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U.S.-THAI BASES NEGOTIATIONS TERMED 'SMOKESCREEN'

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[Excerpt] On page 4, the paper publishes a commentary entitled: "The United States and Bangkok Again Spread a Smokescreen," which stresses: The so-called negotiations on the U.S. troop pullout, about which the U.S. and the Bangkok authorities have clamored, are aimed at consolidating U.S. military bases in Thailand in order to realize U.S. neo-colonialism in Indochina and Southeast Asia.

The Thai ruling circles are again attempting to deceive public opinion, to soothe the Thai people's vigorous struggle, and to implement their reactionary policy. However, they cannot conceal the U.S. plot to maintain its troops and military bases in Thailand indefinitely. Nor can they cover up their criminal act of lending a hand to the United States in opposing the peoples of Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos. The Thai people and progressives throughout the world are very clear-sighted. The thin smokescreen which the United States and Bangkok have spread can neither cover up their crimes nor sidetrack the Thai people, who are continuing their struggle to demand the withdrawal of all U.S. troops from Thailand and to achieve a truly independent, democratic, peaceful and neutral Thailand.