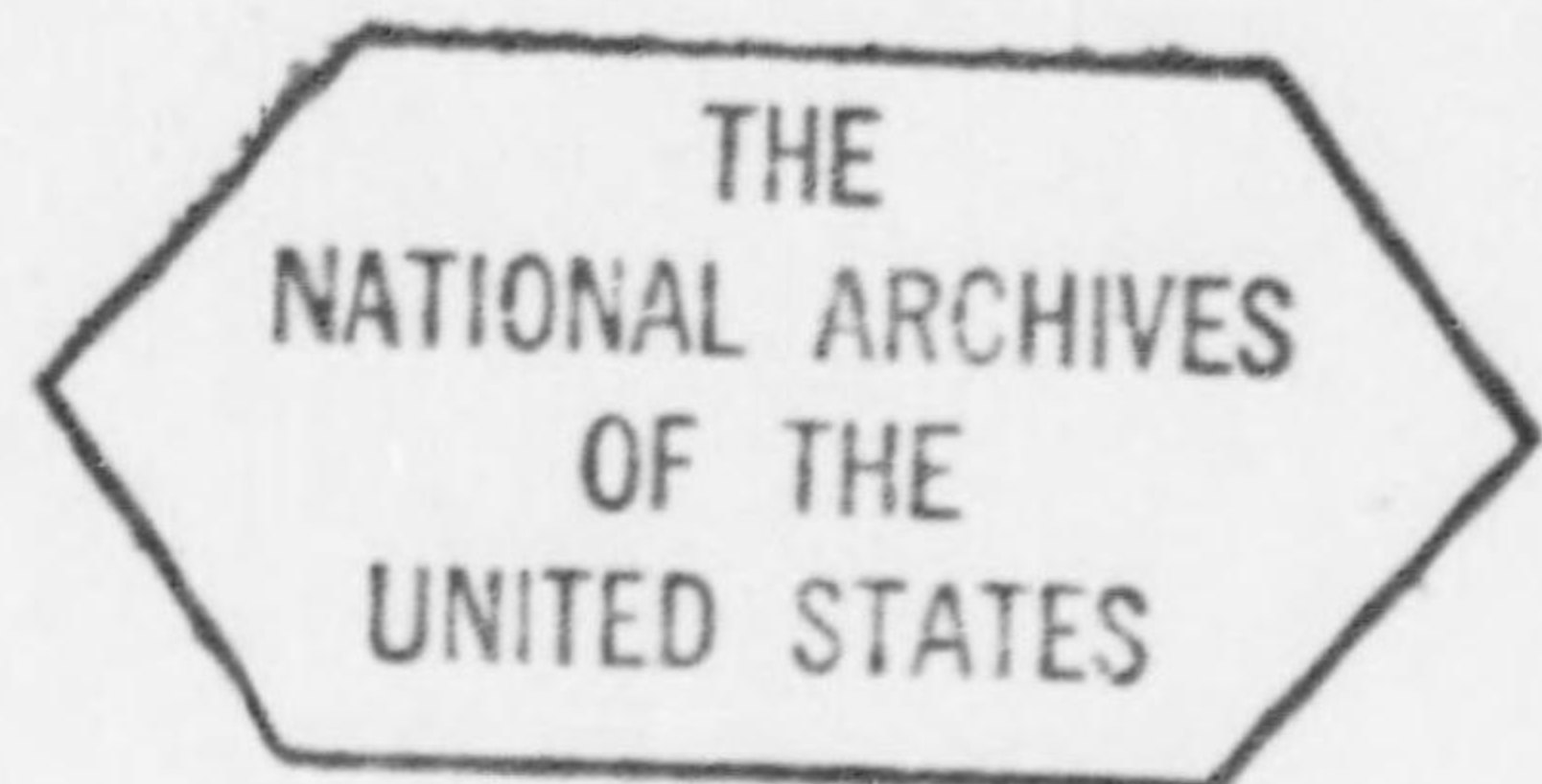


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HEADQUARTERS TOKYO-KANAGAWA  
MILITARY GOVERNMENT DISTRICT  
TOKYO DETACHMENT  
APO 181

QGS-E

5 May 1947

SUBJECT: National Elections

THROUGH: Commanding Officer, Tokyo-Kanagawa Military  
Government District, APO 503

TO : Commanding General, Eighth Army, APO 343

1. Reference: Operational Directive Number 22/1, above  
subject, Headquarters Eighth Army, dated 21 March 1947, (com-  
pliance with paragraph 6).

2. The following report covers Tokyo Prefecture.

3. Number of Registered Voters: (Men 1,368,276  
(Women 1,252,380  
(Total 2,620,656

4. Number actually voting for House of Representative  
candidates: (Men 913,019  
(Women 669,863  
(Total 1,582,882

5. Number of persons claiming registration but not  
registered: None

6. Number of Surveillance Teams on election day: 75

7. Number of Polling Places: 844

8. Number of Polling Places visited: 802  
(22 stations in Izu Islands not included)

9. Number of Ballot Counting Stations: 124

10. Number of Ballot Counting Stations visited: 105  
(19 stations in Izu Islands not included)

11. Surveillance Teams reported that candidate's purge  
questionnaires were readily available at the Election Adminis-  
tration Committee's offices and at the Screening Committee's  
offices.

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12. Amount of publicity given to the fact that the candidate's purge questionnaires forms are available at Election Administration Committees' offices and at Screening Committees' offices:

<u>Press</u>	<u>Radio</u>	<u>Political Gatherings</u>
<u>Adequate</u>	<u>Adequate</u>	<u>Adequate</u>

13. In general, the public appeared uninterested and disconcerned about examining candidate's questionnaires.

14. Number of seats in the House of Representatives from Tokyo-to : - 28

a. Number of candidates by parties:

Liberal	- <u>30</u>
Democrat	- <u>30</u>
Social Democrat	- <u>25</u>
Communist	- <u>6</u>
Minor Parties	- <u>28</u>

b. Number of Independent Candidates: 33  
(31 termed as "non-party")

c. Number actually elected by parties:

Social Democrat	- <u>12</u>
Liberal	- <u>8</u>
Democrat	- <u>4</u>
Communist	- <u>2</u>
Minor Parties	- <u>1</u>

d. Number of Independent candidates elected: None

e. Total number of votes cast for each party:  
(Including Izu Islands)

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Social Democrat	<u>569,691</u>
Liberal	<u>481,061</u>
Democrat	<u>240,016</u>
Communist	<u>134,625</u>
Minor Parties	<u>79,790</u>

f. Total number of votes cast for Independents:  
69,114  
(Including 64,552 of "non-party")

15. Three (3) women candidates were elected.

16. The number of pre-election campaign meetings held throughout Tokyo-to by each party were not required to be tabulated by Japanese officials.

17. Apparently there were an adequate number of polling stations in Tokyo-to to handle voters. Surveillance Teams reported that the general arrangement and management of polling places were excellent.

18. One hundred forty-six (146) Election Bulletins (containing 4 sets for each candidate) are enclosed.

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

With Election Administration Committee	<u>4</u>
With Officials	<u>5</u>
With Party Leaders	<u>1</u>
With Press	<u>1</u>

20. Number of pre-election meetings held by the Surveillance Teams:

With Election Administration Committee	<u>56</u>
With Officials	<u>69</u>
With Candidates	<u>55</u>

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21. Local publicity on election

a. Following the 20 April election, the Tokyo-to Government was instructed to continue the campaign of informing the public as to the election procedure of the House of Representatives. The local government intensified its campaign of election information through radio broadcasts, street broadcasts, newspaper, placards and hand bills. Reports received from the surveillance teams indicates that the turn-out of voters during the 25 April election exceeded the number of voters cast during the 20 April by a total of 199,249 persons.

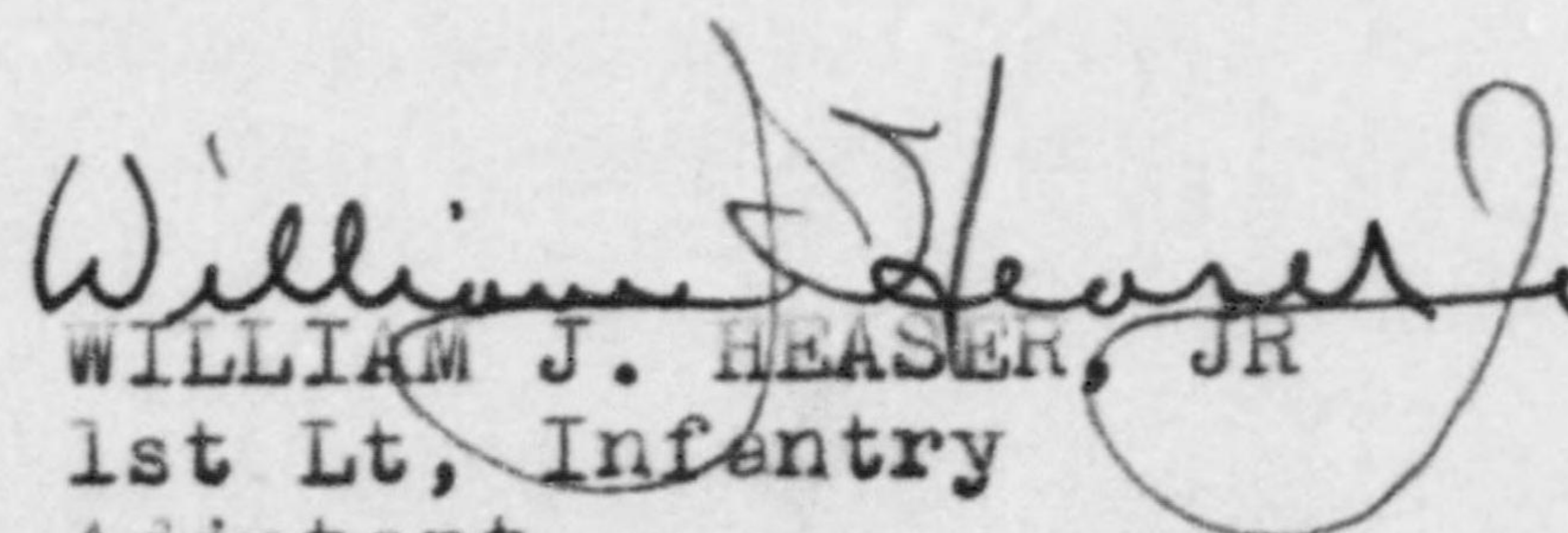
22. Number of election violations reported by the Surveillance Teams:

Soliciting of votes	<u>3</u>
Buying of votes	<u>2</u>
Police interference	<u>2</u>
Excessive expenditures	<u>1</u>
Others	<u>2</u>

23. All of the above election violations were reported to the Japanese officials.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

146 Incls:  
1-146 Inclusive, Election  
Bulletins

  
WILLIAM J. HEASER, JR  
1st Lt, Infantry  
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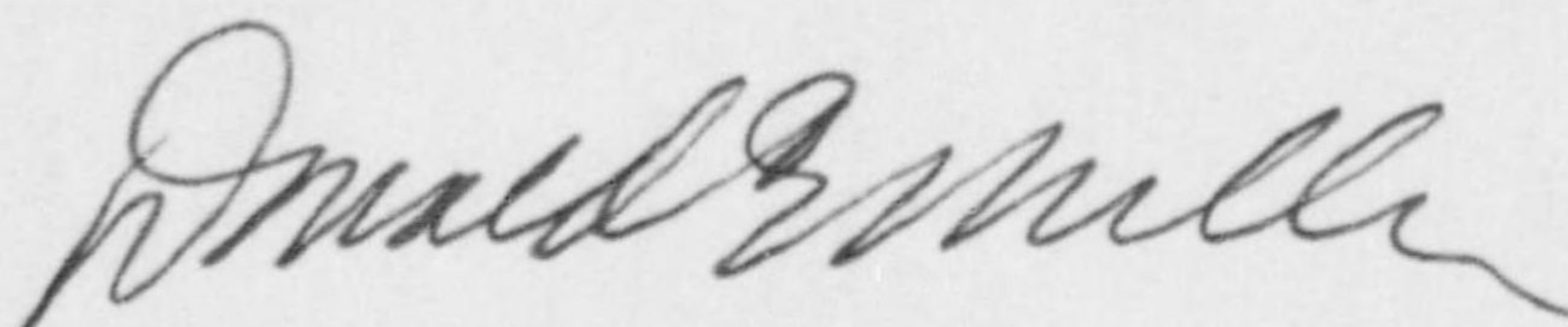
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Hq, Tokyo-Kanagawa Military Government District, APO 503, 7 May 1947

TO: Commanding General, Eighth Army, APO 343

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FOR THE DISTRICT COMMANDER:



DONALD E. MILLER  
Captain AGD  
Adjutant

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HEADQUARTERS TOKYO-KANAGAWA  
MILITARY GOVERNMENT DISTRICT  
TOKYO DETACHMENT  
APO 181

QGS-D

30 April 1947

2347 SUBJECT: National Elections

THROUGH: Commanding Officer, Tokyo-Kanagawa Military  
Government District, APO 503

TO: Commanding General, Eighth Army, APO 343

1. Reference: Operational Directive Number 22/1, above subject, Headquarters Eighth Army, dated 21 March 1947, (compliance with paragraph 6).

2. The following report covers Tokyo Prefecture.

3. Number of Registered Voters: (Men 1,369,402  
(Women 1,252,967  
(Total 2,622,369)

4. Number actually voting for House of Councillors  
Candidates: (Men 813,893  
(Women 569,740  
(Total 1,383,633)

5. Number of persons claiming registration but not  
registered: None

6. Number of Surveillance Teams: 75

7. Number of Polling Places: 844

8. Number of Polling Places Visited: 799  
(22 stations in Izu Islands not visited)

9. Number of Ballot Counting Stations: 124

10. Number of Ballot Counting Stations Visited: 105  
(19 stations in Izu Islands not visited)

11. Surveillance teams reported that purge questionnaires were available. However, the Tokyo-to Screening Committee reported that purge questionnaires are only available at the Central Screening Committee.

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subject: "National Elections," 30 April 1947

12. Amount of publicity given to the fact that the candidate's purge questionnaire forms are available at Election Administration Committees' offices and at Screening Committees' offices:

<u>Press</u>	<u>Radio</u>	<u>Political Gatherings</u>
<u>Adequate</u>	<u>Adequate</u>	<u>Adequate</u>

13. Number of people examining candidate's questionnaire forms:

At Election Administration office	<u>few</u>
At Screening Committees' office	<u>few</u>

14. Number of seats in the House of Councillors from Tokyo-to: - 8

a. Number of candidates by parties:

Liberals	- <u>7</u>
Democrat	- <u>2</u> (1 women)
Social Democrat	- <u>4</u>
Communist	- <u>2</u>

b. Number of Independent Candidates: 10  
(9 termed as "non-party")

c. Number actually elected by parties:

Liberals	- <u>3</u>
Democrat	- <u>2</u> (1 women)
Socialist	- <u>2</u>

d. Number of Independents elected: 1

e. Total number of votes cast for each party:



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Democrat	<u>233,148</u>
Liberal	<u>379,718</u>
Socialist	<u>317,281</u>
Communist	<u>77,934</u>

f. Total number of votes cast for Independents:  
174,031  
(169,767 of "non-party" included).

15. Fukagawa Tamae, Democrat, was the only woman candidate elected.

16. The number of pre-election campaign meetings held throughout Tokyo-to by each party were not required to be tabulated by Japanese officials.

17. Apparently there were an adequate number of polling places in Tokyo-to to handle the voters.

18. Twenty-four (24) Election Bulletins (containing 4 sets for each candidate) are enclosed.

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

With Election Administration Committee	<u>2</u>
With Officials	<u>5</u>
With Party Leaders	<u>1</u>
With Press	<u>1</u>
With Metropolitan Police Board	<u>1</u>

20. Number of pre-election meetings held by Surveillance Teams:

With Election Administration Committee	<u>104</u>
With Officials	<u>102</u>
Candidates	<u>17</u>

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21. Local publicity on elections

a. The apparent apathy on the part of many voters toward the election of the House of Councillors seemed to be due to the erroneous belief that the House of Councillors would be the same as the House of Peers. The Tokyo-to Government was instructed to step up the campaign of informing the voters as to the nature of the election to overcome some of the ignorance characterizing so many of the voters. For two or three days before April 20th, the local government intensified its campaign of election information through radio broadcasts, street broadcasts, window displays, poster displays and hand bills. According to reports received from the surveillance teams, this campaign of information had some positive results on the turn-out of voters. A little better than 50 percent of the voters exercised their rights on April 20th, which the following figures reveal:

<u>No. of Registered Voters</u>		<u>No. of Votes Cast</u>	
Men	1,369,402	Men	813,893
Women	1,256,967	Women	569,740
Total	2,622,369	Total	1,383,633

22. Number of violations reported by the surveillance teams:

Buying of votes	<u>2</u>
Coercion	<u>1</u>
Soliciting of votes	<u>5</u>
Others	<u>3</u>

Election violations were reported to local Japanese authorities.

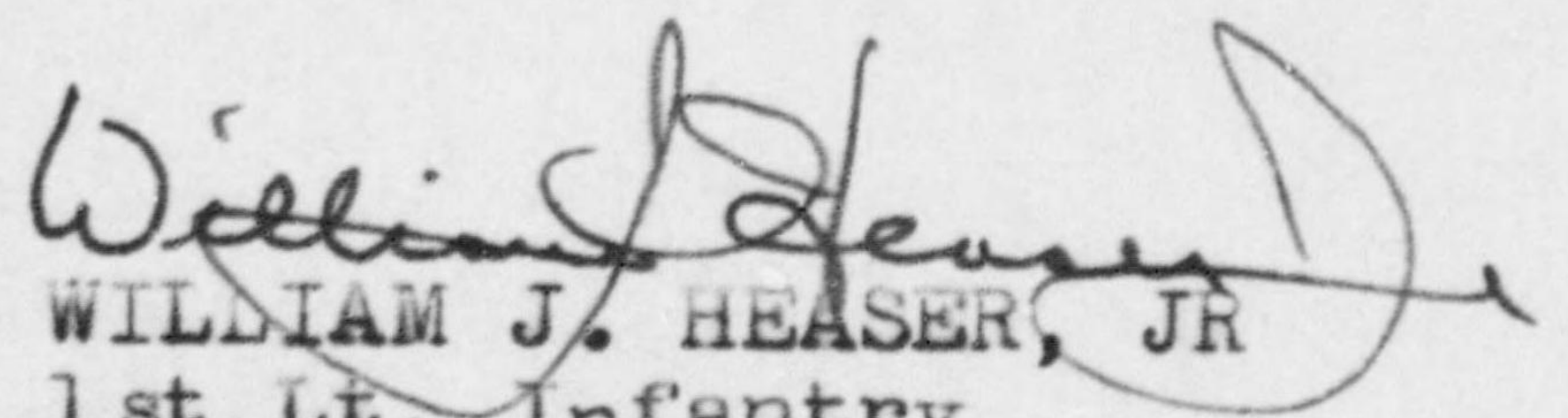
23. The lack of public interest shown during the 20 April election compared to that of the previous election was mainly due to the following:

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- a. Little or no knowledge of candidates, particularly in the rural districts.
- b. Inadequate campaigning on the part of candidates.
- c. Little publicity by press.

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24 Incls:  
1-24 Inclusive, Election  
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