ANUSORN SRIKAEW: A STUDY OF SOCIAL PROBLEMS IN THE FILMS OF PRINCE CHATRI C. YUKOL. THESIS ADVISOR: ASSO.PROF.SIRICHI SIRIKAYA, Ph.D, 210 pp.

This aim of this research is to find out the nature of reflection of social problems and social criticism on the movies of Prince Chatri C. Yukol or "Tarn Mui".

The research reveals that the movies of Tarn Mui reflect 15 social problems, the most common ones being concerned with crimes, safety of life and properties. Next in line come poverty, corruption and family problems. His films general portray the problems of the lower strata of society and he looks at these social problems from the stand-point of nobility, looking from above and does not suggest any guidelines to solutions of the problems.

It is found that his criticisms are aimed at three institutions like mass media, police and politicians, suggesting the reprimand from a social superior to commoners rather than suggesting serious form of criticism.

Moreover, most of the movies of Tarn Mui look pitiful rather than being fearful, in fact, they should be fearful rather than be pitiful.