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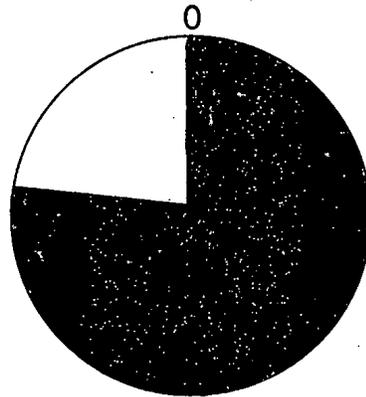
CIA ELECTION WATCH ADVISORY

ISSUED AT 6:00 AM EDT

3,792,573

VOTES COUNTED

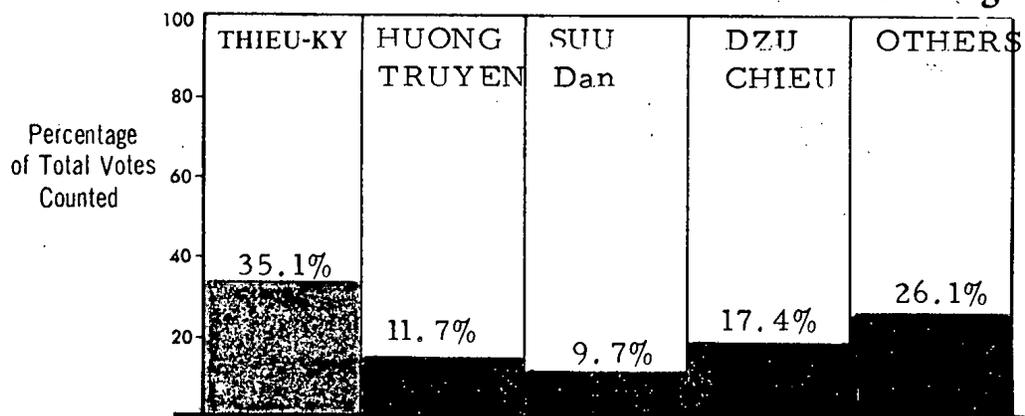
OF 4,868,266 Cast



78%
COUNTED

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South Vietnam

Thieu and Ky are in with about one-third of the vote. Nearly five million ballots were cast representing 83 percent of registered voters. This turnout in itself is a setback for the Viet Cong.

Perhaps the biggest surprise was the strong showing made by "peace candidate" Truong Dinh Dzu, who ran second with a particularly strong showing in the Mekong Delta. Returns for the senatorial election are not in yet.

Protests are expected from defeated candidates despite the absence of any widespread irregularities. The radical Buddhists are planning demonstrations for Wednesday, but the government is aware of these plans.

2. Yemen

The war goes on despite the Khar-toum agreement between Egypt and Saudi Arabia. Saturday Egyptian bombers flew a strike against a royalist enclave

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3. Peru

President Belaunde has moved to ease the fiscal crisis by devaluing the Peruvian sol. This was done by unpegging the official exchange rate (26.80 sols to \$1 US) and, in effect, turning the currency loose to find its own level. Early reports have the rate now running at 35 to 45 sols to the dollar, but it is still too soon to tell where it will settle or if this move will be successful.

4. Congo

Most of Schramme's mercenaries are fed up and just want out of the Congo reports a newspaperman who was in Bukavu last week.

The correspondent, who described the mercenaries as a "scruffy lot," commented that one good infantry company from any "reasonable" army in the world could mop up Bukavu in short order. Congolese troops, however, sit outside the town, fire a few mortar rounds from time to time, and then scurry into the bush abandoning their weapons.

The journalist reports that Schramme is willing to negotiate now because of low morale, but, if he can get outside help, he still plans to set up a separate regime in the eastern Congo. The reporter said there seemed to be a good deal of contact between Schramme and "friendly elements" outside the Congo.

While waiting for something to happen, the mercenaries have converted the US Consulate into a club and are serving "Jack Daniels" across the bar.

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5. India

The past week has seen violence increase in West Bengal. Hunger is the basic thread from which this tapestry of riot and arson is woven, but the radical Communists are actively promoting violence for their own political ends. The American consul general in Calcutta feels the short-run prospects for anything like law and order in West Bengal are unfavorable.

6. Bolivia

The Bolivian Army claims to have killed nine guerrillas, including several Cubans, after a stiff little battle Thursday night.

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Among those reported killed was the leader of the band, a Cuban known as "Joaquin."

While this action would suggest at least one success for the Bolivians, their overall score has been poor.

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