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This thesis aims at understanding the Free Thai Movement (Seri Thai Movement) as part of the internal political change and conflict of the country. The appearance of the Free Thai Movement during the 2nd World War was determined by Thai political conflict at that time and the movement was related to the internal politics. This point has hardly been studied by other scholars who usually have explained the Free Thai Movement in the form of anti-Japanese movement alone.

The study reveals that the movement was a response to the Thai political conflict and dispute among the royalists and the People's Party and between the Pibul's faction and the Pridi's faction. This resulted to the fall of Pridi's political role in 1949.