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Prime Minister Sato's party won an impressive vic-
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SOUTH VIETNAM

The Saigon government is maintaining pressure
on opposition elements. A Buddhist newspaper was
closed on 27 December for publishing an article which
allegedly incited dissension and promoted religious
discrimination. Another round of demonstrations
against the National Assembly's Lower House is
planned for early this week unless the chamber acts
against the three deputies accused by the government
of pro-Communist affiliations and activities. A
special committee of the House has completed its in-
vestigation of government charges and will report to
the full chamber on 30 December.

> *There are no solid indications that the
> House intends to make the three deputies
> available to government prosecution by
> lifting their parliamentary immunity. Re-
> gardless of how the affair is resolved it
> is certain to further impair relations be-
> tween the executive and the legislature.*

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JAPAN

The landslide election victory of Prime Minister
Sato's Liberal Democratic Party exceeded the most
optimistic forecasts of the party leadership. The
total strength of the Liberal Democratic Party in
the 486-seat lower house was boosted to 300 when a
dozen successful independent candidates joined the
party following the election. The Socialist Party,
the largest opposition group, suffered a humiliating
defeat, winning only 90 seats as compared with 140
in the 1967 general elections.

> *Ruling Liberal Democratic leaders will in-*
> *terpret these results as a mandate for*
> *maintaining Sato's policies of continued*
> *close security ties with the United States*
> *and as approval for the agreement on re-*
> *version of Okinawa to Japanese control.*

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