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PAPER ANALYZES U.S. PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS

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[Text] Hanoi, 9 November--Any party, any person coming into power in the United States that is unwilling to draw the necessary lessons, end the U.S. aggressive war in Vietnam, and withdraw American troops from there, will drive the United States deeper into its quagmire and stalemate. The Hanoi daily NHAN DAN says this in an article today in connection with the result of the recent presidential elections in the United States.

On the question of why Humphrey and the Democratic Party failed to carry the day, the paper says: The reason is that the American people are fed up with the Democratic Party, and the efforts of the Democratic administration to gain favor for Humphrey could not make people forget the enormous difficulties that administration had caused to the American people and the United States.

Indeed, the past 8 years under the Democratic Party's rule were full of repeated setbacks for the U.S. Government at home and in the world. U.S. finances are unstable; the dollar has devaluated due to the serious gold bleeding; the struggle of the black American people has developed vigorously, shaking U.S. cities; crimes and other social evils are rife, among the victims of cold-blooded murders were one president, one presidential candidate, and one leader of the black people who advocated nonviolence. The great society promised to the Americans by the Democratic administration is in reality a society of sickness, suffering, and death.

All these years the United States has been overshadowed by Johnson's war of aggression in Vietnam with the ever heavier setbacks it has incurred. Never before has the United States been in such a critical situation as now in the war against Vietnam. It has grossly trampled upon the most elementary principles of law, justice, and morality by sending troops to invade South Vietnam and bombing and shelling North Vietnam.

United States has sent more than a half-million U.S. troops to South Vietnam; employed a large part of its army, navy, air force, and Marines and all kinds of modern arms, equipment, and war means, except nuclear weapons. [sentence as received] It has used an amount of bombs and shells greater than that it used in World War II, and squandered nearly 100 billion dollars, nearly as much as its spent in World War II.

For all that, however, the United States has failed, and the deeper its involvement in Vietnam, the greater its stalemate. All the most talented generals and advisers have been sent to Vietnam, only to return in failure.

The unjust war, the savage crimes, and successive setbacks of the United States in Vietnam have triggered a powerful struggle hitherto unknown in the United States and in the world, demanding that the U.S. Government stop its war of aggression. Millions of Americans have turned out in protest demonstrations, thousands of American youths have burned their draft cards, and hundreds of American soldiers have collectively opposed the war or deserted and sought refuge in foreign countries to avoid being sent to Vietnam. Many Americans burned themselves to death to vent their anger at their bellicose and inhuman rulers.

Because of the war in Vietnam, the prestige of the United States in the world has sunk to the lowest level. Many who had admired the civilization and strength of Uncle Sam have come, through the Vietnam situation, to snub and hate the United States.

The U.S. global strategy has been thrown off balance by the war in Vietnam. Movements of support for Vietnam and protest against U.S. aggression are surging in all countries. Never before has the United States been so isolated as now.

The U.S. setbacks in Vietnam have rendered the inner contradictions of the Democratic Party more and more acute. In short, Nixon's success does not mean that the American people trust him or the GOP, but simply that they have become sick of the Democratic Party. They had no alternative than to vote for a candidate that does not belong to the Democratic Party.

Nixon and the Republican Party know full well the weak points of the Democratic Party. These criticisms were productive. But does this mean that the Democratic Party (?alone) must be held responsible for the failures and difficulties the United States is facing? Decidedly no.

Both the Democratic Party and Republican Party, which have taken turns in ruling the United States for centuries now, represent the American monopoly capitalists. The basic and long-range policy of both parties consists in oppressing and exploiting the people at home and enslaving people in the world. The domestic and foreign policies carried out by the Democratic administration in the past 8 years, such as exploiting the American working people, repressing the black Americans, and committing aggression and war provocations in the world were policies applied by the Republican Party when it was in power.

This remark applies to the problem of Vietnam where the U.S. policy has been carried out by four successive Presidents of the United States. It was the Democratic Party that schemed to use Chiang Kai-shek to interfere in Vietnam in 1945 and to help France invade Vietnam. It was the Republican Party that plotted to prolong the Indochina war in 1954, sabotaged the Geneva agreements on Vietnam, brought Ngo Dinh Diem back to Saigon, and carried out armed intervention in Vietnam. It was the Democratic Party that successively launched the special war and local war in South Vietnam and the war of destruction in North Vietnam.

It is clear that in the aggressive war in Vietnam as well as in their scheme to gain world hegemony, the Democratic Party and the Republican Party have the same policies which succeeded each other. The difference is that whenever the ruling party failed, the other party readily took advantage of the former's weak points to criticize it, just as the Republican Party did in the recent election campaign. This, however, does not cross out the Republican Party's responsibility for the failures the United States has met in Vietnam and the world.

What will the Republican Party do after coming into power? Its platform adopted last August at the national convention in Miami contains vague and round-about words dealing with domestic and foreign policies. By and large, these policies differ in no way from the former ones nor from those of the Democratic Party. In practice, both parties have, in the past as well as at present, carried out reactionary policies at home and abroad.

On the Vietnam question, one can see the following: In the 1964 electoral campaign, Johnson strongly criticized the bellicose policy of Goldwater. But when he himself became president, he carried out the Republican Party's policy. The policy of aggression against Vietnam is a class policy of the U.S. imperialists, not of any individual or any ruling party in the United States.

The present aggressive war in Vietnam is the most barbarous and the longest ever waged by the United States. The attitude of the Democratic administration on the Vietnam problem is an extremely obdurate attitude. On the other hand, the U.S. failure in its aggression in Vietnam is also the greatest military and political failure ever sustained by the United States in this country [as received]. Not only the Democratic Party or the Johnson administration, but the Republican Party as well, have their shares in this fiasco.

The United States has sent to Vietnam all the troops, weapons, and talented generals it could muster. It has carried out all barbarous war schemes it could mastermind. Nonetheless, defeat after defeat was all the United States has been reaping.

The Republican Party soon will be in power. They will have to face all the difficulties left by the Democratic Party. A new difficulty for the GOP is that its president will have to cope with the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives in which the Democratic Party holds its sway over the majority. That is why the clash of interests between the U.S. capitalists will sharpen further, while the key problems of the United States remain unsettled.

NHAN DAN stresses: The biggest difficulty for the United States lies in the stalemate of the dirty war of aggression in Vietnam. Any party, any person coming to power in the United States, that is unwilling to draw the necessary lessons, to end the U.S. aggressive war in Vietnam, and to withdraw American troops from there, will drive the United States deeper into its quagmire and stalemate. The aggressive war in Vietnam is an immense swamp where the United States will sink more deeply the more strongly it writhes. For their part, the Vietnamese people are resolved to fight till complete victory, the paper concludes.

#### SAIGON'S FEAR OF PARIS TALKS POINTED OUT

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[Text] Hanoi, 9 November--The Saigon [words indistinct] at their Washington bosses over the prospects of sitting eyeball-to-eyeball with the NFLSV representative at a quadripartite Paris conference, only betray the fears of a gang of traitors facing the danger of being let down. The Hanoi daily NHAN DAN, made this clear in a commentary on 8 November on the Thieu-Ky-Huong clique's angry words at the Johnson administration's decision to halt unconditionally the U.S. bombardment of all of North Vietnam and to talk with the NFLSV.