uncooperative attitude in the pre-November 1947 days, one illustration being his refusal to contribute to the Party treasury.

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* ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ Comment. The name "Nai Chinda Pundhumchinda" appears on all available lists of pre-November 1947 Sahacheep Senators.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ Comment. Nai Chinda was elected Senator on 24 May 1946. On 5 April 1947 he attended an "anti-dictatorship" meeting which sponsored an anti-Pibul rally on 7 April 1947 on the Phramane Grounds. On 24 May 1947, he gave an address on Radio Bangkok on the "Psychology of Fear." In July 1948, he was an unsuccessful candidate for the Constituent Assembly. In October 1948, he was named a member of the law firm of Nai Sawai Sutthiphitak. This firm placed an ad in Socialism, Siamese pro-Soviet weekly.

** ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ Comment. It has not been determined whether or not Nai Chinda is actually giving these lessons to Nemchina.

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