

Royal Decree
Dissolving the House of Representatives,
B.E. 2488 (1945)

Translation

In the Name of His Majesty King Ananda Mahidol,
The Regent
[Under the Announcement of the President of the House of Representatives,
dated 20 September, B.E. 2488 (1945)]:
Pridi Phanomyong
Enacted under my Hand this 15th Day of October, B.E. 2588 (1945);
Being the 12th Year of the present Reign

Whereas His Majesty entertains an opinion that it is desirable to dissolve the House of Representatives so that an election of the new first-type members of the House of Representatives would be organized;

Be it decreed by the Regent, in His Majesty's Name, and in virtue of section 35 of the Constitution of the Kingdom of Thailand, as follows:

Section 1

This Royal Decree shall be cited as the "Royal Decree Dissolving the House of Representatives, B.E. 2488 (1945)".

Section 2

This Royal Decree shall come into force upon its publication in the Government Gazette.

Section 3

The House of Representatives shall be dissolved in order to organize an election of the new first-type members thereof within ninety days from the date of coming into force of this Royal Decree.

Section 4

The Minister of Interior shall be in charge of this Royal Decree.

Countersigned by:

Mr.Seni Pramot,

Prime Minister

Remarks:

Now the war is over. The Thai people are passionate to participate with the United Nations in eternally maintaining and preserving the peace of the World.

Due to the fact that the existing members of the House of Representatives have been elected since 1938 and their terms have also been extended twice by the Acts, His Majesty's Government deems that they have been in offices for immoderately long period and that their hearts and souls have been alienated from the true will and intention of the people.

As when the Government proposed a bill on war crimes to them, with the intention to penalize the acts constituting the dictatorial system of government, that is to say, Nazism or Fascism—a regime that threatens the peace of the World; the bill was denied and excluded by the House. This act of the members of the House would bring about to the external world an understanding that the Thai people favor the dictatorial system. Not only contrary to the real sentiment of the Thai people, such act is also detrimental to the Nation.

By these reasons, the Government, walking along the constitutional way, advised His Majesty to dissolve the House of Representatives by virtue of Section 35 of the Constitution of the Kingdom of Thailand, for the purpose of purging these members from the House and allowing the people to enjoy an opportunity to elect their new representatives as decreed.

Office of the Prime Minister

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