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34 10 3	Early yesterday morning (day after the election) the PRI was claiming hugh majorities throughout the state in the
NSC	election for governor. One pro PRI newspaper conceded a slight lead to PAN in the city of Merida. The PRI candidate
6 1	declared himself victor by 90 percent. The DIARIO DEL
	SUPESTE, <b>efficial</b> PRI organ, proclaimed in banner headlines Loret de Mola governor for the next six years. The PAN
	1 Claims almost a 5 to 3 lead for its candidate in Merida and
	gives him a majority of 60 percent statewide on the basis of the returns from those precincts whose tallies it accepts as
	Legally certified. Unofficially, the Electoral Commission has stated that the PRI won in Merida but no breakdown by
	voting precinct was disclosed. The Commission indicated that
	it will not have the final tally for the state for submission to the State legislature until Thursday (November 27).
	Meanwhile the violence which accompanied the voting seems to have subsided.
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	Although a number of injuries were reported as the result of the violence, including a police agent and a child wounded
	by gunfire, no fatalities have been confirmed. Several automobiles were overturned and burned in the streets of Merida
	One belonging to the president of one of the casillas) and
	several residences used as casillas were vandalized. Schools were closed on Monday but reopened today. A reported 100
	were jailed Sunday night and Monday morning. Early in the evening of election day the governor, Luis Torres Mesias,
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the city and its police. It was later clarified that this did not mean martial law. It has been confirmed that some soldiers had been moved in from Chetumal in Quintana Roo.

The PRI is already celebrating its victory but the final outcome will depend on decisions in Mexico city - whether the PAN will be accorded a just hearing on the appeals it will surely take if the Electoral Commission accepts the contested counts. The PAN organization for checking each polling place has worked efficiently. Each allegation of fraud, irregularity and outright theft seems well documented. Among these (all probably true) are: in 50 out of 176 polling places in Merida and many more in the interior of the state, the duly designated PAN representatives to the watch committees were denied entry to the casillas leaving them completely controlled by PRI representatives; ballot boxes were simply carried away before the count including several by soldiers; ballot boxes were stuffed before the voting began; voters were allowed to vote for members of their families; polling places were opened late and a number closed before the legal hour of closing with voters still in line; in one precinct in Merida voters were turned away for alleged lack of ballots. According to one report, Graciela Aceves de Romero, one of a group of panista deputies who came to Yucatan to observe the election, was pushed down the stairs in the municipal palace in Citilcum when she was pursuing someone running off with the ballot box.

The PRI charge that the violent incidents were started by panistas is probably true (a secretary of Correa Rachó admitted as much to the reporting officer). The non-violence called for by the PRI throughout the campaign up to the last minute clearly meant, as events have shown, "be docile while we steal the election". The PAN charge that there was wholesale fraud is also beyond doubt. According to all reports, the military guardians of peace behaved less than impartially.

It has been a sordid spectacle.

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