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addressed to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs proposing that foreigners wishing to immigrate to Thailand from or through Hong Kong be required to obtain a visa from the Thai Consul at that Crown Colony. Before issuing the visa, the Consul shall have obtained the advice of the Thai Police Department. Applications by Soviets shall be refused.

- The Foreign Office, in a reply dated 9 June 1950, expressed its agreement of the proposal.
- 3. Under the above restrictions, Rudolph and Lucia Milstein were interned by the Immigration authorities upon their arrival from Hong Kong on 13 June 1950. The stateless Russians gave their ages as 38 and 37 respectively and their birthplace as Vladivostok. Travel documents were issued by the Shanghai International Refugee Organization on 16 December 1949 and are valid for one year.
- 4. On 10 June 1950, the Under-Secretary of Foreign Affairs requested that the Immigration authorities forward the documents to the Ministry for consideration as Rudolph Milstein may be an official of the UN specialized agency, the Food and Agricultural Organization. Immigration officials complied with the request on 13 June. However, on this same day, So Sethaputra, easter of the weekly, Leader, registered security for the couple's release.

25X1A * Comment. Originally, The Leader was organized as an anti-Communist publication. In view of these professed aims its backers sought the assistance of the USIS; however, they were unsuccessful in their bid for support. Actually, the paper is not anti-Communist and is an inept publication.

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