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SLIM NIXON WIN FORTTELLS FAILURE FOR CLIQUE

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("U.S. presidential farce ends; Nixon wins the presidential chair")

[Text] Elections of the President, Vice President, the entire House of Representatives, one-third of the Senate, and nearly half of the governors of all the states took place on 5 November 1968 in the United States.

According to U.S. news agencies, Nixon, presidential candidate of the Republican Party, beat Humphrey, presidential candidate of the Democratic Party, and won the presidential chair by the smallest margin of votes in U.S. history, 14,600.

Both Nixon and Humphrey got 43 percent of the total number of votes, but due to the arbitrary and antidemocratic system called "electoral college," Nixon won the election with the thinnest majority.

Meanwhile, at the Congress--namely, the U.S. House of Representatives and Senate--the Democratic Party won the majority of seats, compared to the Republican Party, and thereby seized control of both houses.

Progressive public opinion in the world and in the United States considers that the fact that Nixon won the presidency with a thin majority testifies to the weariness, indecision, and vacillation of the majority of the American voters who are fed up with monopoly capitalist factions which replace each other in power in the United States, from the Republican to the Democratic Party.

In past years, these factions successively adopted reactionary and erroneous lines and policies at home and abroad. Particularly, they have plunged headlong into the desperate war of aggression in Vietnam, leading the United States to mounting difficulties in all aspects and causing the U.S. society to be isolated and divided and to deteriorate ever more.

Public opinion also believes that the situation obtaining in the United States, whereby a man of the Republican Party is the President while the Congress is controlled by the Democratic Party, will cause the forthcoming ruling clique in the United States headed by Nixon to encounter difficulties and division in the mapping out and implementation of domestic and foreign policy.

Nixon won the presidency at a time when the United States is in the midst of a serious crisis in all aspects and in the definite position of defeat in the war of aggression in Vietnam.

REUTERS pointed out on 6 November: Nixon, the new U.S. President, will have to cope with many difficulties: The war (of aggression) in Vietnam, racial and social disorders, budget deficit, inflation, crimes in the United States, welfare, and education.

Consequently, the Nixon clique will not be able to avoid impasse and failure when it comes into power. Meanwhile, the masses of the U.S. people, including the Negroes, will further push their struggle for democracy, the right to live in freedom, equality, and against the injustices of the present social system in the United States.

"The people's armed forces and people in the north have studied how to make war from war, expanding from smaller to bigger, and from weaker to stronger; victoriously advancing and smashing enemy encirclements continually."

During the past 2 years, the people in the north have carried out armed struggle to restore their rights. The U.S.-Thanom clique can no longer oppress and intimidate the people residing in the areas where the people's armed forces are active. Many notorious enemy agents have been punished.

"With the protection of the people's armed forces, the people in the north can more freely earn their living and move around. The local people in the north profoundly understand that the change of their life has been gained through their armed struggle." The U.S.-Thanom clique has been worried about the increasing growth of armed struggle of the people in this region. It has tried desperately to maintain its fascist administration. "The U.S.-Thanom clique is now launching massive suppression campaigns against the people in this region. It has deployed its forces from the 3d military region to carry out the plans directly commanded by the Americans."

The people's armed struggle in the region will only smash all of its depraved schemes. Its suppression campaigns in the past were also defeated and foiled by the people's armed forces. "Between late last year and early this year, the clique deployed eight battalions of its troops geared with various types of modern weapons to launch campaigns of suppression against the people in Nan Province, with the support of aircraft to destroy the lives and property of the people. However, their forces were heavily repulsed by the people's armed forces. Hundreds of its forces were killed and wounded."

"Since the fire of the people's armed struggle in Chiang Rai Province began to spark in May 1967 in the area of the Doi Chomphu mountains, the clique deployed a large number of its forces to carry out the campaigns of suppression against the people there, hoping to put out the revolutionary fire from the beginning. However, their forces have not only been destroyed, but the people's armed forces there are also growing bigger and stronger.

"During the past 2 years, the fire of the people's armed struggle has been blazing brightly in six provinces in the north, namely Nan, Chiang Rai, Tak, Uttaradit, and Phitsanulok.

The people's armed forces under the leadership of the Communist Party of Thailand have fought for the interests of the people. Therefore, they have been wholeheartedly supported and helped by the people. The U.S.-Thanom clique will never be able to eliminate the people's armed forces. On the contrary, it will only be destroyed by the people's armed forces.

BRIEFS

VIETNAMESE REFUGEES--The Thanom-Praphat government these days has intensified its threats against the Vietnamese refugees. It has recently ordered the authorities in some northeastern provinces to prohibit these refugees from holding demonstrations, rallies, procession, and other opposing movements. This new threat is intended to pressure those refugees to go back to South Vietnam as the U.S. masters desire. But, the more they are under pressure, the more these refugees have the right to oppose the Thanom-Praphat fascist dictatorship. (Voice of the People of Thailand/Clandestine/Thai Thailand 1100 GMT 1 Nov 68 D)