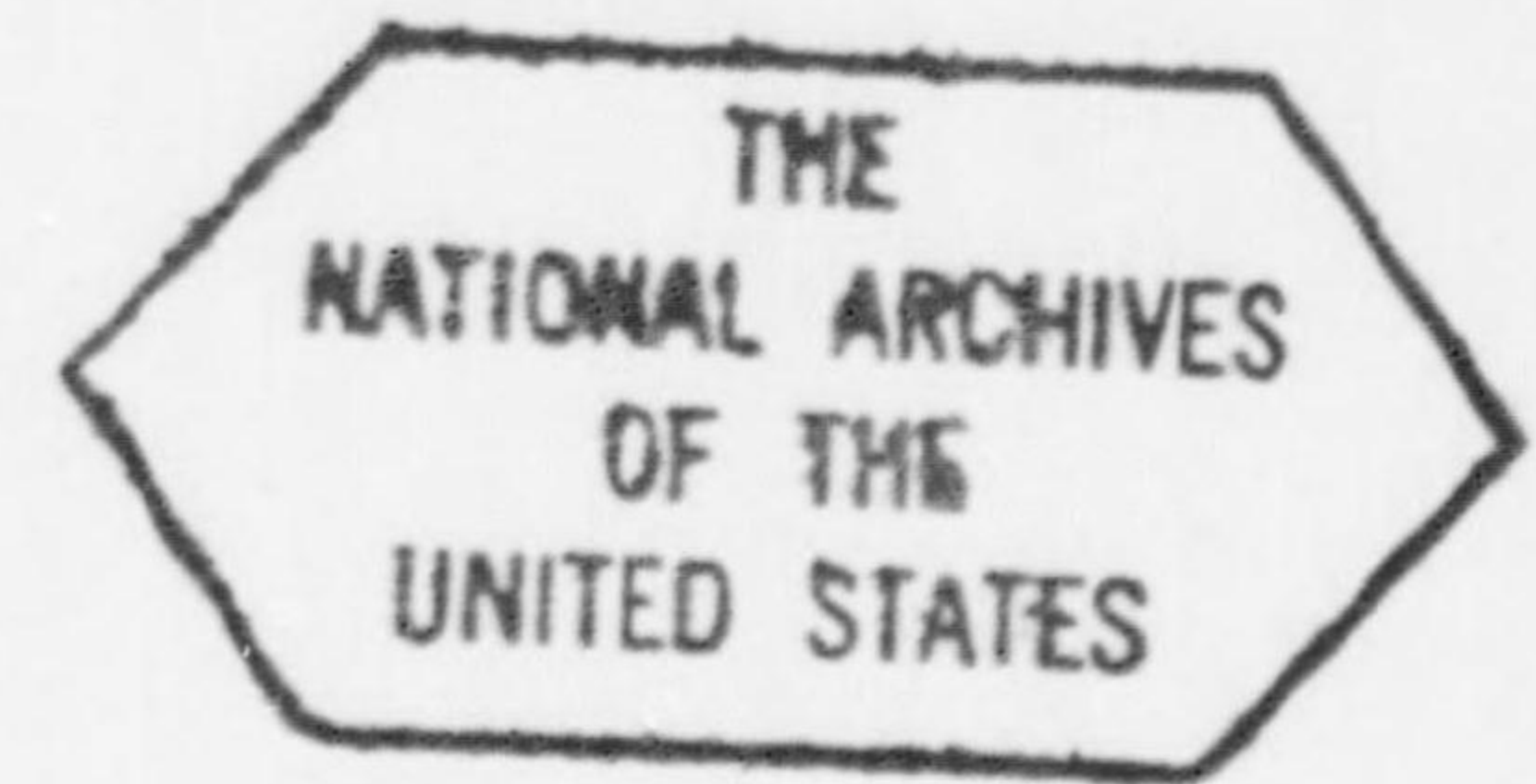


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HEADQUARTERS  
KOCHI MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM  
Kochi, Shikoku  
APO 317

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28 April 1947

SUBJECT: Report on Surveillance of Election of House of Representatives on 25 April 1947. Reports Control Symbol QGS-E

TO : COMMANDING GENERAL, Eighth Army, APO 343  
Attn: Mil Govt Section

1. Name of Prefecture.....Kochi Ken
2. Number of Registered Voters
  - men.....222,558
  - women.....249,482
  - Total.....472,040
3. Number persons actually voting
  - men.....172,931
  - women.....167,427
  - Total.....340,358
4. Number persons claiming franchise but not permitted to vote
  - men.....None
  - women.....None
  - Total.....None
5. Number of surveillance teams on election day.....20
6. Number of polling places.....1012
7. Number of polling places visited.....315
8. Number of ballot counting stations.....175
9. Number of ballot counting stations visited.....52

10. Were candidates purge questionnaires available at Election Administration Committee's offices and at Screening Committee's offices in all instances? Yes

11. Comment on publicity given by press, radio and at political gatherings to the fact that candidates purge questionnaires are available at Election Administration Committee's offices and at Screening Committee's offices.

Publicity was adequate. Newspaper articles and radio talks made it very clear that questionnaires of candidates for the House of Representatives could be checked at the proper offices in Kochi City. On April 9 the Governor issued a notification that a list of candidates would be posted at all village offices as well as the information that questionnaires would be looked at in Kochi City.

12. Comment on the extent the public used the privilege of examining candidates questionnaires.

Interest in checking purge questionnaires was low. Four (4) persons called to see the questionnaires of the candidates at the Prefectural Election Administration Committee Office.

13. Number of seats in House of Representatives from this prefecture.....5

Number of candidates by parties

Liberal.....	2
Democrat.....	2
Socialist.....	2
Communist.....	1

Number of Independent candidates.....2

Number actually elected by parties

Liberal.....2

Democrat.....1

Socialist.....1

Number of Independents elected.....1

Total number of votes cast for each party

Liberal.....148,103

Democrat..... 46,055

Socialist..... 64,235

Communist..... 8,721

Total number of votes cast for Independents...66,900

14. Number of women elected .....None

15. Number of pre-election campaign meetings held throughout

Prefecture by each party.

<u>Party</u>	<u>No. Meetings</u>	<u>Total Att.</u>
Liberal	495	35,200
Democrat	440	26,400
Socialist	281	36,000
Communist	63	3,150
Independent	404	41,580

16. Were there an adequate number of polling places?.....Yes

17. Are four (4) election bulletins enclosed?.....Yes

18. Number of pre-election meetings held by M.G. Team:

		<u>Total Att.</u>
With Election Administration Committees	19	1230
With officials	43	563

19. Extent of local publicity given to the election.

The local newspapers carried daily articles on the election, Articles on candidates, on the importance of free elections, and on Military Government's action in respect to the election were strongly stressed. Radio time was also made available for publicity of these facts. Placards, and hand bills were distributed by candidates and officials according to the limitations set down in Japanese election laws.

Publicity for this election was far superior to any of the previous elections. Candidates provided hawkers that traveled throughout the city encouraging the people to make use of their privilege to vote. These operations started at approximately 5 A.M. in the morning and continued to 10 P.M. in the evening.

Contribution of M.G. Teams to publicizing the elections.

Teams of this Headquarters held conference with election administration committee members, local officials and candidates, emphasizing the importance of the election and explaining the action M.G. Teams would take in connection with the election. The committee men, candidates, and officials were encouraged to publicize the election at all meetings and political gatherings. The local newspapers carried articles as directed by Shikoku Military Government Region Headquarters, publicizing the elections and explaining the surveillance of Military Government Teams in connection with the election.

20. Number of violations reported to this Headquarters.

Election committee interference.....1  
Violation of Purge Directive.....6

21. Disposition of above violation.

Reported to Japanese officials only.....7

22. Military Government Team's comments and evaluations:

a. Was any criticism voiced in regard to activities of occupation forces? No

b. Comment on activities of local election administration committees.

All reports received by this Headquarters in regard to the election committees have been satisfactory.

c. How may election laws be improved?

No suggestions have been presented to this office for changes in the election laws.

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24 April 1947

SUBJECT: Prefectural Report on Surveillance of Election of House of Councillors on 20 April 1947. Reports Control Symbol QGS-D.

TO : Commanding General, Eighth Army, APO 343  
Attn: Mil Govt Section

1. Name of Prefecture.....Kochi Ken

2. Number of Registered Voters

men.....221,639

women.....248,659

Total.....470,298

3. Number persons actually voting

men.....157,312

women.....144,924

Total.....302,236

4. Number persons claiming franchise but not permitted to vote.

men.....None

women.....None

Total.....None

5. Number of surveillance teams on election day..... 18

6. Number of polling places.....1012

7. Number of polling places visited..... 305

8. Number of ballot counting stations..... 175

9. Number of ballot counting stations visited..... 60

10. Were candidates' purge questionnaires available at Election Administration Committee's offices and at Screening Committee's offices in all instances?.....Yes

11. Comment on publicity given by press, radio and at political gatherings to the fact that candidates purge questionnaires are available at Election Administration Committee's offices.

Publicity was good. Daily newspapers articles & radio talks helped very much. Prefectural authorities told candidates and officials to inform the public as to this information at all gatherings. Notices of the above information also were posted on the local bulletin boards in front of the town offices.

12. Comment on the extent the public used the privilege of examining candidates' questionnaires.

Little interest was shown by the public in inspecting purge questionnaires of Candidates for House of Councillors. Seven (7) persons called to see questionnaires of the applicants at the Prefectural Election Administration Committee Office in Kochi City.

13. Number of seats in the House of Councillors from this Prefecture (exclusive of National Constituency seats).....2

Number of Candidates by parties

Liberal.....	1
Democrat.....	1
Socialist.....	1
Cooperative Democrat.....	1



Number of Independent

Candidates.....3

Number actually elected by parties

Liberal.....1

Democrat.....1

Number of Independents elected....0

Total number of votes cast for each party.

Liberal.....74,044

Democrat.....53,539

Cooperative Democrat.....50,024

Socialist.....28,966

Total number of votes cast for Independents.....63,425

14. Number of women elected.....None

15. Number of pre-election campaign meetings held throughout

Prefecture by each party.

Party	No. Meetings	Total Att.
Liberal	100	19,000
Democrat	230	16,300
Socialist	150	18,200
Cooperative Democrat	156	17,500
Independent	340	39,600

16. Were there an adequate number of polling places?....Yes

17. Are four (4) election bulletins enclosed?.....Yes

18. Number of pre-election meetings held by M.G. Team:

		<u>Total Att.</u>
With Election Administration Committees	18	1200
With officials	40	560

19. Extent of local publicity given to the election.

The local newspapers carried many daily articles on the election.

Articles on candidates, on the importance of free elections, and on Military Governments' action in respect to the election were especially stressed. Radio time was also made available for publicity of these facts. Placards, and hand bills were distributed by candidates and officials according to the limitations set down in Japanese election laws.

Contribution of M.G. Teams to publicizing the elections. Teams of this Headquarters held conference with election administration committee members, local officials and candidates, emphasizing the importance of the election and explaining the action M.G. Teams would take in connection with the election. The committee-man, candidates, and officials were encouraged to publicize the election at all meetings and political gatherings. The local newspapers carried articles as directed by Shikoku Military Government Region Headquarters, publicizing the elections and explaining the surveillance of Military Government Teams in connection with the election.

20. Number of violations reported to this Headquarters.

Violation of Purge directive.....1

21. Disposition of above violation.

Reported to Japanese officials only.....1

22. Military Government Team's comments and evaluations:

a. Was any criticism voiced in regard to activities of occupation forces? No

b. Comments on activities of local election administration committees.

All reports received by this Headquarters in regard to the election committees have been satisfactory.

c. How may election laws be improved?

Several election committees have requested a compiled list of do's and dont's in regard to their actions in election matters.

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4 Election Bulletins