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### EDITOR'S EDEN

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#### THE SILENT MAJORITY?

This issue of the Air America marks over three years of continuous publication of the newsletter.

We have spent innumerable hours wondering what our readers — some 5,000 of them — think about our newsletter: good? bad? indifferent?

Whatever it is, our readers remain almost totally silent. We are beginning to wonder: are we publishing the for "The Silent Majority?"

Or will someone put pen to paper and tell us what they think: good? indifferent? — ED.



### FIFTH THAI CAPTAIN

The Thai pilot training program on UH-34 helicopters at Air America's Udorn, Thailand Base is paying handsome dividends. Of seven Thai pilots who joined the Company on 1 March, 1970, three have completed their check-out flights as pilots-in-command and have been up-graded from First Officer to Captain. The third pilot of this group to be up-graded is Captain Van U-Muang; the two classmates of his who were just recently up-graded are Captains Sompong Maneewun and Manus Disoum (Air America LOG, VOL. IV, No. 7, p. 7).

Captain Van U-Muang graduated from Flying Training School at Korat, Thailand, in July, 1955, then joined the Royal Thai Air Force for whom he flew until coming to Air America in March of 1970.

The first two Thai pilots to check out on AAM UH-34s are "oldtimer" Captains Boonrat Com-Intra and Boonchoo Na Nakornphanom who joined the Company in 1966 and 1967 respectively; they are both participating actively in flight training the Thai student pilots.



New Thai UH-34 Captain Van U-Muang (L.) being congratulated by Captain Phil Goddard, Air America's Acting Chief Pilot, Rotary Wing, Udorn, in front of a UH-34.



Thai UH-34 Captain and Instructor Pilot Boonrat Com-Intra standing by a UH-34.



Thai UH-34 Captain and Instructor Pilot Boonchoo Na Nakornphanom in the cockpit of a UH-34.