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FOREIGN AFFAIRS SECTION
KUMAMOTO PREFECTURE

FAS # 776,
2 May, 1951.

SUBJECT : Report on the results of the local elections.

TO : Commanding Officer,
Kyushu Civil Affairs Region.

THROUGH : Chief of Kyushu Liaison and Coordination Office.

In compliance with your order concerning the above subject matter through Kyushu Liaison and Coordination Office (with its letter Kyu-Ren-Go-132), we beg to submit to you the inclosed reports.

For Chief of General Affairs Division,

Yoshiyuki MATSUSHITA

Chief,
Foreign Affairs Section,
Kumamoto Pref'l Govt.

SCHEDULE A

1. Name of prefecture: Kumamoto Prefecture
2. Number of qualified voters: 961,873
3. Number of votes cast: 851,718
4. Number of invalid ballots: 28,463
5. Total percentage of electorate voting: 88.5 %
   a. Men: 90.7 %
   b. Women: 86.6 %
6. Candidates for governor:

	Name	Age	Occupation	Political party	Number of votes
*	Saburo Sakurai	51	~~INCUMBENT GOV~~ Without ~~occupation~~ EX-GOV	Independent	458,826
	Tsukasa Uetsuka	61	Company director	Liberal	364,289

7. Fixed number of assembly: 57
8. Number of candidates for the assembly by political party:
   a. Liberal: 36
   b. People's Democrat: 39
   c. Socialist: 9
   d. Communist: 3
   e. Minor Parties: 2
   f. Independents: 39
      (1) Conservative: 25
      (2) Progressive: 9
      (3) Neutral: 5

9. Number of candidates for assembly elected, by political party:

a. Liberal: 19

b. People's Democrat: 18

c. Socialist: 2

d. Communist: 0

e. Minor Parties: 0

f. Independents: 18

(1) Conservative: 12

(2) Progressive: 3

(3) Neutral: 3

10. Total number of votes for candidates for assembly, by political party:

a. Liberal: 267,519

b. People's Democrat: 258,970

c. Socialist: 47,347

d. Communist: 2,662

e. Minor Parties: 1,922

f. Independents: 249,378

(1) Conservative: 177,373

(2) Progressive: 34,713

(3) Neutral: 37,342

11. Total number of incumbent assemblymen re-elected: 20

12. Number of women elected to assembly, by political party:
Independent 1

13. Remarks: (CoN)

SCHEDULE B

1. Total number of cities: 5
2. Number of cities in which an election for mayor was held: 2
   a. Contest: 2
   b. No contest: 0
3. Number of cities in which an election for members of the assembly was held: 5
   a. Contest: 5
   b. No contest: 0

SCHEDULE B

Sheet 1

1. Name of city: Yatsushiro City and Hitoyoshi City

2. Number of qualified voters: Yatsushiro 24,791 Hitoyoshi 23,394

3. Number of votes cast: Yatsushiro 23,848 Hitoyoshi 21,971

4. Number of invalid ballots: Yatsushiro 926 Hitoyoshi 715

5. Total percentage of electorate voting: Yatsushiro 96.2% Hitoyoshi 93.9%

   a. Men: Yatsushiro 96.4% Hitoyoshi 94.5%

   b. Women: Yatsushiro 96.0% Hitoyoshi 93.4%

6. Candidates for mayor:

	Name	Age	Occupation	Political party	Number of votes
Yatsushiro	Kiyonori Koga	56	Doctor	Independent	11,614
*	Masaaki Sakata	61	~~None~~ EX-MAYOR	"	11,308
Hitoyoshi	Gisuke Kuroki	62	NONE	Liberal	9,357
*	Saiki Koide	71	" EX MAYOR	Independent	9,238
	Shozo Fuchita	47	NONE		2,638

7. Fixed number of assembly: 158

8. Number of candidates for the assembly by political party:

   a. Liberal: 70

   b. People's Democrat: 62

   c. Socialist: 25

   d. Communist: 6

   e. Minor Parties: 9

   f. Independents: 272

      (1) Conservative: 77

      (2) Progressive: 38

      (3) Neutral: 60

9. Number of candidates for assembly elected, by political party:

		K	Y	H	A	M
a.	Liberal:	36	4	6	1	7
b.	People's Democrat:	25	4	0		6
c.	Socialist:	5	0	0		2
d.	Communist:	0	0			0
e.	Minor Parties:	0	0			0
f.	Independents:	92	13	17	17 20	11
	(1) Conservative:	49	4	5	6 20	0
	(2) Progressive:	8	1	7	7	0
	(3) Neutral:	35	8	5	4	11

10. Total number of votes for candidates for assembly, by political party:

			K	Y	H	A	M
a.	Liberal:	36,563	15,627	7,167	4,687	0	8,492
b.	People's Democrat:	49,494	46,658	2,683	0	0	153
c.	Socialist:	9,680	2,647	2,187	571	2,160	2,115
d.	Communist:	1,737	1,157	143	71	126	247
e.	Minor Parties:	691	691	0	0	0	0
f.	Independents:	123,917	11,009				
	(1) Conservative:	38,998		3,242	1,383	1,346	0
	(2) Progressive:	12,500	3,106	2,490	1,647	5,267	0
	(3) Neutral:	72,419	4,665	4,148	1,174	5,767	16,170

11. Total number of incumbent assemblymen re-elected: 58

12. Number of women elected to assembly, by political party:

13. Remarks:

Independent (NEU) (2)

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SCHEDULE C

1. Total number of towns and villages: 305

2. Number of towns and villages in which an election for mayor was held:

   a. Contest: 201

   b. No contest: 53

3. Number of towns and villages in which an election for members of the assembly was held:

   a. Contest 287

   b. No contest: 9

4. Number of qualified voters: Chief 461,888; Assembly 685,752

5. Number of votes cast: Chief 448,976; Assembly 664,646

6. Number of invalid ballots: Chief 8,782; Assembly 8,693

7. Total percentage of electorate voting:

	Chief	Assembly
a. Men:	97.3 %	97.0 %
b. Women:	97.1 %	96.8 %

8. Number of candidates for mayor, by political party:

		Contest	No contest
a. Liberal:	49	33	16
b. People's Democrat:	19	16	3
c. Socialist:	1	1	0
d. Communist:	2	2	0
e. Minor Parties:	1	1	0
f. Independents:			
(1) Conservative:	185	154	31
(2) Progressive:	24	24	0
(3) Neutral:	261	248	3

9. Number of candidates for mayor elected, by political party:

		Contest	No contest
a.	Liberal:	8	16
b.	People's Democrat:	12	3
c.	Socialist:		
d.	Communist:		
e.	Minor Parties:		
f.	Independents:	164	
	(1) Conservative:	59	31
	(2) Progressive:	4	0
	(3) Neutral:	101	3

10. Number of candidates for the assemblies, by political party:

		Contest	No contest
a.	Liberal:	269	
b.	People's Democrat:	105	
c.	Socialist:	26	
d.	Communist:	27	
e.	Minor Parties:	8	
f.	Independents:	5,821	
	(1) Conservative:	2,374	
	(2) Progressive:	299	
	(3) Neutral:	3,148	

11. Number of candidates for the assemblies elected, by political party:

		Contest	No contest
a.	Liberal:	220	

b. People's Democrat: 82

c. Socialist: 16

d. Communist: 0

e. Minor Parties: 4

f. Independents: 1,552

(1) Conservative: 1,906

(2) Progressive: 186

(3) Neutral: 2,460

12. Total number of votes for candidates for assembly, by political party:

	Contest	No contest
a. Liberal:	28,557	
b. People's Democrat:	12,556	
c. Socialist:	2,742	
d. Communist:	1,063	
e. Minor Parties:	298	
f. Independents:	610,690	
(1) Conservative:	264,052	
(2) Progressive:	26,133	
(3) Neutral:	320,505	

13. Total number of incumbent assemblymen re-elected: 1,751

14. Number of women elected by position and political party: Independent 34

15. Remarks: (C-12)
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FOREIGN AFFAIRS SECTION
KUMAMOTO PREFECTURE

FAS # 541
23 March, 1950.

SUBJECT: Submitting a Monthly Report.

TO : Mr. John W. Rourk, Chief of Legal & Gov't Section,
Kyushu Civil Affairs Region.
Through Kyushu Liaison Co-ordination Office.

We beg to submit to you the monthly report for March, 1950 (from February 21 to March 20, 1950) as of enclosure on the aforesaid subject.

For the Governor,

Yoshiyuki Matsushita

YOSHIYUKI MATSUSHITA

Chief,
Foreign Affairs Section,
Kumamoto Prefectural Gov't.

Enclosure 3

Report on activities of the prefectural governor and vice-governor by travelling outside the prefecture.

Governor: None

Vice-governor: Term of travel: From Feb. 20 to Mar.4, 1950

Destination: Niigata City, Niigata prefecture and Tokyo Metropolis

Object: To inspect the status of administration in Niigata prefecture and to negotiate and confer on business with the central government.

Enclosure 4

Report on the change of prefectural personnel and administrative organization.

During the period from Feb. 21 to Mar. 20, 1950, there was no shift of leading personnel and no important reform of administrative organization in the prefectural government.

ENCLOSURE I A a

KUMAMOTO KEN ELECTION ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

17 March, 1950

TO : Chief, Kyushu Civil Affairs Region.

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

1. Type of election: Election of Mayor of Minamata
2. Date of election: March 5th, 1950
3. Location of election: Minamata City
4. a. Number of eligible voters

	Last previous election (oct.5.1948)	Election of House of Representatives 23 Jan., 1949	Present election Mar. 5, 1950
Male	9,609	9,980	10,311
Female	10,552	10,817	11,528
Total	20,161	20,797	21,839

b. Number of actual voters and percentage to eligible voters.

	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto
Male	6,041 / 62 %	8,443 / 86 %	9,228 / 89 %
Female	6,307 / 59 %	8,294 / 77.3 %	10,076 / 88 %

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Male	6,041 62 %	8,443 86 %	9,228 89 %
Female	6,307 59 %	8,294 77.3%	10,076 86 %
Total	12,348 62 %	16,737 81.5%	19,304 88 %

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

	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto
Male			
Female			
Total	628 5 %	688 4%	161 8%

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

Party	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto
1. Democratic-Liberal	6,978	7,477	6,976
2. Democratic	1,426	1,426	
3. Socialist-Democratic			
4. People's Cooperative			
5. Communist	1,156	1,156	
6. Social Renovation	5,618	5,618	

7.	Labor Farmer		
8.	New Liberal		
9.	Japan Farmer	310	
10.	Other parties		
11.	Independent	60	12,166

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

   2 persons

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

   Available

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

Name	Political party	Total votes obtained	Period of time for which elected
*Hikoshichi Hashimoto	Independent	12,168	4 years
Sueki Fuchigami	Liberal	6,976	

8. Number of violations reported or observed:

   a. Coercion: None
   b. Interference with free and secret voting: None
   c. Interference with access to polls: None
   d. Bribery, either by money, gift or entertainment: None

Candidates (Report Control Symbol MG-20), place under remarks. Place asterisk before elected candidate.

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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. Other (if serious, specify): None

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

Materials used: Documents: 300 sheets
Loud speaker: 5
Truck: 1
Auto-tricycle: 1

10. Remarks:

a. Full details of any criticism expressed in regard to the Occupation Forces or policies of the United States: None

b. An signigicant political strategy or trend: None

c. Statement of principle 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

ENCLOSURE I A b

KUMAMOTO KEN ELECTION ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

17 March, 1950

TO : Chief, Kyushu Civil Affairs Region.

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

1. Type of election: Election of headman of Kosamachi, Kamimashiki-gun Kumamoto-Ken.

2. Date of election: March 5th, 1950

3. Location of election: Kosa-machi

4. a. Number of eligible voters

	Last previous election Oct. 5, 1948	Election of House of Representatives 23 Jan., 1949	Present election Mar. 5, 1950
Male	1,622	1,548	1,474
Female	2,000	1,966	1,812
Total	3,623	3,514	3,286

b. Number of actual voters and percentage to eligible voters.

	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto
Male	1,392 / 85.9 %	1,395 / 90.1 %	1,328 / 90 %
Female	1,608	1,683	1,574

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Total	3,000 82.9 %	3,078 87.5 %	2,902 88 %

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

	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto
Male			
Female			
Total	95 3.1 %	120 3.8 %	48 1.6 %

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

Party	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto
1. Democratic-Liberal		985	
2. Democratic		1,444	
3. Socialist-Democratic			
4. People's Cooperative			

5.	Communist		68	
6.	Social Renovation			
7.	Labor Farmer			
8.	New Liberal			
9.	Japan Farmer		192	
10.	Other parties			
11.	Independent	2,905	12	2,854
12.	Japan Socialist		257	

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

   1 person.

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

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Tsuruo Ogata	"	1,001	

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d. Details of serious violations of election laws or SCAPINS, including all violations directly effecting elected candidates or elective public officials: None

e. An unusual incidents or other matters: None

Enclosure I B

I. REPORT ON EVERY MEETING OF CITY ASSEMBLIES

ARAO CITY

A. Date : February 3rd, 1950.

B. Attendants and absentees : Attendants : 25
Absentees : 4

C. Matters discussed :

1. Stipulation of the Arao Municipal Public Pawn-Shop Regulations (passed), to protect citizens' tightened living.

2. Partial revision of the Arao Municipality Division and Section Organization Regulations (passed), to meet the need for partly renaming them in clauses for allocation of business.

3. Partial revision of the Arao Municipality Branch Office Organization Regulations (passed), due to renaming of residential quarters within the city.

4. Floatation of a loan (passed), to appropriate for costs of important trunk street work (public work).

5. Floation of a loan (passed), to appropriate for costs of important trunk street work (pertaining to Production Rehabilitation).

6. Acceeptance of a donation (passed), to accept the offered donation of ¥70,000 from Miike Mining Office of Mitsui Mining Co., Ltd. as fund to purchase public residence for policemen.

7. Purchase of land (passed), to purchase the ground of Butokuden (exercise auditorium chiefly for judo) from Attorney-General's Office.

8. Partial revision of the Arao City Public Safety Committee Charges Regulations (passed), due to the necessity, accompanying partial

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7. Purchase of land (passed), to purchase the ground of Butokuden (exercise auditorium chiefly for judo) from Attorney-General's Office.

8. Partial revision of the Arao City Public Safety Committee Charges Regulations (passed), due to the necessity, accompanying partial revision of the Road Traffic Control Regulations, to collect charges in exchange for renewed licenses for motor-car drivers.

9. Alteration of terms of floation of a loan (passed), to alter the time-limit of repayment of the loan for costs of the circulating bus service.

MINAMATA CITY

A. Date : March 18th, 1950.

B. Attendants and absentees : Attendants : 23
Absentees : 4

C. Matters discussed :

1. Establishment of school forests (passed), to supplement school education and raise money for maintainance of schools complying with the Occupational directive.

2. Establishment of yields-sharing forests (passed), for establishing school forests.

3. Election of members of Public Safety Committee (passed), accompanying Mr. Hori's resignation due to expiration of term of office.

4. Supplemented and revised budget of annual revenue and expenditure

of Minamata City for the 1949 fiscal year (passed), due to budgetary deficits as regards various expenditures.

KUMAMOTO CITY — No meeting was held by city assemblies.

YATSUSHIRO CITY — "

HITOYOSHI CITY — "

II. ON POLITICAL ACTIVITIES

1. Liberal Party.

The party reported that it renamed itself on March 1st, 1950 from Democratic Liberal Party to Liberal Party.

2. Japan Socialist Party.

Reports of organization were submitted from State Railway Labor Union Kumamoto Branch and State Railway Labor Union Kumamoto Branch Minamata District Conference on January 23rd and March 1st respectively in order to recommend Seiji Uchimura as candidate for Member of House of Councillors, but neither of them is developing activity.

3. Japan Communist Party.

On the occasion of the mayoral election of Minamata City on March 5th, the party aligned itself with Japan Socialist Party to expulse Sueki Fuchigami, Liberal Party's candidate, and support Hikoshichi Hashimoto who was resultantly elected.

The party's fractions organized in various places are calling to inhabitants of their respective localities, seizing opportunities in questions of the day, such as tax problems among other things.

Under the anspices of Democratic Commerce and Industry Association directed by Japan Communist Party members, a tax confabulation meeting was held to call to citizens, on March 22nd at Keitoku Primary School, Kumamoto City.

4. Other parties are not displaying political activity worthy of mentioning.

Enclosure II

Regular Session for March of Kumamoto Prefectural Assembly

The Regular Session for March of Kumamoto Prefectural Assembly was opened on 6, March, and scheduled to be closed on 28, March.
The present Report is pertaining to the agenda from the beginning to 23, March.

Items :

I. Date of opening : 10.55 a.m. 6, March, 1950

II. Period of Session : From 6, March, 1950
To 28, March, 1950

For 23 days

III. Full and present number of Assembly-members.

Full number : 55 Present number : 54

IV. Attendance and absentee (in parentheses)

Political party / Date	Democrats	Leberals	People's co-operative	Social Democratic	Independent	Total	Remarks
Mar. 6,	23(1)	17(1)	6	1	5	52(2)	
" 7,							Meeting of each standing committee
" 8,	21(3)	16(2)	5(1)	1	5	48(6)	Report from chairman of each committee
" 9,	23(1)	15(3)	5(1)	1	5	49(5)	Original Budget for 1950 fiscal year introduced
" 10,)							Adjournment for investigation of bills
" 11,)							
" 12,)							
" 13,	24	16(2)	6	(1)	5	51(3)	General questions
" 14,	24	17(1)	6	(1)	5	52(2)	"
" 15,	24	17(1)	5(1)	1	5	52(2)	"

Date	Political party: Democrats	Liberals	People's co-operative	Social Democratic	Independent	Total	Remarks
Mar. 6,	23(1)	17(1)	6	1	5	52(2)	
" 7,							Meeting of each standing committee
" 8,	21(3)	16(2)	5(1)	1	5	48(6)	Report from chairman of each committee
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" 11,)							
" 12,)							
" 13,	24	16(2)	6	(1)	5	51(3)	General questions
" 14,	24	17(1)	6	(1)	5	52(2)	"
" 15,	24	17(1)	5(1)	1	5	52(2)	"
" 16,	21(3)	17(1)	4(2)	1	5	48(6)	"
" 17,	21(3)	16(2)	4(2)	1	5	47(7)	"
" 18,							(afrernoon) B squad Standing committee meeting Adjournment (Sunday)
" 19,							
" 20,							
" 21,							B squad Standing Committee adjournment (National Holiday)
" 22,							
" 23,							
" 24,							A squad Standing Committee meeting
" 25,							

V. Summary account of the agenda.

1. At 10.55, 6, March, the session was opened an address was made by the chairman, followed by the designation of 3 members of committee for giving signature to the minutes (No. 2, Mr. Ogata, No. 9 Mr. Saito and No. 16 Okazaki), and then prefectural Bills (from No. 1 to No. 11) and Report of the conduct at the Governor's own discretion were introduced in en bloc.

   Recess was pronounced because of investigations of bills in the afternoon.

   Program for 7th day (each standing committee meeting) and for 8th day was pronounced and the meeting broke up at 11.05.

2. 7, March - adjournment owing to each standing committee meeting,

3. 8, March - opened at 12.6, a supplementary member of committee for signature of the minutes was designated (No. 3, Mr. Wakokawa) and the results of deliberation and discussion were reported by the respective chairman of standing committee for Farm Land, Welfare and Education, Economics, Agriculture, Public Works, Sanitation, and General Affairs in order.

In the afore said committee, all bills excepting those of General Affairs, passed as drafted.

The chairman of committee for General Affairs reported that the referred to the committee passed after partial revision was made on the original bills.

Then questions in connection were made successively.

At first No. 4 Mr. Yoshimoto asked chief of Public work Division about the bus accident which occurred in Matsuo-mura the other day causing many casualties.

Before the answer of chief of Public Work Division, No. 53 Mr. Kikukawa (chairman of Public Work Committee) expressed his regret on the accident caused by carelessness of the driver and promised to make efforts for speedy repair work of the road having an appropriation of the construction expenses put in the budget for 1950 fiscal year.

Then the chief of the Division expressed his regret on the matter and told that he would do best to meet the situation lest such misfortune should be repeated in the future.

No. 43, Mr. Yamanaka asked the chairman of Public Work Committee for his explanation, saying :

" Your statement was felt rather strange to me : you said the road on which the accident occurred was not so bad as to cause such accident. Do you mean that the road was perfectly good ? "

Mr. Kikukawa replied; " the road was for from perfectness, but I mean the road was not so bad as you allvare afraid of. Speady repair work shall be made "
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Then No. 22, Mr. Tsutsumida asked Mr. Kikukawa, saying :

" Do you really intend to repair the road completely in haste ? "

Mr. Kikukawa answered : " The prefectural finance can not afford to repair the whole line completely and in haste. Consequently financial program running for years shall be established to repair the whole line completely ".

After the questions and answers, the prefectural Bills No. 1 -

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" Do you really intend to repair the road completely in haste ? "

Mr. Kikukawa answered : " The prefectural finance can not afford to repair the whole line completely and in haste. Consequently financial program running for years shall be established to repair the whole line completely ".

After the questions and answers, the prefectural Bills No. 1 - No. 13 and the conduct at the governor's own discretion all passed as decided at each committee.

In the meanwhile, time had been prolonged up to 15.50 and addition was made to the day's program.

Supplement of Special Committee member for counter-measure of financial affairs owing to resignation was put on the order of the day and No. 25, Mr. Tokunaga was designated by the chairman as the member.

Then a bill concerning partial revision of the Kumamoto Prefectural Assembly Office Establishment Regulations was put on the order and passed as drafted, the investigation of the committee being omitted.

The proceedings for the day came to an end.

The order of the next day being declared, it broke up at 15.57.

4. 9, March - opened at 11.10. Bills from the prefectural office, No. 1 - No. 49 were put on the order en bloc.

After the Governor's explanation on the budget, adjournment of 3 days (from 10th to 12th) was declared and it broke yp at 11.47.

It was scheduled to open the proceedings at 10 on 13th.

5. 10 - 12, March

It was adjourned owing to the deliberation of the bills.

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8. March 13, Proceedings were commenced at 11 a.m. and general interpellation began.

No. 42, Mr. Morioka questioned on the following items.

1. Will the 4800-million yen revenue be secured when the epock-making tax reform is enforced in accordance with Shoup's suggestions ?
2. Principles of budget compilation.
3. Industrial promotion program.
4. To the chairman :
   (a) Does the chairman attend the office all the time as other prefectures' chairman do ?
   (b) Why didn't the chairman attend the funeral ceremony of Miss Right ?

The chairman replied :

(a) I attend the office regularly.
(b) It is a matter for regret that I could not attend the funeral ceremony of Miss Right.

No. 43 Yamanaka presented an urgency motion regarding the words of condolence for Miss Right and it was agreed that condolence would be expressed in front of her tomb though a little too late.

No. 43, Mr. Yamanaka made a motion for lunch recess and it was approved. So the session took a recess at 12.10 p.m.

Debate was resumed at 15.47. No. 39, Mr. Araki, stating that he considered a part of Mr. Morioka's interpellation to the chairman improper, made an urgency motion for withdrawal of the part of his words in accordance with Article 132 of the Local Autonomy Law.

The motion was passed and brought up for discussion. At 15.55, the day's program was prolonged. No. 42, Mr. Morioka maintained that his words were not improper. No. 39, Mr. Araki, showing shorthand notes, urged him to withdraw the words. No. 42, Mr. Morioka withdraw his word " independent " in his statement regarding the chairman's ability because he had not read the shorthand notes.

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No. 17, Mr. Takata made a motion for progress of proceedings and it was approved.

Then the chairman said that the Governor would reply to No. 42, Mr. Morioka's interpellation the next day (Mar. 14).

The session was closed at 16.45.

9. March 14, the session began at 10.50.

No. 4, Mr. Yoshimoto was nominated as an supplementary signature assemblyman.

Then the proceedings were commenced. No. 42, Mr. Morioka revised a part of his interpellation he made the day before and then the Governor answered as follows :

To No. 42, Mr. Morioka's interpellation (1) In case of tax reform, a considerable decrease of revenue will be caused by rearrangement of business. About 30 % of the budget will be transferred to local governments.

(2) Revenue will be secured by the new tax system.

(3) I desire that the industrial promotion program will be carried out autonomously. I think the development of the Kumagawa Dam Works will be started synthetically after the industrial promotion program has been completed. I think the development

will he carried on probably by the Prefecture and not by the Nippatsu or the Kaihatsu Kaisha.

Damages to be suffered by local people from the development of the Kumagawa Dam Works will fully be made good.

The session took a recess at 11.57 and was resumed at 13.40.

No. 48 Mr. Yamato made the following interpellation.

1. Concerning small and medium enterprise measures.
2. Remedy of the deadlocked coastal fishery and positive prototion and development of dry-beach fishery.
3. Management of coastal banks. Governor's answers were as follows :

1. I think small and medium enterprises will be carried on by cooperative union system. As to technical side, an epock-making production limit is contemplated. As to fund, negotiations are pending between financial organs and the Prefecture.
2. A government-management warehouse will be made so that the fishes may be kept fresh.
3. We, with local people are demanding to the Central Government. The session took a recess at 14.38 and was resumed at 15.00.

No. 6, Mr. Hiroishi made interpellation as to

1. General development of Mt. Aso.
2. Food situation after rice delivery.

Governor's answers were as follows :

1. One of the main difficulties to be cleared away is a problem of population. The land remaining uncultivated should be called to account. There are an area of tens of thousands of chobu remaining uncultivated in Aso District.

   Since the year before last we have asked the Central Government to develop it from both the standpoints of population problem and natural resources. Consequently the general development of Aso has come to be contemplated.
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No. 31, Mr. Ishida made the following interpellations to the Governor.

1. Governor's opinion on farm-village finance and its future.
2. Policy of guidance of farming management.

Governor's answers were as follows :

1. There are problems of taxation and revision of price to be studied as the basic farm-village problem. The Prefecture has guided farm-villages to live-stock and diverse farming management. At 15.55 debate was prolonged.
2. The Prefecture is encouraging farmers to overcome the present difficulties by diverse management. An announcement was made that general interpellation will be resumed at 10.00 the next day. The session was closed at 16.45.

10. March 15, The session began at 11.40.
   Additional agenda (No. 1 - No. 3) was introduced by the Prefecture. No. 43, Mr. Yamanaka made a motion maintaining that the above bills should be passed as drafted without referring to the committee. Thus this motion was approved and the bills were passed as drafted.
   No. 27, Mr. Sonoda made the following interpellation.

(1) Public works for agriculture.
(2) Unification of federations of agricultural cooperative unions.
(3) Social education.

Governor's answers were as follows :

(1) Any enterprises other than prefecture-management enterprises are not subsidized by the Government in the future. So I intend to notify to prefectural citizens that civil enter-prises should be managed on loaned fund.
(2) I think federations of agricultural cooperative unions can be unified through approval by the National Diet. We will endeavor to alleviate the burden of (credit, guidance and utilization) unions.
(3) (Chairman of School Committee answered) The personnel affairs of public citizens' hall greatly affects social education and stress is laid on the promotion of democracy at democracy course.

No. 40, Mr. Yamano made the following interpellations :

1. Farm-village financing.
2. Financing for small and medium enterprises.

Governor's answers were as follows :

1. I know there is great strinzency of money in farm-villages. So I wish to encourage villagers to use agricultural bills. For that purpose we are endeavoring to assist in financing as to farm-village central fund or other organs.
2. Counterpart fund will be utilized,and we are negotiating with the Bank of Japan ~~prefecture~~ in which we will deposit prefectural fiscal total fund. The session took a recess at 15.25 and was resumed at 15.35. No. 32, Mr. Togami made the following interpellations :

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No. 13, Mr. Kuramitsu made an interpellation about farm-village tax. Then the Governor answered as follows :

" We are much concerned about farm-village tax problem and are repeatedly requesting the National Tax Board to tax on the basis of revised amount of Rice Delivery." Then the next day's program was announced and the session was closed at 16.30.

11. March 16 session began at 10.37.

No. 5, Mr. Fukagawa made the following interpellations :

1. Execution of the budget for the 1950-51 fiscal year.
2. Measures for small and madium enterprises and farm-village crisis.

Governor's answers were as follows :

" I can not give you a definite reply as the tax reform has not yet been decided on. But I think the education expense problem will not have an important bearing upon the current budget. There are two sides of crises measure, namely permanent and urgent. The industrial promotion program is being executed with satisfactory results ".

No. 8, Mr. Numata asked, " Has Governor a rational plan to unify towns and villages ? "

Governor's answers was : " Merger of towns and villages is preferable from the standpoint of financial management.

The Local Administration Committee is studying on the basic line and it is expected that rational ~~market~~ plan will be " work out.

No. 38, Mr. Futakami asked as to the relief for needy coastal fishermen. The session took a recess at 12.40, and was resumed at 14.50. Governor replied to Mr. Futakami's interpellation to the effect that the Prefecture was endeavoring to assist in financing and supply of materials. No. 50, Mr. Iida asked a question about the inductrial promotion program. Governor replied that the finishing touches were being given to his work. The session was prolonged at 15.50

No. 20, Mr. Hiraoka interpellated as to tobacco cultivation. Governor answered that tobacco cultivation was one of main sources of revenue for farmers and he would assist in production increase of tobacco.

No. 39, Mr. Araki interpellated as to the experimental farm. Governor replied that the experimental farm was not a research organ but a guidance institution and that the Prefecture was in close contact with extension personnel with satisfactory results.

No. 52, Mr. Kuramoto interpellated about general development of Aso. Governor replied that the basic plan was being worked out by the Central Government and the Prefecture was materializing the plan. No. 38, Mr. Futakami made a motion for establishment of special committee to deliberate on settlement of accounts.

Then the following 12 persons were nominated by the chairman as committee members to deliberate on the matter.

No. 4, Yoshimoto; No. 6, Hiroishi; No. 7, Iwao; No. 14, Kumata; No. 15, Otsuka; No. 18, Inudo; No. 26, Takaki; No. 29, Hirai; No. 32, Togami; No. 36, Okumura; No. 43, Yamanaka; No. 46, Kitamura.

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As for this prefecture, we are studying which will carry out the plan, the Prefecture or a development company which may be established chiefly by the Prefecture " No. 14, Mr. Kumada interpellated about industrial promotion program which would suit with the economic condition in the future. Governor answered as follows : " The basic principle of industrial promotion will not be altered. Industries will be promoted up to the prewar level according to local condition.

No. 16, Mr. Okazaki interpellated about the future of the Women's College. Governor answered that the Women's College would be carried on under the present condition but the university would be repleted. The session was prolonged at 15.55.

Then the session took a recess and was resumed at 16.27.

No. 22, Mr. Tsutsumi interpellated about the administrative

policy of the Governor. Governor answered that the general development of Amakusa was being planned and that moorages and fishing ports would be repaired. No. 4, Mr. Yoshimoto interpellated about the propriety of tax and betterment in quality of revenue officials. Governor answered that he would make efforts for the betterment of prefectural officials by ahort courses scheduled for the 1950-51 fiscal year. No. 34, Mr. Iwao interpellated about the administration of marine transportation. Governor answered as follows : " Marine transportation administration is dealt with by marine production section or commerce and industry section according to the nature of business, because there is a small amount of work dealt with by the marine transportation bureau " Then announcement was made that general interpellation would be commenced at 9 the next day. The session was closed at 17.45.

13. March 18, the session negan at 10.15.
No. 21, Mr. Kato interpellated as follows : " Is there any method of letting local citizens fully realize the significance of the general development of Aso ? " Governor answered : " We often have familiar talks with local people to let them realize the significance of development. There are many undeveloped places in Aso. Therefore stress is laid upon land development " No. 43, Mr. Yamanaka interpellated about Governor's views regarding the general development of Kuma. Governor answered : " As a matter of fact, the plan should be studied scientifically. It is better for Kyushu that electric power should be divided into two ". Then, the general interpellation was brought to an end and announcement was made that further debate should be referred to the standing committee excepting that for, Special Committee of Settling accounts.
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