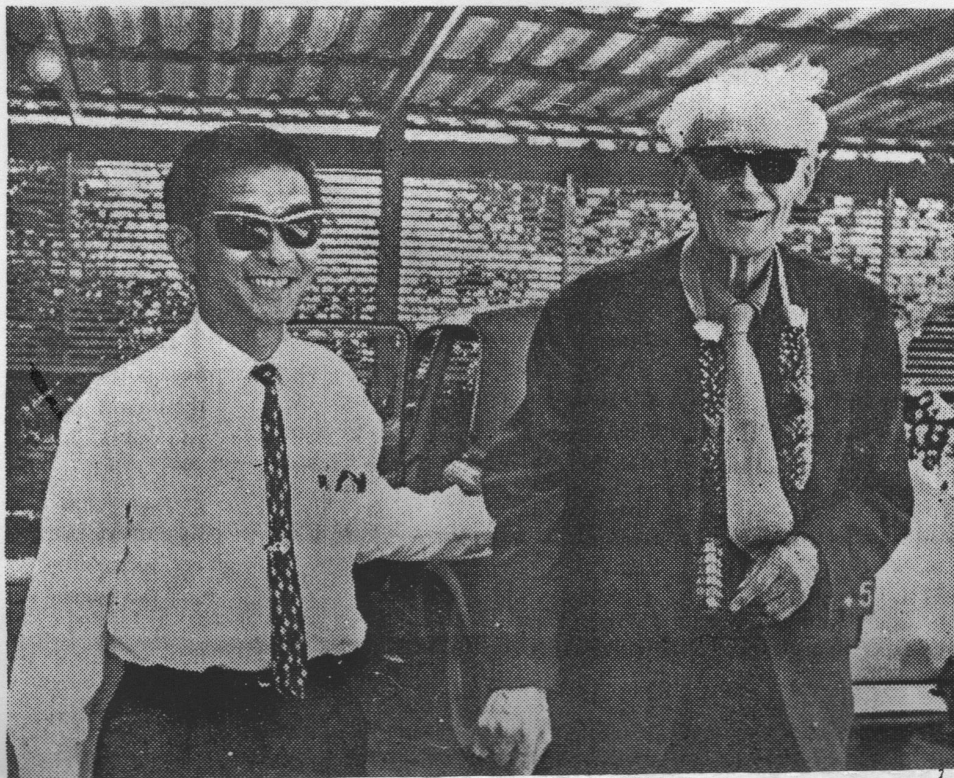


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Mr. John Chen and retired British Army Captain Frank Townshend relax at Mr. Chen's home after their reunion, yesterday. They had not seen each another for 10 years and first met 28 years ago in India when Mr. Chen was a young student. Capt. Townshend enabled young Chen to complete his schooling.

## Laotian teachers complete Thai tour

Forty-five Laotian elementary school principals will leave Thailand today following a 10-day observation tour to this country's education facilities.

The principals, from all parts of Laos, toured Thailand under USOM sponsorship.

The group visited schools in various parts of the country in order to obtain new ideas and teaching skills.

## Bangkok executive meets benefactor

A Bangkok engineering executive and his benefactor of over a quarter-century ago met again in Bangkok yesterday after 10 years.

Mr. John Chen, 46, was a young teenager in a boarding school in India when he became acquainted with a retired British Army officer, Captain Frank Townshend, now 82.

They met during World War II, 28 years ago, while young Chen was studying at a well-known school in Darjeeling and plagued with financial difficulties.

Capt. Townshend, already retired from the military, was writing on philosophy when he heard of the young man's plight. He stepped in and assisted Chen to finish his schooling.

The kindly old English captain, Mr. Chen related, was "intelligent, witty and understanding," and was a

profound influence on him which assisted him to achieve his present success.

The two parted after the war and went their separate ways, but never failed to keep in touch. The last time they saw one another was, again, in India in 1960.

Mr. Chen embarked on his career, eventually reaching his current high position, while Capt. Townshend traveled around the world to write a book on philosophy, "Earth, Heaven, Hell, Coming, Amen," which contains his comparisons of various great world philosophers.

The captain eventually settled down in Gloucestershire, England, but an urge to write another book again aroused his adventurous nature and he was off to Bangkok.

He plans to complete his new work in Thailand.