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Prince Wan Waithayakon of Thailand said today that he hopes to visit Moscow in his quest for a settlement on Hungary.

The Thai Foreign Minister, who was named Special U. N. Emissary on Hungary one month ago, confirmed that the Hungarian Government told him it did not want him to come to Budapest as a U.N. representative. He emphasized, however, that he had never made a formal request to go to Hungary's capital.

Since the General Assembly on September 14 designated Wan as its negotiator on Hungary, he has held a number of talks here with representatives of both Russia and Hungary, including Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei A. Gromyko and Hungarian Foreign Minister Imre Horvath.

"I did not have high hopes to begin with, but I have not become discouraged," Wan told the United Press.

"It is a difficult assignment. A lot of patience is required." He said his conversations with the Soviets and the Hungarians at U.N. Headquarters had been "cordial" and would continue indefinitely.

The same resolution that named the Thai Royal Prince to seek a solution to the issue over Hungary also condemned the Soviet Union and the Hungarian regime for their acts in crushing the bloody October rebellion of 1956 in Hungary.

There had been little hope that either Moscow or Budapest would recognize the U.N.'s right to intervene. Nevertheless, the Assembly appointed a man with a reputation for infinite diplomatic patience as its negotiator.

Wan has approached the assignment on a "step by step" basis. He believes that results are not impossible but will be necessarily slow. He puts great faith in the proper timing of diplomatic moves. He is understood to take the view, for instance, that it would not be possible to accomplish much on Hungary while the big Powers of East and West are locked in a bitter disarmament debate in the U.N.

He is believed to feel, likewise, that the Hungarian Government would be extremely reluctant to engage in any public negotiations with the U.N. or its representative so near to the first anniversary of the October 23d revolt.

The Assembly gave him considerable latitude to work out his own method of achieving U.N. objectives on Hungary. Wan intends to submit a list of questions to the Budapest regime. Hungarian sources have said they will at least be considered and possibly answered.

The Thai diplomat was understood to believe it more important to visit Moscow than to go to Budapest in the early stages of his talks. However, he has not ruled out the possibility of visiting Hungary later. His difficulty is that neither Government would be expected to receive him in his capacity as U.N. Emissary. Realizing their legalistic views, he is contemplating a diplomatic method that would enable the Soviets and the Hungarians to receive him as an individual or as a representative of Thailand. "I want to make it clear that I intend to do nothing to detract from my dignity as a representative of the United Nations or of my own Government," he said. Wan has delayed returning to Bangkok in the hope of making progress on the Hungary assignment. He said he should have gone home but felt it was important to be in New York for talks that might lead to progress on Hungary.