

HEADQUARTERS  
SAGA MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM  
Saga, Kyushu, Japan

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2696  
APO 24-5  
7 June 1949

SUBJECT: Summary of Election (Reports Control Symbol MG-22)

TO: Commanding General  
Eighth Army  
APO 343

1. Type of election : **Election of Village Mayor**
2. Date of election : **5 June 1949**
3. Location of election : **Nishikie-mura, Kishima-gun, Saga-ken**
4. These data pertain to the area covered by this election for the following elections: (a) the last previous election held for the position to be filled by this election, (b) the National Election held 23 January 1949, (c) the present election

a. Number of eligible voters

	Last Previous Election Date	<u>23 January 49</u>	<u>Present Election</u>
(1) Male	1,217	1,160	1,154
(2) Female	1,431	1,460	1,434
(3) Total	2,648	2,620	2,588

b. Number of actual voters and percentage to eligible voters

	Last Previous Election Date	<u>23 January 49</u>	<u>Present Election</u>
(1) Male	None voting	956 (82%)	978 (84.7%)
(2) Female	"	1,259 (86%)	1,115 (77.7%)
(3) Total	"	2,215 (84%)	2,093 (80.7%)



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c. Number of invalid ballots and percentage to total votes cast

	Last Previous Election Date	23 January 49	Present Election
(1) Male			
(2) Female			
(3) Total	No-voting	65 (3%)	33 (1%)

d. Total number of votes obtained by each political party and all independents.

Party	Last Previous Election Date	23 January 49	Present Election
(1) Democratic-Liberal	No-voting	1,272	
(2) Democratic	"	349	
(3) Socialist-Democrat	"	106	
(4) People's Cooperative	"	138	
(5) Communist	"	55	
(6) Social Renovation	"		
(7) Labor Farmer	"	55	
(8) New Liberal			
(9) Japan Farmer			
(10) Other Parties (Name)			
(11) Independent	"	175	2,060

5. Number of surveillance teams and other personnel other than military government personnel.

**ASASHIGE Kenji, Mori Susumu, both of Kishima District Office.**

6. Were the candidates' purge questionnaires available at the Election Administration Committee's offices and at the Screening Committee's offices?

**Yes**

7. Candidates. If any change from or additional information to Filing of Candidacies (Reports Control Symbol MG-20), place under remarks. Place asterisk before elected candidate.

Name	Political Party	Total Votes Obtained	Period of Time for Which Elected	Remarks
*OKITA Yasohachi	Independent	1,395	4 years	
YAGAWA Kunitaro	"	665		



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<u>Name</u>	<u>Political Party</u>	<u>Total Votes Obtained</u>	<u>Period of Time for Which Elected</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
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8. Number of violations reported or observed:

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|---|------|
| a. Coercion   | None |
| b. Interference with free and secret voting                   | "    |
| c. Interference with access to polls                          | "    |
| d. Bribery, either by money, gifts or entertainment           | "    |
| e. Failure to report properly contributions and expenditures  | "    |
| f. Riots or other disturbances                                | "    |
| g. Improper disqualification of voters                        | "    |
| h. Violations of purge directives                             | "    |
| i. Excessive or improper use of writings and posters          | "    |
| j. Use of violence, threat of violence, or other intimidation | "    |
| k. Violations of SCAPINS                                      | "    |
| l. Others (if serious, specify)                               | "    |

9. Extent of local publicity given to the election and campaign.  
None

10. Remarks:
- a. Full details of any criticism express in regard to the Occupation Forces or policies of the United States: None
  - b. An significant political strategy or trend: None
  - c. Statement of principal issues expounded by candidates and political parties: None
  - d. Details of serious violations of election laws or SCAPINS, including all violations directly effecting elected candidates or elective public officials: None
  - e. Any unusual incidents or other matters: None

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

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Adjutant



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APO 24-5  
12 May 1949

SUBJECT: Announcement of Election (Reports Control Symbol MG-10)  
TO : Commanding General, Eighth Army, APO 343

1. Type of election: Members of Village Assembly
  2. Date of election : 1 June 1949
  3. Date of notification : 12 May 1949
  4. Number of persons to be elected, by class, if applicable: 3
    - a. If election is to fill a vacancy in the Diet or assembly, the full number of Diet members or assembly men in the electoral district concerned.
  5. Location of election : Sumiyoshi-mura, Kishima-gun, Saga-ken
  6. Record of previous incumbent
    - a. Name: MATSUO Haruyoshi
    - b. Age : 54
    - c. Occupation : Teacher
    - d. Political party; if independent, political leaning: None
    - e. Date of resignation or vacancy : 8 April 1949
    - f. Specific reason for resignation or vacancy with details : Death
  7. Final date for filing of candidacies.: 25 May 1949
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AP0 24-5  
28 May 1949

1955 SUBJECT: Filing of Candidacies (Reports Control Symbol MG-20)

TO : Commanding General, Eighth Army, APO 343

1. Type of election: Election of member of village assembly
2. Date of election: 1 June 1949
3. Location of election: Sumiyoshi-mura, Kishima-gun, Saga-ken
4. a. Name of candidate : TOMOSHIGE Mitsuji  
b. Sex : Male  
c. Age : 46  
d. Education: Graduated from Saga Agricultural School  
e. Present public position, if any : None  
f. Last previous public position held: Chief of branch office, Miyaki-gun Food Inspection Bureau (former)  
g. Previous service in position to be filled: None  
h. Occupation : Farmer  
i. Political party affiliations, or if independent, political leaning : Independent (leaning to the right)  
j. Name and type of prominent supporting organizations : None
5. Prominent campaign issues or significant political strategy which may have developed.: None

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AP0 24-5  
2 June 1949

SUBJECT: Filing of Candidacies (Reports Control Symbol MG-20)

TO : Commanding General, Eighth Army, APO 343

2420

1. Type of election: Election of Members of Village Assembly
2. Date of election : 1 June 1949
3. Location of election : Sumiyoshi-mura, Kishima-gun, Saga-ken
4. a. Name of candidate: TAKEO Shigeo  
b. Sex : Male  
c. Age : 60  
d. Education : Graduated from the Prefectural Arita  
Technical School  
e. Present public position, if any : None  
f. Last previous public position held : Clerk of Primary  
School  
g. Previous service in position to be filled : None  
h. Occupation : Farmer  
i. Political party affiliations, or if independent, po-  
litical leaning : Independent  
j. Name and type of prominent supporting organizations : None
5. Prominent campaign issues or significant political strate-  
gy which may have developed. : None

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APD 24-5  
31 May 1949

2090  
SUBJECT: Filing of Candidacies (Reports Control Symbol MG-20)  
TO : Commanding General, Eighth Army, APO 343

1. Type of election : Election of members of village assembly
2. Date of election : 1 June 1949
3. Location of election : Sumiyoshi-mura, Kishima-gun, Saga-ken
4. a. Name of candidate : NAKAYAMA Kumato  
b. Sex : Male  
c. Age : 40  
d. Education : Graduated from the higher course of the primary school  
e. Present public position, if any : None  
f. Last previous public position held : None  
g. Previous service in position to be filled : None  
h. Occupation : Farmer  
i. Political party affiliations, or if independent, political leaning : Independent (leaning to Socialist Party)  
j. Name and type of prominent supporting organizations : None
5. Prominent campaign issues or significant political strategy which may have developed. : None

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APO 24-5  
12 May 1949

SUBJECT: Announcement of Election (Reports Control Symbol MG-19)  
TO : Commanding General, Eighth Army, APO 343

1. Type of election: Members of Village Assembly
2. Date of election : 1 June 1949
3. Date of notification : 12 May 1949
4. Number of persons to be elected, by class, if applicable: 3
  - a. If election is to fill a vacancy in the Diet or assembly, the full number of Diet members or assembly men in the electoral district concerned.
5. Location of election: Sumiyoshi-mura, Kishima-gun, Saga-ken
6. Record of previous incumbent
  - a. Name : SAKAGUCHI Zenhachi
  - b. Age : 55
  - c. Occupation: Farming
  - d. Political party; if independent, political leaning: None
  - e. Date of resignation or vacancy : 27 May 1948
  - f. Specific reason for resignation or vacancy with details: Appointed as an assitant village-mayor.
7. Final date for filing of candidacies. : 25 May 1949

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9479  
APO 24-5  
12 May 1949

SUBJECT: Announcement of Election (Reports Control Symbol MG-1)  
TO : Commanding General, Eighth Army, APO 343

1. Type of election : Members of Village Assembly
2. Date of election : 1 June 1949
3. Date of notification : 12 May 1949
4. Number of persons to be elected, by class, if applicable : 3
  - a. If election is to fill a vacancy in the Diet or assembly, the full number of Diet members or assembly men in the electoral district concerned.
5. Location of election : Sumiyoshi-mura, Kishima-gun, Saga-ken
6. Record of previous incumbent
  - a. Name : URA Masaji
  - b. Age : 46
  - c. Occupation : Official
  - d. Political party; if independent, political leaning : None
  - e. Date of resignation or vacancy : 1 June 1948
  - f. Specific reason for resignation or vacancy with details : Appointed as an official of the District Office
7. Final date for filing of candidacies. : 25 May 1949

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APO 24-5  
24 May 1949

SUBJECT: Filing of Candidacies (Reports Control Symbol MG-20)  
TO : Commanding General, Eighth Army, APO 343

1. Type of election : Election of Member of Village Assembly
2. Date of election : 1 June 1949
3. Location of election : Sumiyoshi-mura, Kishima-gun
4. a. Name of candidate : YASAKA Kengo  
b. Sex : Male  
c. Age : 46  
d. Education : Graduated from higher course of primary school.  
e. Present public position, if any : None  
f. Last previous public position held : None  
g. Previous service in position to be filled : None  
h. Occupation : Farmer  
i. Political party affiliations, or if independent, political leaning : Independent (leaning to the right)  
j. Name and type of prominent supporting organizations :  
Seems to be supported by the League of Young Farmers in the village.
5. Prominent campaign issues or significant political strategy which may have developed. : None

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1634  
APO 24-5  
24 May 1949

SUBJECT: Filing of Candidacies (Reports Control Symbol MG-20)  
TO : Commanding General, Eighth Army, APO 343

1. Type of election : Election of Member of Village Assembly
2. Date of election : 1 June
3. Location of election : Sumiyoshi-mura, Kishima-gun
4. a. Name of candidate: YAMASHITA Teuma  
b. Sex: Male  
c. Age: 29  
d. Education : Graduated from Imari Agriculture School.  
e. Present public position, if any: None  
f. Last previous public position held : None  
g. Previous service in position to be filled: None  
h. Occupation : Farmer  
i. Political party affiliations, or if independent, political leaning : Independent (leaning to the right)  
j. Name and type of prominent supporting organizations :  
Youth's Association
5. Prominent campaign issues or significant political strategy which may have developed. : None

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APO 24-5  
7 June 1949

SUBJECT: Summary of Election (Reports Control Symbol MG-22)

2697

To: Commanding General  
Eighth Army  
APO 343

1. Type of election : **Election for Members of Village Assembly**
2. Date of election : **1 June 1949**
3. Location of election : **Sumiyoshi-mura, Kishima-gun, Saga-ken**

4. These data pertain to the area covered by this election for the following elections: (a) the last previous election held for the position to be filled by this election, (b) the National Election held 23 January 1949, (c) the present election

a. Number of eligible voters

	Last Previous Election Date	23 January 49	Present Election
(1) Male	1,114	1,196	1,200
(2) Female	1,351	1,424	1,444
(3) Total	2,465	2,620	2,644

b. Number of actual voters and percentage to eligible voters

	Last Previous Election Date	23 January 49	Present Election
(1) Male	1,063 (96%)	1,033 (86%)	1,036 (86%)
(2) Female	1,165 (84%)	1,123 (79%)	1,106 (77%)
(3) Total	2,228 (90%)	2,156 (82%)	2,142 (81%)



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c. Number of invalid ballots and percentage to total votes cast

	Last Previous Election Date <u>13 JUN 1949</u>	Present Election <u>23 January 49</u>
(1) Male		
(2) Female		
(3) Total	40 (1.7%)	56 (2.6%)

d. Total number of votes obtained by each political party and all independents.

Party	Last Previous Election Date <u>23 January 49</u>	Present Election
(1) Democratic-Liberal		996
(2) Democratic		764
(3) Socialist-Democrat		85
(4) People's Cooperative		130
(5) Communist		62
(6) Social Renovation		
(7) Labor Farmer		
(8) New Liberal		
(9) Japan Farmer		
(10) Other Parties (Name)		
(11) Independent	2,188	2,142

5. Number of surveillance teams and other personnel other than military government personnel.

**2 persons from the Kishima District Office**

6. Were the candidates' purge questionnaires available at the Election Administration Committee's offices, and at the Screening Committee's offices?

**Yes**

7. Candidates. If any change from or additional information to Filing of Candidacies (Reports Control Symbol MG-20), place under remarks. Place asterisk before elected candidate.

Name	Political Party	Total Votes Obtained	Period of Time for Which Elected	Remarks
* YASAKA Kengo	Independent	470	a year and 11 months	
* YAMASHITA Ieuma	"	450	"	
ASASHIGE Mitsuji	"	401		
* TAKEO Shigeo	"	537	1 year and 11 months	
NAKAYAMA Kumato	"	258		



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<u>Name</u>	<u>Political Party</u>	<u>Total Votes Obtained</u>	<u>Period of Time for Which Elected</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
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8. Number of violations reported or observed:

a. Coercion	None
b. Interference with free and secret voting	"
c. Interference with access to polls	"
d. Bribery, either by money, gifts or entertainment	"
e. Failure to report properly contributions and expenditures	"
f. Riots or other disturbances	"
g. Improper disqualification of voters	"
h. Violations of purge directives	"
i. Excessive or improper use of writings and posters	"
j. Use of violence, threat of violence, or other intimidation	"
k. Violations of SCAPINS	"
l. Others (if serious, specify)	"

9. Extent of local publicity given to the election and campaign:

**Bills were posted.**

10. Remarks :
- a. Full details of any criticism express in regard to the Occupation forces or policies of the United States.:
  - b. An significant political strategy or trend: None None
  - c. Statement of principal issues expounded by candidates and political parties.: None
  - d. Details of serious violations of election laws or SCAPINS, including all violations directly effecting elected candidates or elective public officials: None
  - e. Any unusual incidents or other matters: None

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APC 24-5  
6 June 1949

2698  
SUBJECT: Summary of Election (Reports Control Symbol MG-22)

TO: Commanding General  
Eighth Army  
APO 343

1. Type of election : Election of Member of Village Assembly.
2. Date of election : 31 May 1949
3. Location of election : At the auditorium of Mitagawa-mura Primary School
4. These data pertain to the area covered by this election for the following elections: (a) the last previous election held for the position to be filled by this election, (b) the National Election held 23 January 1949, (c) the present election

a. Number of eligible voters

	Last Previous Election Date	23 January 49	Present Election
(1) Male	1,347	1,419	1,388
(2) Female	1,638	1,710	1,653
(3) Total	2,980	3,129	3,041

b. Number of actual voters and percentage to eligible voters

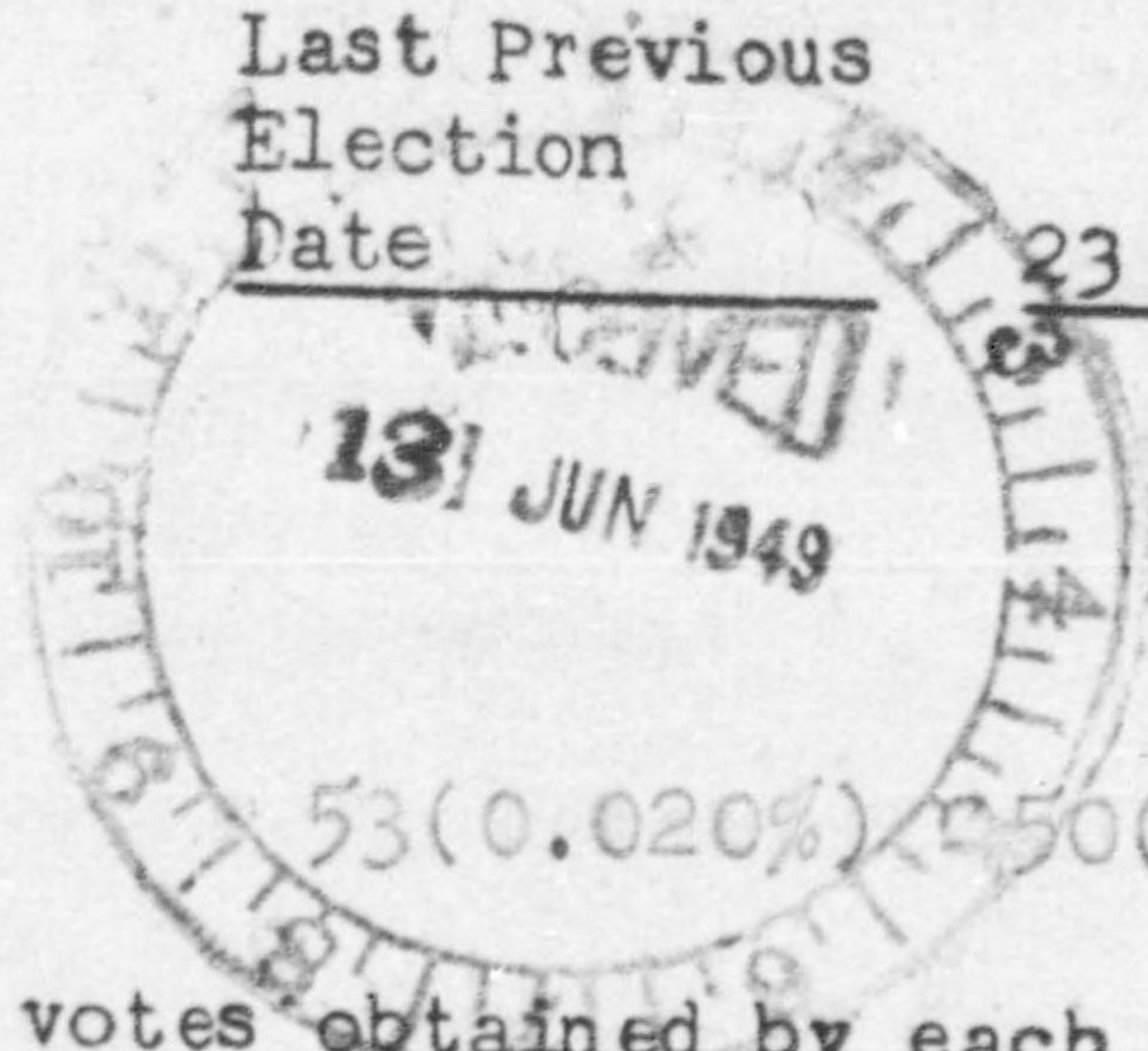
	Last Previous Election Date	23 January 49	Present Election
(1) Male	5 Oct. 48 1,197 (81.6%)	1,330 (93.02%)	1,047 (75.43%)
(2) Female	1,391 (85.2%)	1,527 (89.29%)	1,198 (72.47%)
(3) Total	2,588 (83.4%)	2,857 (91.37%)	2,245 (73.82%)



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c. Number of invalid ballots and percentage to total votes cast

	Last Previous Election Date	23 January 49	Present Election
(1) Male			
(2) Female			
(3) Total	53 (0.020%)	50 (0.022%)	49 (0.022%)



d. Total number of votes obtained by each political party and all independents.

Party	Last Previous Election Date	23 January 49	Present Election
(1) Democratic-Liberal	5 Oct. 48		
(2) Democratic	Unknown	2,305	820
(3) Socialist-Democrat	"	134	
(4) People's Cooperative	"	96	
(5) Communist	"	32	
(6) Social Renovation	"	164	219
(7) Labor Farmer	"		
(8) New Liberal	"	74	
(9) Japan Farmer	"		
(10) Other Parties (Name)	"		
(11) Independent	"	2	1,157

5. Number of surveillance teams and other personnel other than military government personnel.

MATSUNAKA Yoshiyuki, JINNAI Tsuneichi (Both of Kanzaki District Office) ✓

6. Were the candidates' purge questionnaires available at the Election Administration Committee's offices and at the Screening Committee's offices?

Yes

7. Candidates. If any change from or additional information to Filing of Candidacies (Reports Control Symbol MG-20), place under remarks. Place asterisk before elected candidate.

Name	Political Party	Total Votes Obtained	Period of Time for Which Elected	Remarks
* EGUCHI Ishirou	Independent	555	a year and 11 months	
* KAMURA Takejirou	"	373	"	
* NAKASHIMA Tetsuichi	Democratic-Liberal	820	"	
IKUSHIMA Mitsuo	Communist	219	"	
* MORIOKA Sukeichi	Independent	229	"	



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<u>Name</u>	<u>Political Party</u>	<u>Total Votes Obtained</u>	<u>Period of Time for Which Elected</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
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8. Number of violations reported or observed:

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|---|------|
| a. Coercion   | None |
| b. Interference with free and secret voting                   | None |
| c. Interference with access to polls                          | None |
| d. Bribery, either by money, gifts or entertainment           | None |
| e. Failure to report properly contributions and expenditures  | None |
| f. Riots or other disturbances                                | None |
| g. Improper disqualification of voters                        | None |
| h. Violations of purge directives                             | None |
| i. Excessive or improper use of writings and posters          | None |
| j. Use of violence, threat of violence, or other intimidation | None |
| k. Violations of SCAPINS                                      | None |
| l. Others (if serious, specify)                               | None |

9. Extent of local publicity given to the election and campaign.

Speech in the street by Candidate.  
Publicity by calling up a name of candidate.

10. Remarks

- Full details of any criticism expressed in regard to the Occupation Forces or polices of the United States: None
- An significant political strategy or trend: None
- Statement of principal issues expounded by candidates and political parties.: None
- Details of serious violations of election laws or SCAPINS, including a ll violations directly effecting elected candidates or elective public officials.: None
- Any unusual incidents or other matters.: None

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9435  
APO 24-5  
10 May 1949

SUBJECT: Announcement of Election (Reports Control Symbol MG-19)  
TO : Commanding General, Eighth Army, APO 343

1. Type of election: Election of Town-Mayor
  2. Date of election: 31 May 1949
  3. Date of notification: 11 May 1949
  4. Number of persons to be elected, by class, if applicable: 1
    - a. If election is to fill a vacancy in the Diet or assembly, the full number of Diet members or assembly men in the electoral district concerned.
  5. Location of election: Yamashiro-machi, Nishimatsuura-gun, Saga-ken
  6. Record of previous incumbent
    - a. Name : Yutaka Ikegami
    - b. Age : 61
    - c. Occupation: President of Uranosaki Ship-building Co., Ltd.
    - d. Political party; if independent, political leaning: None
    - e. Date of resignation or vacancy: 24 April 1949
    - f. Specific reason for resignation or vacancy with details : Retired from post by his own request.
  7. Final date for filing of candidacies.: 24 May 1949
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1129  
APO 24-5  
20 May 1949

SUBJECT: Filing of Candidacies (Reports Control Symbol MG-20)  
TO : Commanding General, Eighth Army, APO 343

1. Type of election: Election for head of Yamashiro-town.
2. Date of election: May 31 1949
3. Location of election : Town office of Yamashiro-machi
4. a. Name of candidate: KAWAHARA Keiichi  
b. Sex : Male  
c. Age : 61 year old  
d. Education : Graduated from the Kobe College of Commerce.  
e. Present public position, if any : None  
f. Last previous public position held : None  
g. Previous service in position to be filled : None  
h. Occupation : Public certified accountant & taxation agent.  
i. Political party affiliations, or if independent, political leaning : Independent.  
j. Name and type of prominent supporting organizations : None
5. Prominent campaign issues or significant political strategy which may have developed. : None

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9906  
APO 24-5  
12 May 1949

SUBJECT: Filing of Candidacies (Reports Control Symbol MG-20)

TO : Commanding General, Eighth Army, APO 343

1. Type of election : Election for town mayor
2. Date of election : 31 May 1949
3. Location of election : Yamashiro-machi, Nishimatsuura-gun,  
Saga-ken
4. a. Name of candidate : FUKAE Tsunehichi  
b. Sex : Male  
c. Age : 56  
d. Education : Graduated from the higher course of the  
primary school.  
e. Present public position, if any : None  
f. Last previous public position held : None  
g. Previous service in position to be filled : None  
h. Occupation : Farmer
5. i. Political party affiliations, or if independent, po-  
litical leaning : Japan Communist Party  
j. Name and type of prominent supporting organizations :  
Japan Communist Party
5. Prominent campaign issues or significant political strate-  
gy which may have developed. : None

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APO 24-5  
17 May 1949

9964  
SUBJECT: Filing of Candidacies (Reports Control Symbol MG-20)  
TO : Commanding General, Eighth Army, APO 343

1. Type of election : Election of village-mayor
2. Date of election : 31 May 1949
3. Location of election : Yamashiro-machi, Nishimatsuura-gun
4. a. Name of candidate : Miyosuke Nakao  
b. Sex : Male  
c. Age : 62  
d. Education : Graduated from Higher Commercial School  
e. Present public position, if any : Chairman of Yamashiro-machi Agricultural Land Committee  
f. Last previous public position held : None  
g. Previous service in position to be filled : None  
h. Occupation : Director of Saga Industrial Bank  
i. Political party affiliations, or if independent, political leaning : Independent (rather Democratic-Liberal Party)  
j. Name and type of prominent supporting organizations : None
5. Prominent campaign issues or significant political strategy which may have developed :  
None

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APO 24-5  
28 May 1949

1956  
SUBJECT: Filing of Candidacies (Reports Control Symbol MG-20)

TO : Commanding General, Eighth Army, APO 343

1. Type of election : Election of Town Mayor
2. Date of election : 31 May 1949
3. Location of election: Yamashiro-machi, Nishimatsuura-gun,  
Saga-ken
4. a. Name of candidate : BABA Kunimoto  
b. Sex : Male  
c. Age : 57  
d. Education: Graduated from the higher course of primary  
school.  
e. Present public position, if any: Yamashiro-machi Town  
Assembly Member  
f. Last previous public position held : None  
g. Previous service in position to be filled: None  
h. Occupation: Unemployed  
i. Political party affiliations, or if independent, po-  
litical leaning : Independent (leaning is unknown)  
j. Name and type of prominent supporting organizations : None
5. Prominent campaign issues or significant political strate-  
gy which may have developed. : None

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1688  
APO 24-5  
26 May 1949

SUBJECT: Filing of Candidacies (Reports Control Symbol MG-20)

TO : Commanding General, Eighth Army, APO 343

1. Type of election : Election of Mayor of Town
2. Date of election : 31, May 1949
3. Location of election : Yamashiro-machi, Nishimatsuura-gun
4. a. Name of candidate : MATSUMOTO Reiji  
b. Sex : Male  
c. Age : 54  
d. Education : Graduate of Saga Middle School  
e. Present public position, if any : Member of Yamashiro-machi  
Assembly  
f. Last previous public position held : None  
g. Previous service in position to be filled : None  
h. Occupation : Employee of a company  
i. Political party affiliations, or if independent, political leaning : Independent  
j. Name and type of prominent supporting organizations : None
5. Prominent campaign issues or significant political strategy which may have developed : None

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APO 24-5  
2 June 1949

2472  
SUBJECT: Summary of Election (Reports Control Symbol MG-22)

TO: Commanding General  
Eighth Army  
APO 343

1. Type of election: Election of town mayor
2. Date of election: 31 May 1949
3. Location of election: Town office of Yamashiro-machi, Saga-ken
4. These data pertain to the area covered by this election for the following elections: (a) the last previous election held for the position to be filled by this election, (b) the National Election held 23 January 1949, (c) the present election

a. Number of eligible voters

	Last Previous Election Date	23 January 49	Present Election
(1) Male:	4092	4280	4261
(2) Female:	4072	4260	4214
(3) Total:	8164	8540	8475

b. Number of actual voters and percentage to eligible voters

	Last Previous Election Date	23 January 49	Present Election
(1) Male:	3516 (85.9%)	3667 (85.6%)	3593 (84.3%)
(2) Female:	3269 (80.2%)	3371 (79.1%)	3427 (81.3%)
(3) Total:	6785 (83.1%)	7038 (82.4%)	7020 (82.8%)



BASIC: Summary of Election (Reports Control Symbol MG-22)

c. Number of invalid ballots and percentage to total votes cast

	Last Previous Election Date	23 January 49	Present Election
(1) Male			
(2) Female			
(3) Total:	164 (2.4%)	374 (5.3%)	119 (1.69%)

d. Total number of votes obtained by each political party and all independents.

Party	Last Previous Election Date	23 January 49	Present Election
(1) Democratic-Liberal		2428	
(2) Democratic		1635	
(3) Socialist-Democrat		1126	
(4) People's Cooperative		66	
(5) Communist		958	919
(6) Social Renovation			
(7) Labor Farmer			
(8) New Liberal			
(9) Japan Farmer			
(10) Other Parties (Name)		363	
(11) Independent	6619	90	5982

5. Number of surveillance teams and other personnel other than military government personnel. Saga ken clerical official .....

IIMORI Hidetoshi URAZATO Heihachiro  
MORI Souma NOGUCHI Toshiki

6. Were the candidates' purge questionnaires available at the Election Administration Committee's offices and at the Screening Committee's offices?

Readers 25

7. Candidates. If any change from or additional information to Filing of Candidacies (Reports Control Symbol MG-20), place under remarks. Place asterisk before elected candidate.

Name	Political Party	Total Votes Obtained	Period of Time for Which Elected	Remarks
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BASIC: Summary of Election (Reports Control Symbol MG-22)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Political Party</u>	<u>Total Votes Obtained</u>	<u>Period of Time for Which Elected</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
FUKAE Tsuneshichi	Communist	919		
BABA Kunimoto	Independent	1006		
MATSUMOTO Reiji	"	405		
NAKAO Miyosuke	"	2825		
KAWAHARA Keiichi	"	1746		

8. Number of violations reported or observed:

- a. Coercion
- b. Interference with free and secret voting
- c. Interference with access to polls
- d. Bribery, either by money, gifts or entertainment
- e. Failure to report properly contributions and expenditures
- f. Riots or other disturbances
- g. Improper disqualification of voters
- h. Violations of purge directives
- i. Excessive or improper use of writings and posters
- j. Use of violence, threat of violence, or other intimidation
- k. Violations of SCAPINS
- l. Others (if serious, specify)

9. Extent of local publicity given to the election and campaign. Speech-making on the street by candidates and soliciting for votes by announcing of candidates names by supporters.

10. Remarks

- a. Full details of any criticism expressed in regard to the Occupation Forces or policies of the United States: None
- b. Any significant political strategy or trend: None
- c. Statement of principal issues expounded by candidates and political parties, Democracy was made perfectly understood
- d. Details of serious violations of election laws or SCAPINS, including all violations directly effecting elected candidates are elective public officials: None
- e. Any unusual incidents or other matters.

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AP0 24-5  
11 May 1949

9439

SUBJECT: Announcement of Election (Reports Control Symbol MG-19)

TO : Commanding General, Eighth Army, APO 343

1. Type of election: Election for Village Assembly-man
2. Date of election: 30 May 1949
3. Date of notification: 10 May 1949
4. Number of persons to be elected, by class, if applicable:  
4 persons
  - a. If election is to fill a vacancy in the Diet or assembly, the full number of Diet members or assembly men in the electoral district concerned.
5. Location of election: Mitagawa-mura, Kanzaki-gun, Saga-ken
6. Record of previous incumbent
  - a. Name: Hozen Yamasaki
  - b. Age : 62
  - c. Occupation: Bonze (*BUDDIST MONK*)
  - d. Political party; if independent, political leaning: None
  - e. Date of resignation or vacancy: 30 March 1949
  - f. Specific reason for resignation or vacancy with details: Appointed as minsei-iin.
7. Final date for filing of candidacies: 23 May 1949

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9437  
APO 24-5  
11 May 1949

SUBJECT: Announcement of Election (Reports Control Symbol MG-10)  
TO : Commanding General, Eighth Army, APO 343

1. Type of election: Election for Village Assembly-man
2. Date of election: 30 May 1949
3. Date of notification: 10 May 1949
4. Number of persons to be elected, by class, if applicable:  
4 persons  
a. If election is to fill a vacancy in the Diet or assembly, the full number of Diet members or assembly men in the electoral district concerned.
5. Location of election: Mitagawa-mura, Kanzaki-gun, Saga-ken
6. Record of previous incumbent
  - a. Name: Yasuichi Shigematsu
  - b. Age : 53
  - c. Occupation: Farming
  - d. Political party; if independent, political leaning: None
  - e. Date of resignation or vacancy: 13 April 1949
  - f. Specific reason for resignation or vacancy with details: Violation of Article 98 of the election law.
7. Final date for filing of candidacies: 23 May 1949

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9436  
APO 24-5  
11 May 1949

SUBJECT: Announcement of Election (Reports Control Symbol MG-19)

TO : Commanding General, Eighth Army, APO 343

1. Type of election: Election for Village Assembly-man
2. Date of election: 30 May 1949
3. Date of notification: 10 May 1949
4. Number of persons to be elected, by class, if applicable:  
4 persons
  - a. If election is to fill a vacancy in the Diet or assembly, the full number of Diet members or assembly men in the electoral district concerned.
5. Location of election: Mitagawa-mura, Kanzaki-gun, Saga-ken
6. Record of previous incumbent
  - a. Name: Masaru Kamura
  - b. Age: 50
  - c. Occupation: Farming
  - d. Political party; if independent, political leaning: None
  - e. Date of resignation or vacancy: 13 April 1949
  - f. Specific reason for resignation or vacancy with details: Violation of Article 98 of the election law.
7. Final date for filing of candidacies: 23 May 1949

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APD 24-5  
11 May 1949

9434  
SUBJECT: Announcement of Election (Reports Control Symbol MG-19)

TO : Commanding General, Eighth Army, APO 343

1. Type of election: Election for Village Assembly-man
2. Date of election: 30 May 1949
3. Date of notification: 10 May 1949
4. Number of persons to be elected, by class, if applicable:  
4 persons  
a. If election is to fill a vacancy in the Diet or assembly, the full number of Diet members or assembly men in the electoral district concerned.
5. Location of election: Mitagawa-mura, Kanzaki-gun, Saga-ken
6. Record of previous incumbent
  - a. Name: Hideichiro Morokuma
  - b. Age: 56
  - c. Occupation: Farming
  - d. Political party; if independent, political leaning: None
  - e. Date of resignation or vacancy: 13 April 1949
  - f. Specific reason for resignation or vacancy with details: Violation of Article 98 of the Election Law.
7. Final date for filing of candidacies: 23 May 1949

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APO 24-5  
20 May 1949

SUBJECT: Filing of Candidacies (Reports Control Symbol MG-20)

TO : Commanding General, Eighth Army, APO 343

1. Type of election : Election for a member of village assembly.
2. Date of election : May 30 1949
3. Location of election : Mitagawa-mura, Kanzaki-gun
4. a. Name of candidate : EGUCHI Ishiro  
b. Sex : Male  
c. Age : 43 year old  
d. Education: Graduated from the Waseda University  
e. Present public position, if any : None  
f. Last previous public position held : A member of the  
Mitagawa-mura Election Administration Committee  
g. Previous service in position to be filled : None  
h. Occupation : Farmer  
i. Political party affiliations, or if independent, political leaning: Independent, has a leaning to the Demo-Lib.  
j. Name and type of prominent supporting organizations: None
5. Prominent campaign issues or significant political strategy which may have developed. : None

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AP0 24-5  
28 May 1949

1954 SUBJECT: Filing of Candidacies (Reports Control Symbol MG-20)

TO : Commanding General, Eighth Army, APO 343

1. Type of election: Election of member of village assembly
2. Date of election: 30 May 1949
3. Location of election: Mitagawa-mura, Kanzaki-gun, Saga-ken
4. a. Name of candidate: SHOJIMA Mitsuo
  - b. Sex : Male
  - c. Age : 38
  - d. Education: Graduated from Middle School
  - e. Present public position, if any: Mitagawa Agricultural Adjustment Committee man.
  - f. Last previous public position held: None
  - g. Previous service in position to be filled: None
  - h. Occupation: Farmer
  - i. Political party affiliations, or if independent, political leaning: Japan Communist Party
  - j. Name and type of prominent supporting organizations: None
5. Prominent campaign issues or significant political strategy which may have developed: None

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1957  
APO 24-5  
28 May 1949

SUBJECT: Filing of Candidacies (Reports Control Symbol MG-20)

TO : Commanding General, Eighth Army, APO 343

1. Type of election : Election of Member of Village Assembly
  2. Date of election : 30 May 1949
  3. Location of election : Mitagawa-mura, Kanzaki-gun, Saga-ken
  4. a. Name of candidate : NAKASHIMA Tetsuichi
  - b. Sex : Male
  - c. Age : 58
  - d. Education : Graduated from higher course of primary school.
  - e. Present public position, if any : None
  - f. Last previous public position held : None
  - g. Previous service in position to be filled : None
  - h. Occupation : Farmer
  - i. Political party affiliations, or if independent, political leaning : Democratic-Liberal Party
  - j. Name and type of prominent supporting organizations : None
5. Prominent campaign issues or significant political strategy which may have developed. : None

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1958  
APO 24-5  
28 May 1949

SUBJECT: Filing of Candidacies (Reports Control Symbol MG-20)

TO : Commanding General, Eighth Army, APO 343

1. Type of election : Election of Member of Village Assembly
2. Date of election : 30 May 1949
3. Location of election : Mitagawa-mura, Kanzaki-gun, Saga-ken
4. a. Name of candidate : KAMURA Takejiro  
b. Sex : Male  
c. Age : 67  
d. Education : Graduate from the higher course of primary school.  
e. Present public position, if any : None  
f. Last previous public position held: Member of Agricultural Land Committee, Supervisor of Agr. Cooperative Ass'n  
g. Previous service in position to be filled: None  
h. Occupation : Farmer  
i. Political party affiliations, or if independent, political leaning : Independent (leaning to Demo-Liberal Party)  
j. Name and type of prominent supporting organizations : None
5. Prominent campaign issues or significant political strategy which may have developed. : None

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1959  
APO 24-5  
28 May 1949

SUBJECT: Filing of Candidacies (Reports Control Symbol MG-20)

TO : Commanding General, Eighth Army, APO 343

1. Type of election : Election of member of village assembly
2. Date of election : 30 May 1949
3. Location of election: Mitagawa-mura, Kanzaki-gun, Saga-ken
4. a. Name of candidate: MORIZONO Sukeichi  
b. Sex : Male  
c. Age : 57  
d. Education : Graduated from the higher course of primary school  
e. Present public position, if any : None  
f. Last previous public position held : None  
g. Previous service in position to be filled : None  
h. Occupation : Farmer  
i. Political party affiliations, or if independent, political leaning : Independent (has a leaning to the Demo-Liberal Party)  
j. Name and type of prominent supporting organizations : None
5. Prominent campaign issues or significant political strategy which may have developed. : None

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1964  
APO 24-5  
28 May 1949

SUBJECT: Summary of Election (Reports Control Symbol MG-22)

TO: Commanding General  
Eighth Army  
APO 343

1. Type of election : Election of Village Mayor
2. Date of election : 18 May 1949
3. Location of election : Kurokawa-mura, Nishimatsuura-gun,  
Saga-ken
4. These data pertain to the area covered by this election for the following elections: (a) the last previous election held for the position to be filled by this election, (b) the National Election held 23 January 1949, (c) the present election

a. Number of eligible voters

	Last Previous Election Date	23 January 49	Present Election
(1) Male	1,167	1,089	1,099
(2) Female	1,326	1,284	1,303
(3) Total	2,493	2,373	2,402

b. Number of actual voters and percentage to eligible voters

	Last Previous Election Date	23 January 49	Present Election
(1) Male	<u>999</u> 85.6%	<u>992</u> 91.1%	
(2) Female	<u>1,180</u> 89.7%	<u>1,131</u> 89.1%	
(3) Total	<u>2,179</u> 87.4%	<u>2,123</u> 89.5%	



BASIC: Summary of Election (Reports Control Symbol MG-22)

c. Number of invalid ballots and percentage to total votes cast

Last Previous Election Date	23 January 49	Present Election
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- (1) Male
- (2) Female
- (3) Total



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2.21%

d. Total number of votes obtained by each political party and all independents.

<u>Party</u>	Last Previous Election Date	23 January 49	Present Election
(1) Democratic-Liberal		1,151	Elected Without Voting, because of only one candidate.
(2) Democratic		817	
(3) Socialist-Democrat		29	
(4) People's Cooperative		37	
(5) Communist		24	
(6) Social Renovation		0	
(7) Labor Farmer		16	
(8) New Liberal		0	
(9) Japan Farmer		0	
(10) Other Parties (Name)		0	
(11) Independent		2	
TOTAL		2,115	2,076

5. Number of surveillance teams and other personnel other than military government personnel.

A team of 2 men from the Higashimatsuwra District Office

6. Were the candidates' purge questionnaires available at the Election Administration Committee's offices and at the Screening Committee's offices?  
Candidate has a qualification certificate No. 642; dtd 10 March 1947.

7. Candidates. If any change from or additional information to Filing of Candidacies (Reports Control Symbol MG-20), place under remarks. Place asterisk before elected candidate.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Political Party</u>	<u>Total Votes Obtained</u>	<u>Period of Time for Which Elected</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
KUROKAWA Kiichi	Independent	No votes	four years	



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<u>Name</u>	<u>Political Party</u>	<u>Total Votes Obtained</u>	<u>Period of Time for Which Elected</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
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8. Number of violations reported or observed:

- |   |             |
|---|-------------|
| a. Coercion   | <u>None</u> |
| b. Interference with free and secret voting                   | <u>None</u> |
| c. Interference with access to polls                          | <u>None</u> |
| d. Bribery, either by money, gifts or entertainment           | <u>None</u> |
| e. Failure to report properly contributions and expenditures  | <u>None</u> |
| f. Riots or other disturbances                                | <u>None</u> |
| g. Improper disqualification of voters                        | <u>None</u> |
| h. Violations of purge directives                             | <u>None</u> |
| i. Excessive or improper use of writings and posters          | <u>None</u> |
| j. Use of violence, threat of violence, or other intimidation | <u>None</u> |
| k. Violations of SCAPINS                                      | <u>None</u> |
| l. Others (if serious, specify)                               | <u>None</u> |

9. Extent of local publicity given to the election and campaign.  
No publicity were given.

10. Remarks

- a. Full details of any criticism expressed in regard to the Occupation Forces or policies of the United States.: None
- b. An significant political strategy or trend: None
- c. Statement of principal issues expounded by candidates and political parties.: None
- d. Details of serious violations of election laws or SCAPINS, including all violations directly effecting elected candidates or elective public officials. \* (See reverse side) None

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\*e. Any unusual incidents or other matters: None



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9191  
APO 24-5  
9 May 1949

SUBJECT: Filing of Candidacies (Reports Control Symbol MG-20)

TO : Commanding General, Eighth Army, APO 343

1. Type of election : Election for Village Mayor
2. Date of election : 16 May 1949
3. Location of election : Kurokawa-mura, Nishimatsuura-gun,  
Saga-ken
4. a. Name of candidate : KUROKAWA Kiichi  
b. Sex : Male  
c. Age : 56  
d. Education : Graduated from Higher Course of Primary  
School.  
e. Present public position, : ~~if any~~ Deputy Mayor of Kurokawa-  
mura  
f. Last previous public position held : None  
g. Previous service in position to be filled: None  
h. Occupation : None  
i. Political party affiliations, or if independent, po-  
litical leaning : Independent  
j. Name and type of prominent supporting organizations :  
None
5. Prominent campaign issues or significant political strate-  
gy which may have developed. : None

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APD 24-5  
9 May 1949

9192

SUBJECT: Filing of Candidacies (Reports Control Symbol MG-20)  
TO : Commanding General, Eighth Army, APO 343

1. Type of election: Election for town mayor.
2. Date of election: 16 May 1949
3. Location of election: Ushizu-machi, Ogi-gun, Saga-ken
4. a. Name of candidate: MOCHINAGA Akio  
b. Sex: Male  
c. Age: 39  
d. Education: Department of Law, Tokyo University.  
e. Present public position, if any: None  
f. Last previous public position held: Deputy mayor  
of Ushizu-machi.  
g. Previous service in position to be filled: None  
h. Occupation : None  
i. Political party affiliations, or if independent, political leaning : Independent  
j. Name and type of prominent supporting organizations: None
5. Prominent campaign issues or significant political strategy which may have developed.: None

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1126  
APO 24-5  
20 May 1949

SUBJECT: Summary of Election (Reports Control Symbol MG-22)

TO: Commanding General  
Eighth Army  
APO 343

1. Type of election : Election for town-mayor
2. Date of election : 16 May 1949
3. Location of election : Ushizu-machi, Ogi-gun, Saga-ken.
4. These data pertain to the area covered by this election for the following elections: (a) the last previous election held for the position to be filled by this election; (b) the National Election held 23 January 1949, (c) the present election

a. Number of eligible voters

	Last Previous Election Date	23 January 49	Present Election
(1) Male	(5 April 1947) 1,421	1,386	1,429
(2) Female	1,751	1,640	1,709
(3) Total	3,172	3,026	3,138

b. Number of actual voters and percentage to eligible voters

	Last Previous Election Date	23 January 49	Present Election
(1) Male	(5 April 1947) 1,275 89.0%	1,264 91.0%	Election un- contested, no other candidate.
(2) Female	1,480 84.0%	1,390 84.0%	
(3) Total	2,755 87.0%	2,654 87.0%	



BASIC: Summary of Election (Reports Control Symbol MG-22)

c. Number of invalid ballots and percentage of total votes cast

Last Previous Election Date	23 January 49	Present Election
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(1) Male

(2) Female

(3) Total

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3.3%

0.9%

d. Total number of votes obtained by each political party and all independents.

<u>Party</u>	<u>Last Previous Election Date</u>	<u>23 January 49</u>	<u>Present Election</u>
(1) Democratic-Liberal		2,170	
(2) Democratic		186	
(3) Socialist-Democrat		108	
(4) People's Cooperative		67	
(5) Communist		69	
(6) Social Renovation		25	
(7) Labor Farmer			
(8) New Liberal			
(9) Japan Farmer			
(10) Other Parties (Name)			
(11) Independent	1,494	7	

5. Number of surveillance teams and other personnel other than military government personnel.

6. Were the candidates' purge questionnaires available at the Election Administration Committee's offices and at the Screening Committee's offices?

Yes, for one person.

7. Candidates. If any change from or additional information to Filing of Candidacies (Reports Control Symbol MG-20), place under remarks. Place asterisk before elected candidate.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Political Party</u>	<u>Total Votes Obtained</u>	<u>Period of Time for Which Elected</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
MOCHINAGA Akio	independent	None	4 years	



BASIC: Summary of Election (Reports Control Symbol ME-22)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Political Party</u>	<u>Total Votes Obtained</u>	<u>Period of Time for Which Elected</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
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8. Number of violations reported or observed:

- a. Coercion \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Interference with free and secret voting \_\_\_\_\_
- c. Interference with access to polls \_\_\_\_\_
- d. Bribery, either by money, gifts or entertainment \_\_\_\_\_
- e. Failure to report properly contributions and expenditures \_\_\_\_\_
- f. Riots or other disturbances \_\_\_\_\_
- g. Improper disqualification of voters \_\_\_\_\_
- h. Violations of purge directives \_\_\_\_\_
- i. Excessive or improper use of writings and posters \_\_\_\_\_
- j. Use of violence, threat of violence, or other intimidation \_\_\_\_\_
- k. Violations of SCAPINS \_\_\_\_\_
- l. Others (if serious, specify) \_\_\_\_\_

9. Extent of local publicity given to the election and campaign.

A poster was put up at the Candidate's Campaign Office. No election activities were held because there were no other candidates.

10. Remarks : None

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

*Lavern F. Spurgeon*  
 LAVERN F. SPURGEON  
 1st Lt, QMC  
 Adjutant



HEADQUARTERS  
SAGA MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM  
Saga, Kyushu, Japan

LFS/

9073  
APO 24-5  
6 May 1949

SUBJECT: Filing of Candidacies (Reports Control Symbol MG-20)  
TO : Commanding General, Eighth Army, APO 343

1. Type of election: Election of Village-Mayor
2. Date of election: 10 May 1949
3. Location of election: Nanayama-mura, Saga-ken
4. a. Name of candidate: Hideo ONIKI  
b. Sex : Male  
c. Age : 53  
d. Education : Graduated from higher course of primary school  
e. Present public position, if any: Deputy of the village  
f. Last previous public position held: None  
g. Previous service in position to be filled: None  
h. Occupation: None  
i. Political party affiliations, or if independent, political leaning: Independent  
j. Name and type of prominent supporting organizations: None
5. Prominent campaign issues or significant political strategy which may have developed: None
6. Remarks: He was elected without voting because only one candidate filed.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

*La Vern F. Spurgeon*  
LA VERN F. SPURGEON  
1st Lt., QMC  
Adjutant



HEADQUARTERS  
SAGA MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM  
Saga, Kyushu, Japan

LFS/km.

APC 24-5  
20 April 1949

7755  
SUBJECT: Announcement of Election (Reports Control Symbol MG-19)  
TO : Commanding General, Eighth Army, APO 343

1. Type of election : For Village Mayor
  2. Date of election : 6 May 1949
  3. Date of notification : 16 April 1949
  4. Number of persons to be elected, by class, if applicable  
1 Person
    - a. If election is to fill a vacancy in the Diet or assembly, the full number of Diet members or assembly men in the electoral district concerned.
  5. Location of election : Mikazuki-mura, Ogi-gun, Saga-ken
  6. Record of previous incumbent
    - a. Name : TSUTSUMI Toshiichi
    - b. Age : 50
    - c. Occupation : Farmer
    - d. Political party; if independent, political leaning :  
Democratic-Liberal Party
    - e. Date of resignation or vacancy : 11 April 1949
    - f. Specific reason for resignation or vacancy with  
details : By his own request
  7. Final date for filing of candidacies. : 30 April 1949
- FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

*Lavern F. Spurgeon*  
LA VERN F. SPURGEON  
1st Lt., QMC  
Adjutant

*Incl # 6*



HEADQUARTERS  
SAGA MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM  
Saga, Kyushu, Japan

APO 24-5  
10 May 1949

9475 SUBJECT: Summary of Election (Reports Control Symbol MG-22)

TO: Commanding General  
Eighth Army  
APO 343

1. Type of election : Election for Village Mayor
2. Date of election : May 6 1949
3. Location of election : Mikatsuki-mura, Ogi-gun, Saga-ken
4. These data pertain to the area covered by this election for the following elections: (a) the last previous election held for the position to be filled by this election, (b) the National Election held 23 January 1949, (c) the present election

a. Number of eligible voters

	Last Previous Election Date	23 January 49	Present Election
(1) Male	1,831	2,024	2,069
(2) Female	2,384	2,382	2,402
(3) Total	4,215	4,406	4,471

b. Number of actual voters and percentage to eligible voters

	Last Previous Election Date	23 January 49	Present Election
(1) Male	<u>1,757</u> 95.9%	<u>1,879</u> 92.3%	<u>1,857</u> 89.0%
(2) Female	<u>2,073</u> 86.9%	<u>2,082</u> 87.4%	<u>2,046</u> 85.0%
(3) Total	<u>3,830</u> 90.8%	<u>3,961</u> 89.9%	<u>3,903</u> 87.3%



BASIC: Summary of Election (Reports Control Symbol MG-22)

c. Number of invalid ballots and percentage to total votes cast

	Last Previous Election Date	23 January 49	Present Election
(1) Male			
(2) Female			
(3) Total	<u>128</u> 3.3%	<u>43</u> 1.08%	<u>51</u> 1.1%

d. Total number of votes obtained by each political party and all independents.

Party	Last Previous Election Date	23 January 49	Present Election
(1) Democratic-Liberal		3,241	-
(2) Democratic		211	-
(3) Socialist-Democrat		90	-
(4) People's Cooperative		137	-
(5) Communist		168	-
(6) Social Renovation		-	-
(7) Labor Farmer		67	-
(8) New Liberal		-	-
(9) Japan Farmer		-	-
(10) Other Parties (Name)		-	-
(11) Independent	1,975	4	3,852

5. Number of surveillance teams and other personnel other than military government personnel. 1 election official from Prefectural Government and 4 officials from Ogi-gun Office surveilled.

6. Were the candidates' purge questionnaires available at the Election Administration Committee's offices and at the Screening Committee's offices?  
Yes

7. Candidates. If any change from or additional information to Filing of Candidacies (Reports Control Symbol MG-20), place under remarks. Place asterisk before elected candidate.

Name	Political Party	Total Votes Obtained	Period of Time for Which Elected	Remarks
NAKANO Takaichi	Independent	1,884	four years	
* MURAOKA Eiji	ditto	1,968	four years	



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<u>Name</u>	<u>Political Party</u>	<u>Total Votes Obtained</u>	<u>Period of Time for Which Elected</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
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8. Number of violations reported or observed: **None**

- a. Coercion
- b. Interference with free and secret voting
- c. Interference with access to polls
- d. Bribery, either by money, gifts or entertainment
- e. Failure to report properly contributions and expenditures
- f. Riots or other disturbances
- g. Improper disqualification of voters
- h. Violations of purge directives
- i. Excessive or improper use of writings and posters
- j. Use of violence, threat of violence, or other intimidation
- k. Violations of SCAPINS
- l. Others (if serious, specify)

9. Extent of local publicity given to the election and campaign.

Notices were posted in conspicuous places announcing the election and giving the history of the candidates.

10. Remarks

**None**

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

*LaVERN F. STURGEON*  
LA. VERN F. STURGEON  
1st Lt, QAC  
Adjutant



HEADQUARTERS  
SAGA MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM  
Saga, Kyushu, Japan

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APO 24-5  
18 April 1949

7685  
SUBJECT: Summary of Election (Reports Control Symbol MG-22)

TO: Commanding General  
Eighth Army  
APO 343

1. Type of election Election of members of the town assembly.
2. Date of election 10 April 1949
3. Location of election Higashi-Arita-machi
4. These data pertain to the area covered by this election for the following elections: (a) the last previous election held for the position to be filled by this election, (b) the National Election held 23 January 1949, (c) the present election

a. Number of eligible voters

	Last Previous Election Date	23 January 49	Present Election
(1) Male	1,363	1,693	1,359
(2) Female	1,623	1,399	1,667
(3) Total	2,986	3,092	3,026

b. Number of actual voters and percentage to eligible voters

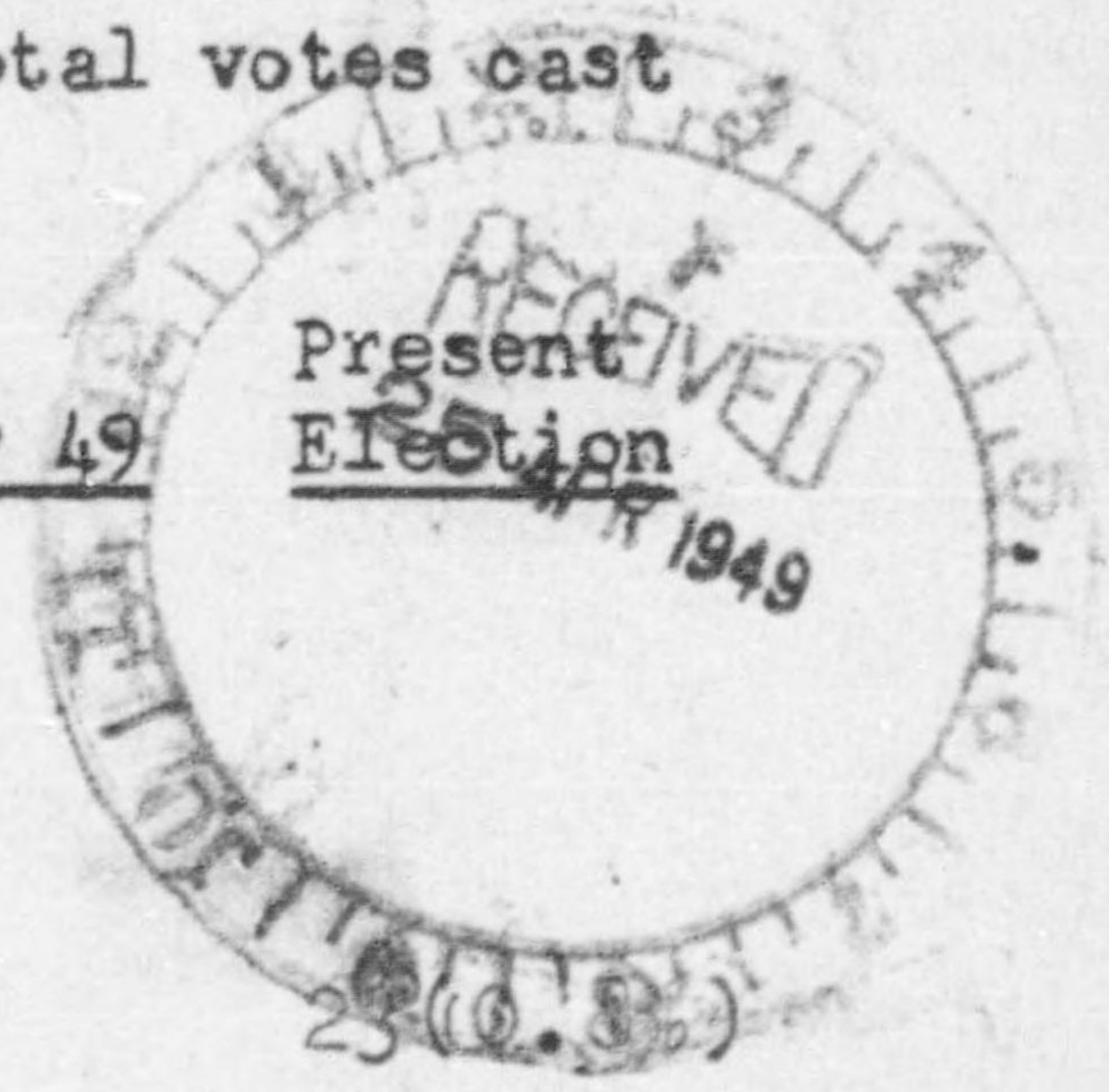
	Last Previous Election Date	23 January 49	Present Election
(1) Male	1,291 (94.71%)	1,257 (89.84%)	1,187 (87.0%)
(2) Female	1,492 (91.92%)	1,395 (82.39%)	1,418 (85.0%)
(3) Total	2,783 (93.72%)	2,652 (85.76%)	2,605 (86.0%)



BASIC: Summary of Election (Reports Control Symbol MG-22)

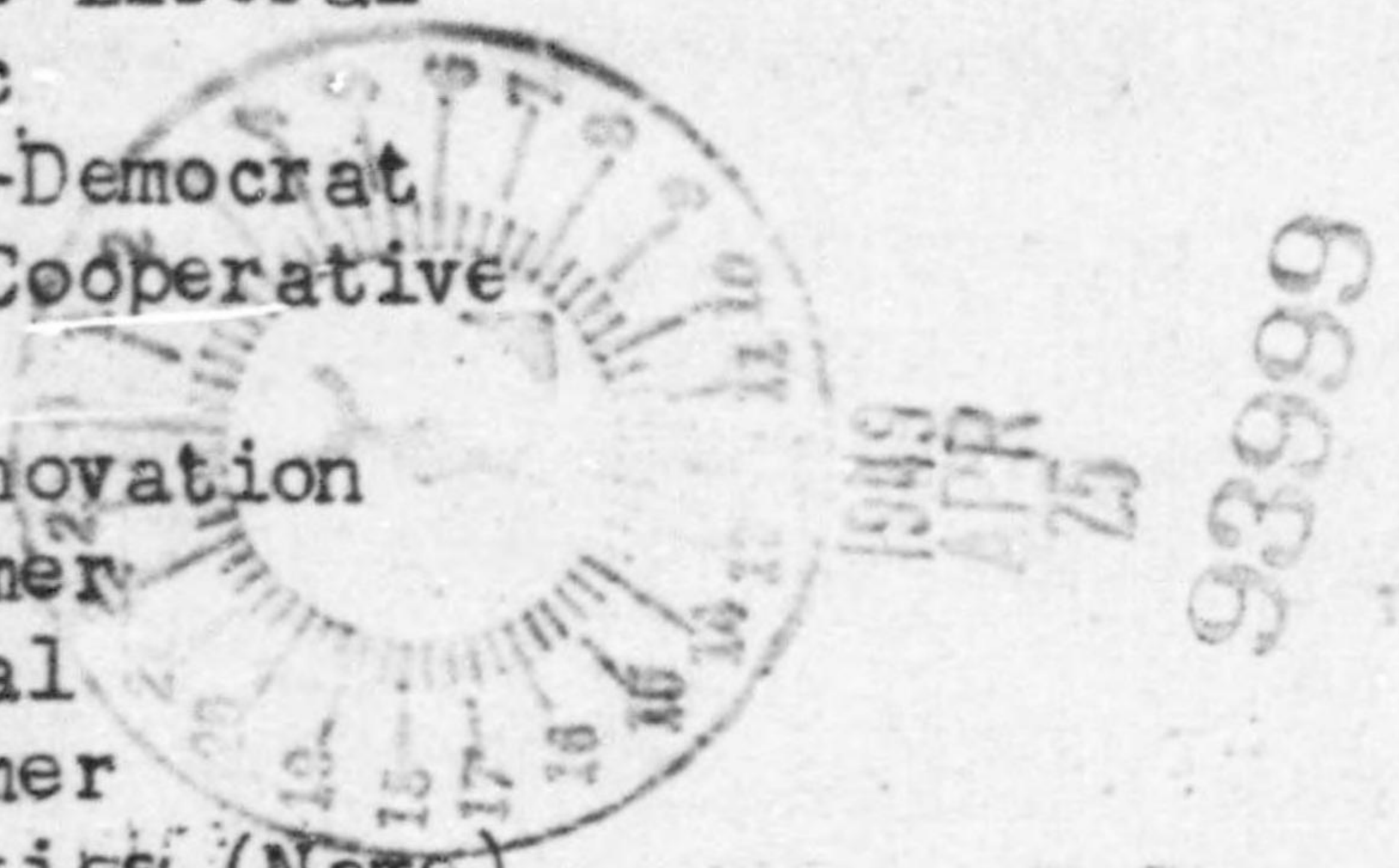
c. Number of invalid ballots and percentage to total votes cast

	Last Previous Election Date	23 January 49	Present Election
(1) Male			
(2) Female			
(3) Total	148 (5.3%)	68 (2.5%)	23 (0.8%)



d. Total number of votes obtained by each political party and all independents.

Party	Last Previous Election Date	23 January 49	Present Election
(1) Democratic-Liberal		1,000	
(2) Democratic		882	
(3) Socialist-Democrat		200	
(4) People's Cooperative		83	
(5) Communist		151	
(6) Social Renovation			
(7) Labor Farmer		197	
(8) New Liberal			
(9) Japan Farmer			
(10) Other Parties (Name)			
(11) Independent	2,635	71	2,258



5. Number of surveillance teams and other personnel other than military government personnel. 3 persons from district office as surveyor.

6. Were the candidates' purge questionnaires available at the Election Administration Committee's offices and at the Screening Committee's offices?  
Yes.

7. Candidates. If any change from or additional information to Filing of Candidacies (Reports Control Symbol MG-20), place under remarks. Place asterisk before elected candidate.

Name	Political Party	Total Votes Obtained	Period of Time for Which Elected	Remarks
KAJIWARA Haruji	Independent	718	2 years	
NAKASHIMA Tatsuji	"	574	"	
MATSUMURA Hiroji	"	547	"	
KAWAGUCHI Buheiji	"	419	"	



BASIC: Summary of Election (Reports Control Symbol MG-22) , dtd 18 Apr 49

<u>Name</u>	<u>Political Party</u>	<u>Total Votes Obtained</u>	<u>Period of Time for Which Elected</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
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8. Number of violations reported or observed: None

- a. Coercion \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Interference with free and secret voting \_\_\_\_\_
- c. Interference with access to polls \_\_\_\_\_
- d. Bribery, either by money, gifts or entertainment \_\_\_\_\_
- e. Failure to report properly contributions and expenditures \_\_\_\_\_
- f. Riots or other disturbances \_\_\_\_\_
- g. Improper disqualification of voters \_\_\_\_\_
- h. Violations of purge directives \_\_\_\_\_
- i. Excessive or improper use of writings and posters \_\_\_\_\_
- j. Use of violence, threat of violence, or other intimidation \_\_\_\_\_
- k. Violations of SCAPINS \_\_\_\_\_
- l. Others (if serious, specify) \_\_\_\_\_

9. Extent of local publicity given to the election and campaign.  
Notice of election was posted.

10. Remarks None

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

*Laven F. Spurgeon*  
LAVEN F. SPURGEON  
1st Lt, QMC  
Adjutant



HEADQUARTERS  
SAGA MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM  
Saga, Kyushu, Japan

FMC/km

APO 24-5  
18 April 1949

17675  
SUBJECT: Summary of Election (Reports Control Symbol MG-22)

TO: Commanding General  
Eighth Army  
APO 343

1. Type of election : Election of members of the village assembly.
2. Date of election : 10 April 1949
3. Location of election : Kagami-mura, Higashimatsuura-gun
4. These data pertain to the area covered by this election for the following elections: (a) the last previous election held for the position to be filled by this election, (b) the National Election held 23 January 1949, (c) the present election

a. Number of eligible voters

	Last Previous Election Date	23 January 49	Present Election
(1) Male	1,279	1,584	1,590 <sup>+</sup>
(2) Female	1,457	1,834	1,821
(3) Total	2,736	3,418	3,411

b. Number of actual voters and percentage to eligible voters

	Last Previous Election Date	23 January 49	Present Election
(1) Male	1,172 (91.6%)	1,452 (91.6%)	1,377 (86.5%)
(2) Female	1,340 (91.9%)	1,448 (78.4%)	1,440 (79.0%)
(3) Total	2,512 (91.8%)	2,900 (84.8%)	2,817 (82.5%)



BASIC: Summary of Election (Reports Control Symbol MG-22), dtd 18 Apr 49

c. Number of invalid ballots and percentage to total votes cast

	Last Previous Election Date	23 January 49	Present Election
(1) Male			
(2) Female			
(3) Total	72 (2.8%)	51 (1.7%)	49 (1.7%)

d. Total number of votes obtained by each political party and all independents.

Party	Last Previous Election Date	23 January 49	Present Election
(1) Democratic-Liberal	42	401	
(2) Democratic		1,933	
(3) Socialist-Democrat		121	
(4) People's Cooperative		46	
(5) Communist		134	
(6) Social Renovation		-	
(7) Labor Farmer		210	
(8) New Liberal			
(9) Japan Farmer			
<del>XXXXXX</del> (10) Matsuura-Democratic	257		1,038
(11) Independent	2,141	4	1,730

5. Number of surveillance teams and other personnel other than military government personnel. (Japanese)

6. Were the candidates' purge questionnaires available at the Election Administration Committee's offices and at the Screening Committee's offices?  
Yes

7. Candidates. If any change from or additional information to Filing of Candidacies (Reports Control Symbol MG-20), place under remarks. Place asterisk before elected candidate.

Name	Political Party	Total Votes Obtained	Period of Time for Which Elected	Remarks
ICHIMARU Suyeyoshi	Matsuura-Democratic	554	2 years	
YONEKURA Yusaku	Independent	497	"	
HAMADA Aijiro	Matsuura-Democratic	484	"	
YAMAURA Takumi	Independent	416	"	
YOSHIDA Toraiiki	"	374	"	
TANAKA Masashi	"	280	"	



BASIC: Summary of Election (Reports Control Symbol MI-22), dtd 18 Apr 49

<u>Name</u>	<u>Political Party</u>	<u>Total Votes Obtained</u>	<u>Period of Time for Which Elected</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
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8. Number of violations reported or observed: None

- a. Coercion \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Interference with free and secret voting \_\_\_\_\_
- c. Interference with access to polls \_\_\_\_\_
- d. Bribery, either by money, gifts or entertainment \_\_\_\_\_
- e. Failure to report properly contributions and expenditures \_\_\_\_\_
- f. Riots or other disturbances \_\_\_\_\_
- g. Improper disqualification of voters \_\_\_\_\_
- h. Violations of purge directives \_\_\_\_\_
- i. Excessive or improper use of writings and posters \_\_\_\_\_
- j. Use of violence, threat of violence, or other intimidation \_\_\_\_\_
- k. Violations of SCAPINS \_\_\_\_\_
- l. Others (if serious, specify) \_\_\_\_\_

9. Extent of local publicity given to the election and campaign.  
Notice of election was posted.

10. Remarks : None

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

*La Vern F. Spurgeon*  
LA VERN F. SPURGEON  
1st Lt, QMC  
Adjutant



HEADQUARTERS  
SAGA MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM  
Saga, Kyushu, Japan

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AP0 24-5  
21 March 1949

5 820  
SUBJECT: By-Elections

TO : Commanding General, Headquarters Eighth Army,  
APO 343  
Attn: Military Government Section

1. In compliance with telephonic instructions a report is hereby submitted confirming TWX Cite, dtd 21 March 1949 this headquarters.

2. There was an election held on 18 March 1949 for Town Mayor.

3. Location of By-Election:

Hama-machi, Fujitsu-gun, Saga Ken

4. <u>Candidates</u>	<u>Party</u>	<u>Votes rec'ed</u>
Mitsuichi Nagamatsu	Independent	1,473 Elected
Kazuma Mitsutake	"	939
Houichi Matsumoto	"	197

5. The above listed candidates received no known support from any group. Although candidate Matsumoto was thought to have been supported by a known member of the Communist Party.

6. The election was held on 18 March 1949.

7. There was no important issues involved.

8. Previous mayor's death was the reason for the election.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

*La Vern F. Spurgeon*  
LA VERN F. SPURGEON  
1st Lt., QMC  
Adjutant



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SAGA MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM  
Saga, Kyushu, Japan

APC 929  
3 May 1947

*38 April 47*

SUBJECT: Surveillance of Elections

TO : COMMANDING GENERAL, Headquarters Eighth Army, APC 343  
Attn: Military Government Section

1. Name of Prefecture Saga Ken
2. Number of Registered Voters
 

(Men	<u>241,663</u>
(Women	<u>260,431</u>
(Total	<u>502,094</u>
3. Number Actually Voting
 

(Men	<u>192,497</u>
(Women	<u>218,904</u>
(Total	<u>411,401</u>
4. Number of Votes Void 17,290
5. Number persons claiming registration but not registered
 

(Men	<u>None Reported</u>
(Women	<u></u>
(Total	<u></u>
6. Number of Surveillance Teams 40
7. Number of Polling Place 429
8. Number of Polling place Visited 426  
3 were not checked due to their being on islands and were inaccessible
9. Number of Ballot Counting Stations 122
10. Number of Ballot Counting Stations Visited 122
11. Candidates purge questionnaires were available at all Election Administration Committee's Offices and at Screening Committee's Offices.
12. The fact that these questionnaires were available at the above mentioned committee's offices was not publicized extensively. Although two meetings were held to inform the general public that these questionnaires were available.
13. Number of people examining candidates questionnaires:
 

At Election Administration Offices	<u>1,386</u>
At Screening Committee Offices	<u>None</u>

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14. Number of Seats in Prefectural Assembly

43

Number of Candidates by Parties

Liberal	<u>22</u>
Democratic	<u>23</u>
Socialist	<u>8</u>
Matsuura Democratic Party	<u>10</u>
Independent	<u>49</u>
Communist	<u>5</u>
Peoples' Cooperative	<u>2</u>
Total	<u>119</u>

Number actually elected by Parties

Liberal	<u>8</u>
Democratic	<u>11</u>
Socialist	<u>1</u>
Matsuura Democratic Party	<u>4</u>
Independent	<u>19</u>
Total	<u>43</u>

15. Number of seats in City Assemblies:

Saga City	<u>36</u>
Karatsu City	<u>30</u>
Total	<u>66</u>

Number of Candidates by Parties

Saga City	
Liberal	<u>4</u>
Democratic	<u>5</u>
Socialist	<u>3</u>
Independent	<u>64</u>
Total	<u>76</u>

Karatsu City	
Liberal	<u>1</u>
Democratic	<u>16</u>
Socialist	<u>5</u>
Independent	<u>76</u>
Total	<u>98</u>

Number actually elected by Parties

Saga City	
Liberal	<u>2</u>
Democratic	<u>2</u>
Socialist	<u>2</u>
Independent	<u>30</u>
Total	<u>36</u>

Karatsu City	
Liberal	<u>1</u>
Democratic	<u>6</u>
Socialist	<u>2</u>
Independent	<u>21</u>
Total	<u>30</u>

16. Number of Seats in Town and Village Assemblies

2,878



Number of Candidates by Parties

Liberal	102
Democratic	134
Socialist	8
Matsuura Democratic Party	56
Independent	2,877
Communist	8
Peoples' Cooperative	1
Total	3,186

Number actually elected by Parties

Liberal	74
Democratic	104
Socialist	1
Matsuura Democratic Party	56
Independent	2,636
Communist	7
Total	2,878

17. Any Women elected:

City, Town, and Village Assembly

City - Saga City	1
Town	6
Village	5
Total	12

18. The number of Polling Places was adequate.

19. Enclosed is one newspaper. (4 copies)

20. Publicity given to this election was very good. Three articles appeared in newspapers, 14,500 posters were distributed, a radio broadcast was given on 29 April by the Local Affairs Section Chief, 200,000 handbills were passed out, and 22 signs were posted in this prefecture. The ringing of bells and blowing of sirens on election day was also used to try to bring the people to the polls. School children were told to remind their parents of election day and the need for everyone that was registered to cast their vote.

21. At the time of this report no major violations have been reported to this office. (1200 3 May 1947)

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

*Burley H. Darlington*  
 BURLEY H. DARLINGTON  
 Capt., CMP  
 Adjutant

Incl:

1 Newspaper (4 copies)



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SAGA MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM  
Saga, Kyushu, Japan

15 April 47

APO 929  
18 April 1947

SUBJECT: Surveillance of Runoff Election, 15 April 1947  
TO : COMMANDING GENERAL, Headquarters Eighth Army,  
APO 343  
Attn: Military Government Section

1. Name of Prefecture Saga Ken
2. There were two cities, Saga and Karatsu, and three minor villages involved in the runoff elections.
3. Number of Registered Voters.
 

Men	<u>29,363</u>
Women	<u>36,170</u>
Total	<u>65,533</u>
4. Number Actually Voting.
 

Men	<u>22,747</u>
Women	<u>26,731</u>
Total	<u>49,478</u>
5. Number Claiming Registration but not Registered.
 

Men	<u>None Reported</u>
Women	<u>                    </u>
Total	<u>                    </u>
6. Number of Surveillance Teams. 4
7. Number of Polling Places. 31
8. Number of Polling Places Visted. 30  
1 Small Polling Place was not checked due to the fact that it was on an island and inaccessible.
9. Number of Ballot Counting Stations. 5
10. Number of Ballot Counting Stations Visited. 5
11. Candidates purge questionnaires were available at all Election Administration Committee's Offices and at Screening Committee's Offices prior to the General Elections.

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12. The fact that these questionnaires were also available between the general election and the runoff election was only made public once by official gazette which is distributed throughout the prefecture.

13. Number of people examining candidates questionnaires before general election:

At Election Administration Offices	<u>1226</u>
At Screening Committees Offices	<u>20</u>

14. Number of Candidates for Mayors of Cities by Parties for the runoff election:

<u>Independent</u>	<u>4</u>
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15. Number of Candidates for Chiefs of Towns and Villages by Parties, in runoff election.

<u>Independent</u>	<u>6</u>
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Number actually elected by Parties:

<u>Independent</u>	<u>3</u>
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16. Any women elected:

Mayors of Cities	<u>None</u>
Chiefs of Towns and Villages	<u>None</u>

17. Number of pre-election campaign meetings held throughout prefecture by each party:

There were none between the general election and the runoff election. (5 April to 15 April 1947)

18. There was an adequate number of polling places.

19. No. of pre-election meetings held by Military Government Team:

There were none between the general election and the runoff election. (5 April to 15 April 1947)

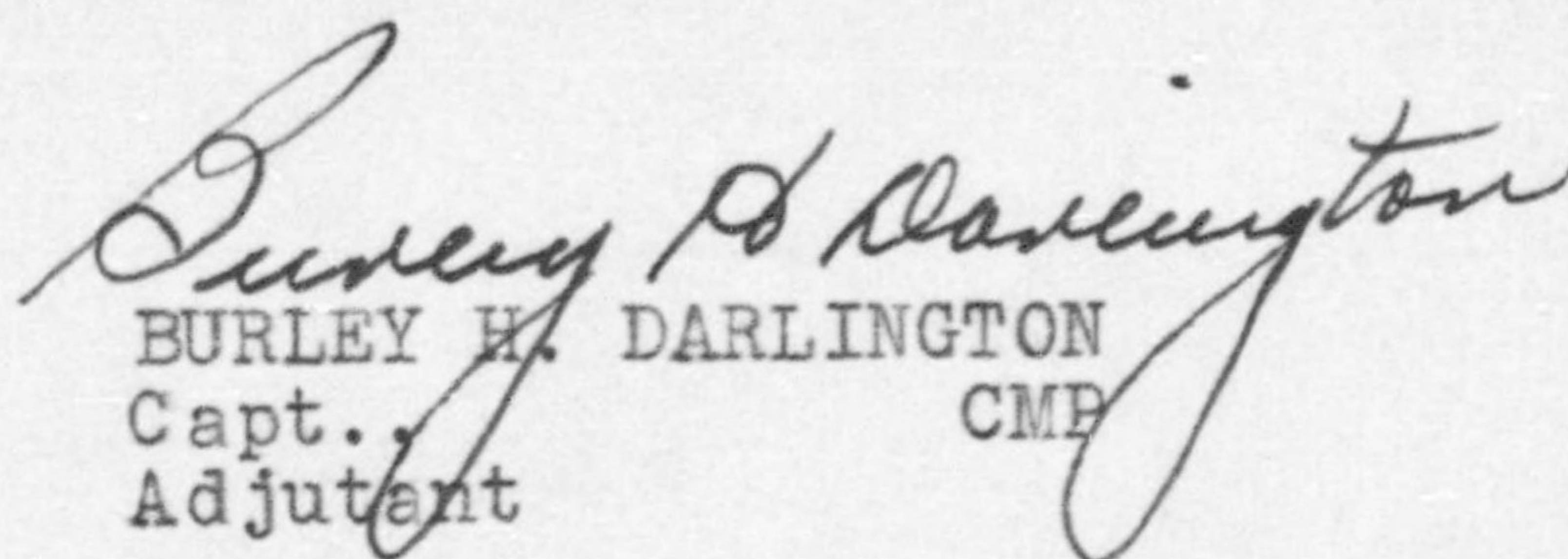
20. During the period 5 April to 15 April 1947 the fact that there was going to be a runoff election and that



it was each citizens duty to vote for the reconstruction and democratization of Japan was published 3 times in the Saga Shimbun and also 3 pamphlets were distributed to lower election offices for the information of the voters. The pamphlet contained much the same information as did the newspaper. At the same time the central election committee called a meeting of the lower election committee chairmen and asked them that the forthcoming runoff election be publicized in their localities.

21. No violations have been reported to this office as of 17 April 1947.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

  
BURLEY H. DARLINGTON  
Capt. Adjutant CMB

Incl:  
6 directives (4 each)



SAGA PREFECTURAL GOVERNMENT  
LOCAL SECTION

IT/YI  
17 April, 1947

TO : Commanding Officer, Saga Military Government Team  
Att. Captain Marlinton  
Subject : Enlightenment of the people in regard to the election

We beg to advise that we issued the following notifications to various quarters concerned in regard to the enlightenment of the people in connection with the election.

As against the abstention percentage 21.2 % for the general election carried out in April, 1946, of the members of the House of Representatives, the abstention percentage for the elections which took place on April 5, 1947, of the Governor, the mayors of the cities and the town and village heads were 17.0 %. And in the final vote for the election of the mayor carried out on April 15, we had the brilliant results of 24.4 % of abstention percentage against the average abstention percentage 34.2 % of all the country.

*T. Yanagi*  
Ichiro Takeshiata,  
per chief of local section,  
Saga Ken



20 March, 1947

Subject : Enlightenment campaign in regard to the elections  
TO : Chief of each district office  
Mayor of each city  
Head of each of town and village  
From : Director of Home Affairs' Department, Saga Ken

With regard to the campaigns to be started to enlighten the people in the elections of all the kinds which will be carried out ~~in~~ in April, you are requested to refer to the plans of the enlightenment campaigns in regard to the elections mentioned in the attached and to leave no stone unturned to attain the objective outlined.

Plans of the campaigns to enlighten the people  
in regard to the elections

1. Policy :-

Campaigns to be started, with stress being laid on the following items, not to chill the people in their ardent wish for the elections of the members of the ~~Imperial~~ Diet, the Governor, the mayors of the cities, the village and town heads and the councillors of the city, town and village assemblies.

- (1) Significance of the elections of all the kinds.
- (2) Dates of the elections.
- (3) Prevention of abstention of votes.
- (4) New electors (including women and repatriates from overseas) to be excited to have eager desire for the elections.

2. Plans to start the campaigns.

Attached.



1 April, 1947

Subject : Campaigns to enlighten the people in the elections.  
TO : Chairman of Youth Association, each city, town and vil-  
lage.  
From : Director of Home Affairs' Department, Saga Ken  
Director of Education and Welfare Department, Saga ken

With the enforcement of New Constitution before us, various elections to be carried out during April are the foundations on which to radically democratize each administrative organs. In spite of the importance of the present elections, the general electors are somewhat indifferent to the elections, and we have noticed no small cases to be worried about in such dishonest dealings as bribery, entertainments or exiles from public service having much to do with the election campaigns. The enhancement of the election sentiment and non-abstention of votes as well as the purification of the election campaigns depend very much upon the youthful vigour of the young people, and, therefore, we wish to ask for your special cooperation in this regard.

We wish to call your attention not to confound this matter with the election campaign.

Your cooperation is earnestly desired to prevent the people from abstention by announcing by ~~megaphones~~ megaphones on the day of and the day before the election.



1 April, 1947

Subject : Campaign to enlighten the people in various elections  
To : Principal of each middle school  
Principal of each primary school  
From : Director of Home Affairs' Department, Saga Ken  
Director of Education and Welfare Department, Saga Ken

With the enforcement of New Constitution before us, various elections to be carried out during April are the foundations on which to radically democratize each administrative organs. In spite of the importance of the present elections, the general electors are somewhat indifferent to the elections, and especially it is concerned that the women are more indifferent than men to the election of the members of the House of Councillors. Based on the following plans, you are requested to make strenuous efforts to enlighten and prevent abstention of votes. At the same time, you are requested to take care not to confound this matter with the election campaign.

1. To use posters, drawing pictures, hand writings and other works of the students for the enhancement of the election sentiment and prevention of ~~MAN~~ abstention and to hang them up in the conspicuous places.
2. To organize a group of students by block of the village on the previous ~~WEEK~~ evening of ~~MAN~~ and the day of the election, and the group to go round the block, crying "To-morrow will be (today is) the election day and let us vote one and all". (excluding the middle school students)
3. To persuade the parents and brothers through students on the day before the election to vote without fail.
4. To enhance the election sentiment and to prevent abstention by other means most effective.



11 April, 1947

Subject : Campaign to enlighten the people in various elections  
To : Chief of each district office  
Mayor of each city  
Head of each town and village  
From : Director of Home Affairs' Department, Saga Ken  
Director of Welfare and Education Department? Saga Ken

With regard to the subject case, we asked you in our letter of March 20 for your cooperation to prevent abstention and to inspire the electors, especially women, with the election sentiment. However, we are afraid that there will be many who abstain from voting in the election of the members of the House of Councillors which will be carried out on the 20th this month. And, therefore, you are requested to do every thing in your power before the election to make the importance of the House of Councillors ~~known~~ thoroughly understood and to prevent abstention.

We have to send our reports to the Central Home Affairs' Department in regard to the present enlightenment campaigns started, and you are requested to send your report of the campaign to the Local Section not later than 30 April.

Again, you are requested to hold the short-course and lectures of the New Constitution in the most effective way in connection with the present elections.



14 April, 1947

Subject : Campaigns to enlighten the people in various elections  
To : Saga Ken Social Education Association  
Saga Branch of the Association for Introducing New  
Constitution  
Saga Ken Federation of Youth Associations  
Women's Associations  
From : Director of Home Affairs' Department, Saga Ken  
Director of Education and Welfare Department, Saga Ken

With regard to the enlightenment of the people in various elections which are carried out during April, you have been making redoubled efforts to attain brilliant results. The present elections are the prelude to the enforcement of the New Constitution and the first step to reconstruct Japan, radically democratizing all the administrative organs. Moreover, the present elections are carried out amid the watchful eyes of the world and the success or failure of the elections will exert grave influence upon the future destiny of Japan. Therefore, you are requested to do everything in your power to enhance the election sentiment and to prevent abstention.



17 April, 1947

Subject : Prevention of abstention in various elections  
To : Chief of each district office  
Mayor of each city  
Head of town and village  
Principal of each primary school  
From : Director of Home Affairs' Department, Saga Ken  
Director of Education and Welfare Department, Saga Ken

It is decided that the Governor should give honor to the city, town and village which show up most brilliantly in the polling in various elections to be held during April, and you are requested to do your utmost to decrease the abstention percentage in the election of the members of the House of Councillors to be held on April 20.

The primary schools are especially requested to organize a group of pupils by block of the village on the previous evening of and the day of the election and to have the group go round the block, crying "To-morrow will be (today is) the election day and let us vote one and all."



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SAGA MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM  
Saga, Kyushu, Japan

5 April 47

APO 929  
10 April 1947

SUBJECT: Surveillance of Elections

TO : COMMANDING GENERAL, Headquarters Eighth Army,  
APO 343  
Attn: Military Government Section

1. Name of Prefecture Saga Ken
2. Number of Registered Voters

Men	<u>215,480</u>
Women	<u>248,628</u>
Total	<u>464,108</u>
3. Number Actually Voting

Men	<u>184,478</u>
Women	<u>200,580</u>
Total	<u>385,058</u>
4. Number persons claiming registration but not registered.

Men	<u>None Reported</u>
Women	<u>                    </u>
Total	<u>                    </u>
5. Number of Surveillance Teams. 40
6. Number of Polling Places 429
7. Number of Polling Places Visited. 426  
3 Small Polling Places were not checked due to the fact that they were on islands and were inaccessible.
8. Number of Ballot Counting Stations 122
9. Number or Ballot Counting Stations Visited 122
10. Candidates purge questionnaires were available at all Election Administration Committee's Offices and at Screening Committee's Offices.
11. The fact that these questionnaires were available at the above mentioned committee's offices was publicized by Ken newspapers and the official gazette which is distributed throughout the prefecture, and by political gatherings which were held free of charge at all schools in the prefecture.
12. Number of people examining candidates questionnaires:

At Election Administration Offices	<u>1226</u>
At Screening Committees Offices	<u>20</u>



13. Number of Candidates for Governor by Parties	<u>Socialists</u>	<u>1</u>
	<u>Liberal</u>	<u>1</u>
	<u>Independent</u>	<u>5</u>

Winning Candidate: Name: Genichi Okimori, Independent who was a former Governor of Saga City, Kyushu, from 27 Oct 1945 to 9 July 1946.

14. Number of Candidates for Mayors of Cities by Parties:	<u>Socialists</u>	<u>1</u>
	<u>Progressive</u>	<u>1</u>
	<u>Independent</u>	<u>8</u>

The election has not yet been completed. A runoff election is to be held on 15 April 1947. There will be four candidates. Two from each of the two cities, Saga and Karatsu.

15. Number of Candidates for Chiefs of Towns and Villages by Parties.	<u>Progressive</u>	<u>5</u>
	<u>Liberal</u>	<u>7</u>
	<u>Japan Farmers</u>	<u>1</u>
	<u>Independent</u>	<u>210</u>

Number actually Elected by Parties	<u>Progressive</u>	<u>3</u>
	<u>Liberal</u>	<u>6</u>
	<u>Japan Farmers</u>	<u>1</u>
	<u>Independent</u>	<u>106</u>

16. Any Women Elected:	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Number</u>
Governors		X	
Mayors of Cities		X	
Chiefs of Towns & Villages		X	

17. Number of pre-election campaign meetings held throughout prefecture by each party:	<u>Party</u>	<u>No.</u>
	Liberal	5
	Progressive	6
	Socialists	4
	Communists	5
	Independent	1

18. There was an adequate number of polling places.

19. Four election bulletings and pamphlets have been enclosed. (4 copies each)

20. No. of pre-election meetings held by MG Team:	<u>No.</u>	<u>Total Att.</u>
	With Election Administration Committee	5 23
With Officials	4 4	
With Candidates	2 6	



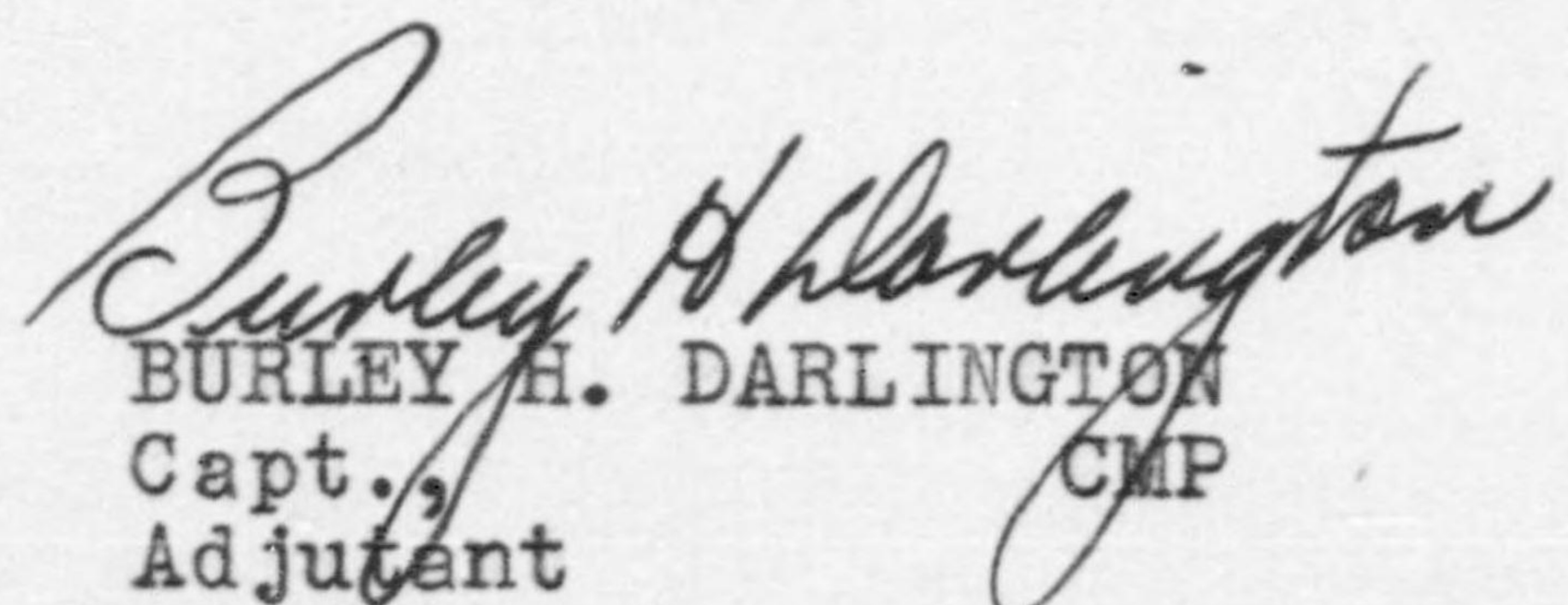
21. There were three news-releases received by this office from higher headquarters, stressing the need to register, and the duty of each citizen to vote. These news-releases were run in the Saga Shimbun for the period of two or three days each, starting about 20 days before the Election. Thirty posters and placards were displayed by the Saga City and Karatsu City Committees. The smaller gun Election committees were directed to advertise in the same manner. The extent of this Advertisement is not known.

There was only one occasion when anyone encouraged by radio, the people to vote. The day before the Election, the prefecture Governor made an address on the radio, stressing the importance for the people to register and vote.

The Military Government Personnel of this Team were instructed while being on inspection trips, and during the contact with the Japanese people, to encourage them, individually, the need for a complete and successful election. The success of the election would depend upon the whole hearted participation of the entire Japanese population. The success of this campaign is impossible to determine.

22. No violations were reported to this headquarters during the two days of voting and ballot counting. Within two days of the close of the election two letters reporting suspected violations during the election were received by this office. One letter (anonymous) accused the recently elected governor, Genichi Okimori, of bribery and cheating during the campaign. It also stated that he had forced people to vote for him. The other stated that a man had been elected to chief of the village of Kyuragi when he should have fallen under the purge directives. Japanese officials are in the process of checking these suspected violations.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

  
BURLEY H. DARLINGTON  
Capt., CMP  
Adjutant

Incl:  
4 copies - Each of Election Bulletins  
and Pamphlets



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x Report of the Election of Headman of Village

Prefecture: Saga

Date of Election: Aug. 20, 1947

Table I: number of qualified Electors and voters and percentage voted

	qualified Electors	voters	non-voters	percentage voted
male	1,148	1,000	148	0.871
Female	1,444	1,205	239	0.834
Total	2,592	2,205	387	0.850

Table I: valid and Invalid votes

Total votes	valid votes	Invalid votes	percentage Invalid

Table I: Number of votes obtained by political parties

S	D	L	P.C	C	minors	Indipended	total
—	—	—	—	—	—	2,185	2,185

Table IV: Elected candidate

name	party	Sex
IWAMATSU Ryuzoo	D.	m.