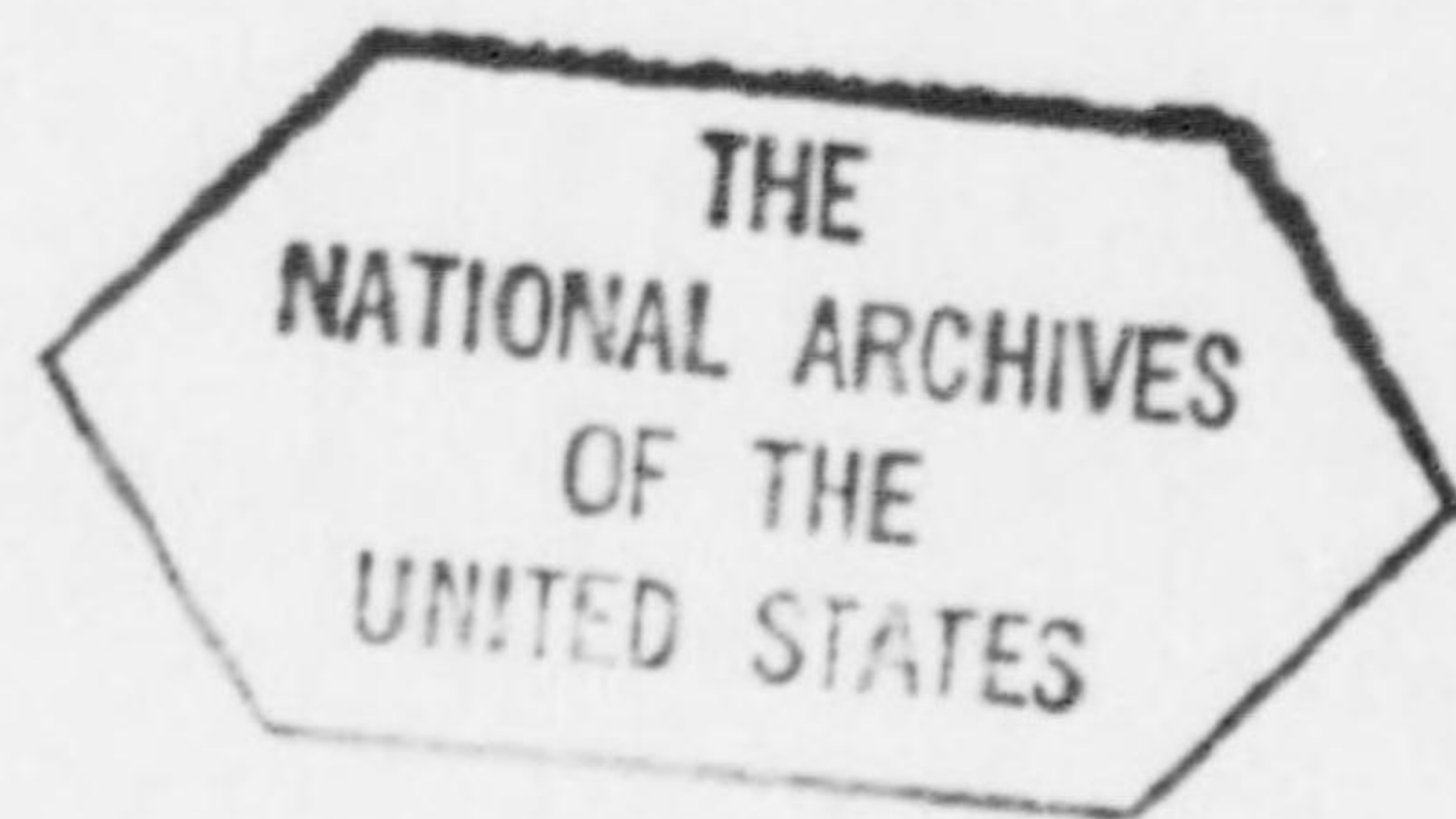


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*PREFECTURAL REPORT FORM ON SURVEILLANCE OF NATIONAL ELECTIONS

House of Representatives and House of Councillors
(Skeleton Outline Only)

25 April 1949

- 1. Name of prefecture (To, Do, Fu or Ken)..... Niigata City, Niigata Prefecture
- Number of registered voters (Men 46,489
(Women 54,601
(Total 101,090
- Persons actually voting for House of Representatives candidates (Men 34,677
(Women 28,728
(Total 64,405
- Persons actually voting for House of Councillors candidates (Men Not applicable
(Women
(Total
- Number persons claiming franchise but not permitted to vote (Men 65
(Women 37
(Total 102
- 2. Number of surveillance teams on election day ...?.....
- Number of polling places27.....
- Number of polling places visited27.....
- Number of ballot counting stations5.....
- Number of ballot counting stations visited5.....
- More candidates' purge questionnaires available at Election Administration Committee's offices and at Screening Committee's offices in all cases? (If not, explain) Available
- 3. Comment on publicity given by press, radio and at political gatherings to the fact that candidates purge questionnaires are available at Election Administration Committee's offices and at Screening Committee's offices..... Ample
- Comment on the extent public used privilege of examining candidates' questionnaires. No examination was requested

National election reports desired only on the prefectural basis, not on basis of election districts or regions.

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4. Number of seats in House of Representatives from this prefecture: 15 seats.

Number of candidates by parties	Liberal ... 9	People's Coop. ... 3
	Democratic 8	Reform ... 1
	Socialist 8	New Japan ... 1
	Communist 4	Constitutional ... 1
Number of independents	Independent 4	
Number actually elected by parties	Liberal ... 5	
	Democratic ... 4	
	Socialist ... 6	
Number of Independents elected		0
Total number of votes cast for each party	Liberal - 238601	Communist - 25718
Japan Constit - 11721	New Japan - 11889	Democratic - 243522
Independent - 28068	Socialist - 23472	Reform - 1921
		People's Coop - 6668

5. Number of seats in House of Councillors from this prefecture (excl. of National Constituency seats): Not applicable.

Number of candidates by parties (excl. of National Constituency seats):

Number of independent candidates (excl. of National Constituency seats):

Number actually elected by parties (excl. of National Constituency seats):

Number of Independents elected (excl. of National Constituency seats):

Total number of votes cast for each party (excl. of National Constituency seats):

Total number of votes cast for Independents (excl. of National Constituency seats):

6. Any women elected:

	Yes	No	Number
House of Representatives		X	
House of Councillors			
(excl. of National Constituency)			

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

Party	No. meeting	Total att.	Party	No. Meetings	Total Att.
Liberal	388	46,560	Democratic	546	5,460
Japan Constit	24	1,680	Socialist	570	68,400
Independents' campaign meetings			Communist	208	10,450
Independent	96	9,600	People's Coop	245	12,250
			New Japan	9	630
			Reform	45	1,350

8. Were there an adequate number of polling places? (If not, explain)

Yes ... X

No

9. Are four election bulletins enclosed with this report? (Four are required from each prefecture. If not, explain)

Yes ... X

No

10.	No of pre-election meetings held by MG team:	Total Att.
	With Election Administration Committee	About ..15..	..4.19.6..
	With officials	About ..2..2.....

11. Report generally on extent of local publicity given to election (e.g. newspaper stories, advertisements, radio time, placards, postcards, handbills). How did MG teams contribute to publicizing elections?

See inclosure attached.

12.	Number of violations reported to you:	
	Coercion, violence or threats	None...
	Soliciting votes	None...
	Interference with free & secret voting	None...
	Interference with access to polls	None...
	Privileges granted favored candidates	None...
	Dishonest tabulation in reporting of votes	None...
	Buying of votes	None...
	Excessive expenditures	None...
	Police or govt. officials interference of any type	None...
	Riots or other disorders	None...
	Illegal disqualification of voters	None...
	Violations of purge directives	None...
	Use of school children in campaign	None...
	Others	None...

* 13.	Disposition by you of above violations:	
	Reported to Japanese officials only	None...
	Reported to SCAP	None...

14. Military Government teams comments and evaluations:

a. Was any criticism voiced in regard to activities of occupation forces? If so, explain in detail.

No exception.

b. Your comments on activities of local election administration committees.

Excellent.

c. How may election laws be improved?

Too ambiguous.

d. Other suggestions in regard to elections.

Fewer elections and interpretation of the laws prior to Elections.

* Several alleged violations have been reported to this office by Japanese nationals in writing. These in turn are reported to the Prefectural Election authorities for investigation and report.

The crime section of the Niigata Prefecture state that they have received more than one hundred alleged violations. They are being verified.

11. Report generally on extent of local publicity given to election (e. g. newspaper stories, advertisements, radio time, placards, postcards, handbills). How did MG Teams contribute to publicizing elections?

a. Election news was the main item carried in the two main local newspapers of the prefecture for several weeks before the election. Advertisements of candidates as well as news items were published daily. SCAP releases, received by the newspapers through Kyodo News agency were published frequently in the daily papers.

b. Posters issued by the Police Section, asking for an honest election, were posted throughout the prefecture. Articles from the Political Affairs Bulletin were released by MG and published in twelve (12) local daily and weekly newspapers.

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House of Representatives and House of Councillors
 (Skeleton Outline Only)

20 April 47

1. Name of prefecture (To, Do, Fu or Ken) .. Niigata City, Niigata Prefecture
 - Number of registered voters
 - (Men .. 46,501
 - (Women .. 54,611
 - (Total .. 101,112
 - Persons actually voting for House of Representatives candidates
 - (Men .. Not Applicable
 - (Women ..
 - (Total ..
 - Persons actually voting for House of Councillors candidates
 - (Men .. 32,235
 - (Women .. 26,713
 - (Total .. 58,948
 - Number persons claiming franchise but not permitted to vote
 - (Men .. 65
 - (Women .. 37
 - (Total .. 102
2. Number of surveillance teams on election day 1
 - Number of polling places 27
 - Number of polling places visited 27
 - Number of ballot counting stations 5
 - Number of ballot counting stations visited 5
 - More candidates' purge questionnaires available at Election Administration Committee's offices and at Screening Committee's offices in all cases? (If not, explain) Available
3. Comment on publicity given by press, radio and at political gatherings to the fact that candidates purge questionnaires are available at Election Administration Committee's offices and at Screening Committee's offices Publicity was given by press and radio
 - Comment on the extent public used privilege of examining candidates' questionnaires. Very little

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4. Number of seats in House of Representatives from this prefecture Not Applicable
 Number of candidates by parties
 Number of independents
 Number actually elected by parties
 Number of Independents elected
 Total number of votes cast for each party

5. Number of seats in House of Councillors from this prefecture (excl. of National Constituency seats) 4
 Number of candidates by parties (excl. of National Constituency seats) 6
 Number of independent candidates (excl. of National Constituency seats) 3
 Number actually elected by parties (excl. of National Constituency seats) 2
 Number of Independents elected (excl. of National Constituency seats) 2
 Total number of votes cast for each party (excl. of National Constituency seats)
 Communist 2,211
 Socialist 6,522
 Liberal 11,979
 People Cooperative 774
 Total number of votes cast for Independents (excl. of National Constituency seats) 33,801

6. Any women elected:
 House of Representatives
 House of Councillors X
 (excl. of National Constituency)

7. Number of pre-election campaign meetings held throughout prefecture by each party:
 Party No. Meetings Total Att
 Socialist 5 750
 Liberal 9 1,350
 Communist 3 750
 Independents' campaign meetings: People Coop. 0
 Independent 27 5,400

8. Were there an adequate number of polling places? Yes ... X
 (If not, explain) No

9. Are four election bulletins enclosed with this report? (Four are required from each prefecture. If not, explain) Yes ... X
 No

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10. No. of pre-election meetings held by MG team:
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| With Election Administration Committee |15..... | Total Att. |
| With officials |5..... |5..... |
| |2..... |1..... |
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| Interference with access to polls |None |
| Privileges granted favored candidates |None |
| Dishonest tabulation in reporting of votes |None |
| Buying of votes |None |
| Excessive expenditures |None |
| Police or govt. officials interference of any type |None |
| Riots or other disorders |None |
| Illegal disqualification of voters |None |
| Violations of purge directives |None |
| Use of school children in campaign |None |
| Others |None |
- * 13. Disposition by you of above violations:
- | | |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|
| Reported to Japanese officials only |None |
| Reported to SCAP |None |
14. Military Government teams comments and evaluations:
- a. Was any criticism voiced in regard to activities of occupation forces? If so, explain in detail.
None.
- b. Your comments on activities of local election administration committees.
Very good.
- c. How may election laws be improved?
See comments under d.
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