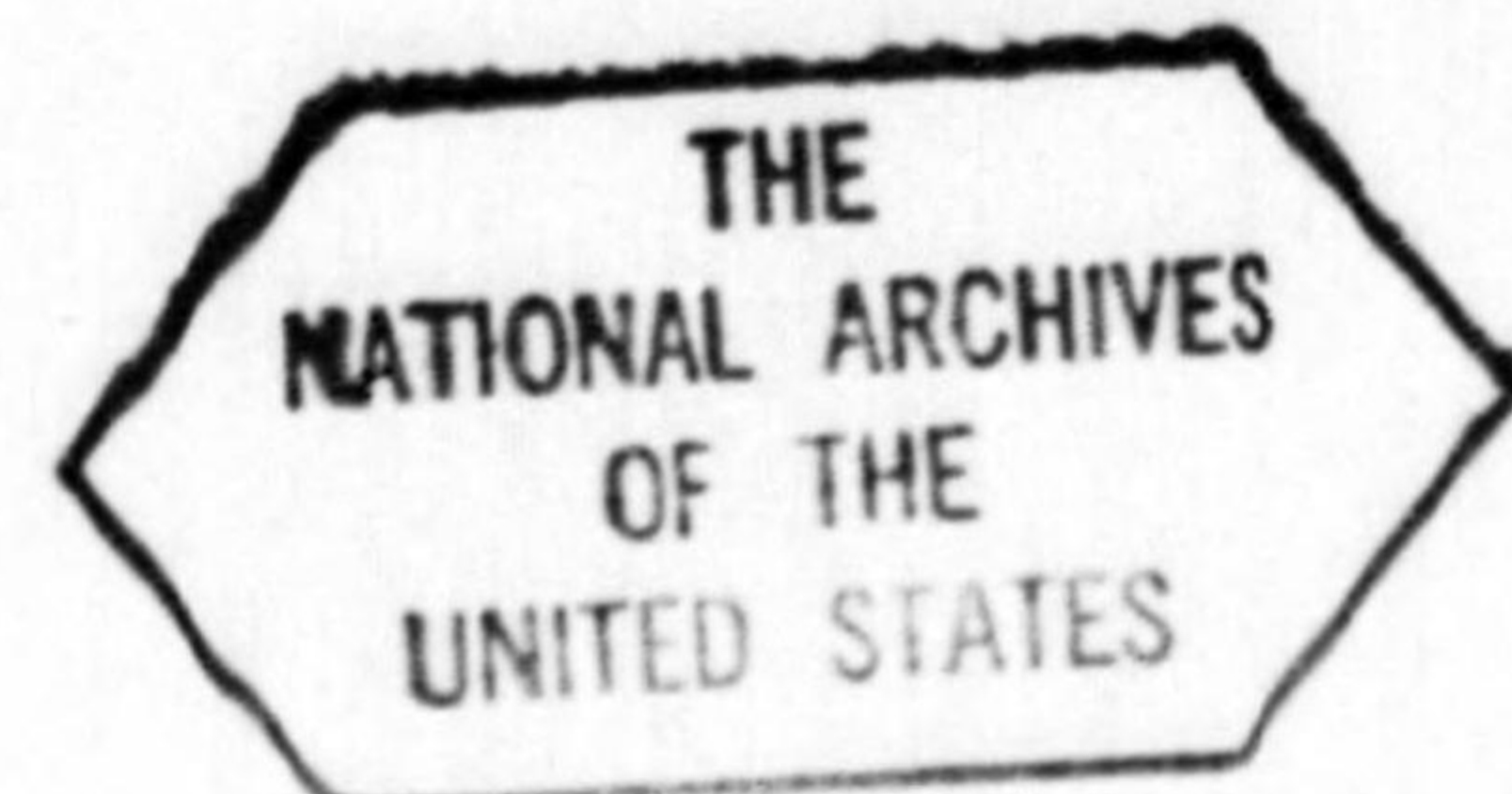


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SUBJECT: Report on Surveillance of Election in Nagasaki-Ken.

THRU : Commanding Officer
Kyushu Mil Govt Region
Hq & Hq Det, APO 929

TO : Commanding General
Hq Eighth Army, APO 343

1. Election Surveillance Report for Nagasaki Ken.
2. Number of Registered Voters:

(a) Men	370,489
(b) Women	<u>406,944</u>
Total: -	777,433
3. Number actually voting:

(a) Men	258,541
(b) Women	<u>220,093</u>
Total: -	478,634
4. Number of persons claiming registration but not actually registered:

(a) Men	924
(b) Women	<u>904</u>
Total: -	1,828
5. Percentage of invalidated votes cast: 1.8%
 - a. Reasons
 - (1) Putting candidates on the wrong colored ballots.
 - (2) Putting names on ballots other than candidates running for office.
 - (3) Blank ballots.

6. Thirty five (35) surveillance teams were used in Nagasaki Ken.

NOTE: Nagasaki has three (3) outlying island areas. Iki, Goto, Tsushima. These islands are remote and difficult to reach because of their distance from the mainland. The population of these islands represents but 16 % of the entire Ken population yet these three areas have 33% (216) of the polling places and 25% (45) of the ballot counting stations. Attention is invited to these facts to show that a greater percentage of populated area coverage was made than the figure below shows at first glance.

7. Number of polling places: 640

8. Number of polling places visited: 344
(Total of 55%)

9. Number of ballot counting stations: 179

10. Number of ballot counting stations visited: 141
(Total of 80%)

11. Candidates purge questionnaires were available at the Election Administration Committee Offices and at the Screening Committee Offices.

12. Publicity was given to the fact that candidates purge questionnaires were available at the Election Administration Committee Offices and at the Screening Committee Offices by use of the newspaper and the Ken Official bulletin which was distributed to every city and, town, and village in Nagasaki Ken.

13. The General Public did not use their privilege of examining candidates questionnaires.

14. Number of the members of House of Representatives to be elected in this Ken is nine (9)

a. Number of candidates by parties:

(1) Liberal Party	8
(2) Democratic Party	5
(3) Socialist Party	6
(4) Communist Party	2
(5) National Cooperative Party	2
(6) Agri-Fishery Cooperative Party	2
(7) Women's Cooperative Party	1
(8) New Young-Men Party	1

b. Independent Party	1
c. Number actually elected by parties:	
(1) Liberal Party	4
(2) Democratic Party	2
(3) Socialist Party	2
(4) Agri-Fishery Cooperative Party	1
d. Number of Independent Party elected:	
Independent Party	0
e. Total number of votes cast for each party:	
(1) Liberal Party	153,264
(2) Democratic Party	110,542
(3) Socialist Party	116,557
(4) National Cooperative Party	16,014
(5) Communist Party	11,239
(6) New Young-Men's Party	2,617
(7) Agri-Fishery Cooperative Party	42,001
(8) Women's Cooperative Party	7,038
f. Total number of votes cast for Independent Party:	
Independent Party	10,555

15. There were no women candidates.

16. Number of Pre-election campaign meetings held throughout the Prefecture by each party:

	<u>Meetings</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
a. Liberal Party	199	21,555
b. Socialist Party	37	6,240
c. Democratic Party	202	23,690
d. National Cooperative Party	67	6,000
e. Communist Party	50	10,000
f. New Young-Men's Party	80	4,000

	<u>Meetings</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
g. Agri-Fishery Cooperative Party	111	14,800
h. Women's Cooperative Party	Unknown	Unknown
i. Independent Party	Unknown	Unknown

17. Polling places in this prefecture were adequate.

18. Four (4) copies of the election bulletins are enclosed.

19. Number of pre-election meetings held by Military Government:

	<u>Meetings</u>	<u>No. of persons</u>
Election Administration Committee	1	3
Election Officials	1	6

20. Ken publicity:

- a. Newspapers
- b. Ken official bulletin
- c. Posters
- d. Posted list of candidates at each polling places.

21. Military Government Publicity:

- a. Local Newspapers.
- b. Conference with election officials.
- c. Inspection team on Hirado Island.

22. a. There have been no criticism voiced in regards to the activities of the occupation forces during the election.

b. The local election administration committees have been very active in insuring that the elections were brought to the attention of the general public. They were very efficient in their administration of the election laws.

c. It is suggested that primary elections be held for the Diet seats, because in several cases more than one (1) candidates has been backed by the political party in this Ken.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

/s/ Irvin W. Rogers
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 Captain, TC
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