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This completely foiled the scheme of the reactionary authorities to sabotage the strike. Almost right after this, 200,000 Australian metal workers struck. They took to the streets and demonstrated against the ruthless exploitation and oppression by monopoly capital.

Several thousand New Zealand workers held a mammoth demonstration in front of the Parliament building in Wellington at the end of last June against the reactionary domestic and foreign policies of the New Zealand Government. More than 1,000 progressive students enthusiastically supported and actively took part in the struggle. Waving red flags, the students shouted: "Workers and students unite!" An atmosphere of militant unity prevailed in the struggle. The opening ceremony of Parliament scheduled for that day had to be cancelled because of the heroic struggle of the workers and students.

The development of the revolutionary mass movement in Oceania has thrown into alarm the reactionary ruling circles and the revisionist renegades and scabs under their pay. They tried in a thousand and one ways to suppress and sabotage the mass struggle. But nothing can keep back the torrent of the revolutionary mass movement in Oceania. The struggle of the people of Oceania is bound to develop more rapidly and vigorously in 1969.

#### THAI REVOLUTIONARIES SCORE GREATER VICTORIES

PEOPLE'S DAILY Commentator

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[Text] Peking, January eighth (HSINHUA)--The "PEOPLE'S DAILY" Commentator today has an article entitled "Thai People's Armed Forces March From Victory to Victory" which reads:

The situation of the Thai people's armed struggle is excellent and is becoming more so daily. Through more than three years' arduous and bitter fighting, the people's armed forces led by the Communist Party of Thailand have won great victories and created an entirely new situation. On New Year's Day, the Thai People's Liberation Army was born and its Supreme Command set up. On that day the Supreme Command issued an order to all commanders and fighters of the Thai People's Liberation Army, calling on them to intensify the fighting to win new victories. This marks the full growth of the Thai people's armed forces and a new stage in the development of the Thai people's revolutionary war.

At present, the Thai people's armed forces are manoeuvring over the length and breadth of the vast land of Thailand. They have time and again smashed the counterrevolutionary military campaigns of the U.S.-Thai reactionaries for "encirclement and suppression," expanded the areas of operations, made constant attacks on the enemy, and wiped out large numbers of his effectives. These brilliant victories of the Thai people's armed forces have greatly accelerated the development of the revolutionary situation in the country.

The great victories won by the Thai people in their armed struggle are the result of the work of the Communist Party of Thailand to integrate Marxism-Leninism, Mao Tse-tung's thought with the concrete revolutionary practice in its own country and the result of the party's perseverance in its correct political and military lines.

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In the past year the workers, other labouring people, and students launched one struggle after another against the reactionary governments for serving as accomplices in the U.S. imperialist aggression in Viet Nam and against the ruthless exploitation and oppression by the monopoly capitalists. These struggles pounded vigorously at the reactionary rule of the Australian and New Zealand monopoly capitalist class.

As soon as John Grey Gorton assumed office as Australia's prime minister last year, demonstrators on many occasions surrounded his residence and places where he was making speeches. They strongly protested against the reactionary Australian authorities for serving as accomplice of the U.S. imperialists in the war of aggression against Viet Nam. The demonstrators shouted: "Bring back the Australian troops immediately!" and "End the crime of aggression against Viet Nam!"

The Australian youth held repeated demonstrations against conscription in various big cities in the country in strong protest against the government's reactionary measure of enlarging conscription and in opposition to the sending of Australian youth to South Viet Nam as cannon-fodder. They expressed the determination to carry the struggle against conscription through to the end. In the struggle, the demonstrators defied brute force and bravely fought the reactionary police sent to suppress them. The New Zealand youth staged a long-distance march at the beginning of last year in protest against the U.S. imperialist aggression in Viet Nam and the criminal role of the reactionary New Zealand Government as accomplice in the aggression. The march lasted 12 days and covered 500 miles. The marchers distributed large numbers of leaflets on the way, demonstrated in many cities, and conducted propaganda among the masses against the U.S. imperialist war of aggression in Viet Nam.

At the end of last October, New Zealand Prime Minister Holyoake was surrounded by demonstrators as soon as he returned to Wellington after his trip to the United States and South Viet Nam. The demonstrators strongly condemned the reactionary New Zealand Government's policy of aggression against Viet Nam. Holyoake hurriedly left the airport amid booing and jeering.

The mass struggle of the New Zealand people against setting up an "Omega" tracking station by the U.S. on New Zealand soil went on uninterruptedly in the past year.

In the meantime, the Australian and New Zealand workers' struggle for political rights and in defence of the interests of the working class has developed vigorously. In their struggle, workers of different occupations supported each other and won the increasing sympathy of the progressive students--this is a new feature of the deep-going development of the revolutionary mass movement in Oceania in the past year.

The strikes of the Australian and New Zealand workers against unjustifiable dismissals by the monopoly capitalist groups and for wage increases and improved working and living conditions have spread to various occupations and to many cities and towns, big and small. This manifested the militancy of the working class.

At the beginning of last year, the big strike of the Australian postal delivery drivers against unreasonable dismissal and for higher wages had the enthusiastic support of the mail sorters throughout the country as well as that of the railway, wharf, and transport workers.

Our great leader Chairman Mao has said: "Without a people's army the people have nothing." This is a universal truth of Marxism-Leninism. To win their own liberation, the oppressed peoples must seize power through revolutionary armed struggle; to wage revolutionary armed struggle, there must be a people's army of a new type. This army is formed by the masses, who whole-heartedly support the revolution, and it fights entirely for the interests of the people; it has a high sense of discipline and is imbued with revolutionary heroism; and it is placed under the leadership of a Marxist-Leninist party. Such an army is immeasurably powerful and invincible. The Thai People's Liberation Army led by the Communist Party of Thailand is an army of this type.

Chairman Mao teaches us: "The revolutionary war is a war of the masses; it can be waged only by mobilizing the masses and relying on them." The people's army led by the Communist Party of Thailand has cemented ties of flesh and blood with the broad masses of revolutionary people in Thailand, especially the peasant masses, and enjoys whole-hearted backing and active support from them. The Supreme Command of the Thai People's Liberation Army stressed in its proclamation on New Year's Day: "It is our important political task that we must conduct propaganda among the masses, organize them, arm them, and help them to establish revolutionary political power." It is precisely because the Communist Party of Thailand and the armed forces it leads have gone deep into the vast rural areas where they arouse the peasant masses, organize them, and arm them that they have been able not only to persist in protracted armed struggle but also to grow from small and weak to big and strong.

The reason why the Thai People's Liberation Army is able to grow from strength to strength and defeat the enemy again and again is that it has employed the strategy and tactics of people's war. This people's army utilizes its own strong points to attack the enemy at his weak points. It strikes at the enemy in a mobile and flexible way to annihilate his effective strength. As the Thai People's Liberation Army has brought into play the power of people's war, the enemy can only find himself in a passive position of receiving blows in spite of his superiority both in numbers and in technical equipment. The initiative in the war is in the hands of the people's army.

Thailand is an important strategic area of the U.S. imperialists, who have stationed heavy forces and built a close network of bases there. The U.S.-Thai reactionaries have tried by every means to stamp out the Thai people's revolution. But the result is just the opposite. The flames of the Thai people's revolutionary armed struggle are raging ever more fiercely. This fact once again proves that people's war is the most effective magic weapon with which all oppressed nations and oppressed peoples can defeat U.S. imperialism and its lackeys. The victorious development of the Thai people's armed struggle has tremendously inspired the peoples of Asia, Africa and Latin America in their revolutionary struggle. It has set yet another brilliant example for the people of various countries who are fighting for emancipation.

The Chinese people take the Thai people's just struggle as their own struggle and the Thai people's victory as their own victory. We firmly support the Thai people's liberation struggle. We are convinced that after the setting up of the Supreme Command of the Thai People's Liberation Army, the Thai people's armed struggle will surely register even greater developments and victories.

Under the leadership of the Communist Party of Thailand, the Thai people who persist in their protracted armed struggle will certainly be able to overcome all difficulties in their path of advance and finally overthrow the criminal rule of the U.S.-Thai reactionaries and win complete liberation.

#### Aid of Mao's Thought

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[Excerpts] Peking, December twentyeighth (HSINHUA correspondent)--The armed struggle of the Thai people under the leadership of the Communist Party of Thailand won splendid victories in 1968.

To defeat the U.S. imperialist aggressors, overthrow the reactionary rule of the traitorous Thanom-Prapath clique and seize political power, the Thai people took up arms and started an exceptionally heroic armed struggle over three years ago. Guided by the correct line of the Communist Party of Thailand to use the countryside to encircle the cities and to seize political power through armed struggle, the Thai people have since then achieved tremendous victories in their armed struggle, which has developed to the vast hilly regions and rural areas in 31 provinces of the country. The Thai people's armed forces have steadily grown in strength, while the U.S. and Thai reactionary troops and police have suffered serious setbacks and increasingly heavy losses.

During the outgoing year, the valiant Thai people's armed forces have brought their fighting to a still higher level. Daring to fight and to seize victory and applying flexible strategy and tactics, they smashed one enemy "encirclement and suppression" campaign after another and repeatedly sprang surprise attacks on the enemy, annihilating large numbers of his effectives.

The Thai people's armed forces have speedily developed into a strong army in a little more than three years. As pointed out by the "Voice of the People of Thailand" radio, this is because the Communist Party of Thailand has adopted the revolutionary line of integrating Marxism-Leninism, Mao Tse-tung's thought with the revolutionary practice in Thailand, taking the road of armed struggle, rallying the peasant masses, building rural base areas, using the countryside to encircle the cities, and finally seizing political power throughout the country.

In the course of army building, the Communist Party of Thailand puts proletarian politics in the fore and endeavours to arm the soldiers of the people with Mao Tse-tung's thought. The party calls on the people's fighters to diligently study Chairman Mao's brilliant works "the three constantly read articles" and to steadily raise their own class consciousness. The commanders and fighters of the people's armed forces have assiduously studied Chairman Mao's military writings in the light of their own struggle, regularly summed up their fighting experience, and raised their fighting level.

Chairman Mao has said: "The revolutionary war is a war of the masses; it can be waged only by mobilizing the masses and relying on them." The Thai people's armed forces attach great importance to propaganda work among the masses and to mobilizing and organizing them. They go deep among the masses, mobilize them, and carry on the struggle against traitors and local despots, thereby winning the help and support of the peasant masses. The Thai people's armed forces often organize the masses to study Chairman Mao's works, give revolutionary art performances for the masses, and distribute revolutionary leaflets among them.