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TOKYO AP - This is how Communist China reported the assassination of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy in an English-language broadcast by Hsinhua news agency monitored today in Tokyo.

"In the midst of the fierce scramble within the U.S. monopoly capitalist class for the presidential throne, Sen. Robert Kennedy, brother of former U.S. President John Kennedy, was shot on June 5 in Los Angeles as he was campaigning for the Democratic party presidential nomination. He died on June 6, according to reports from Washington.

"An 'election' farce will be staged in the United States this year for the 'election' of the president and congressmen."

"Primary elections for the presidential nomination are under way in the United States. Politicians belonging to the Democratic party or the Republican party, both tools of the U.S. monopoly capitalist class, and representing diverse interest groupings, are engaged in an intense struggle, each trying to knife the other in the back in seeking the presidential nomination.

"Robert Kennedy was running for the presidential nomination and died from an assassin's bullet just after he won the California primary.

"The assassination which took place during the election campaign among the U.S. monopoly capitalists is another reflection of the increasingly deepening political and economic crisis of U.S. imperialism.

"With the repeated heavy defeats the United States has suffered in its war of aggression in Vietnam, the continued deepening of its financial and economic crisis and the surging struggle of the people at home, the reactionary rule of the U.S. monopoly capitalist class has become more and more unstable and the dog-eat-dog internal strife within the ruling class has become unprecedentedly aggravated. Some congressmen noted in alarm recently that the U.S. ruling class was confronted with 'a disaster of national proportions.'

"Four years ago, the U.S. President John Kennedy was assassinated in Texas; now, his younger brother Robert Kennedy has also been assassinated during the presidential election campaign. This once again shows that the struggle for power within the U.S. monopoly capitalist class is going on more and more fiercely. It is another indication of the fact that U.S. imperialism is rotting with each passing day and is rapidly declining."

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