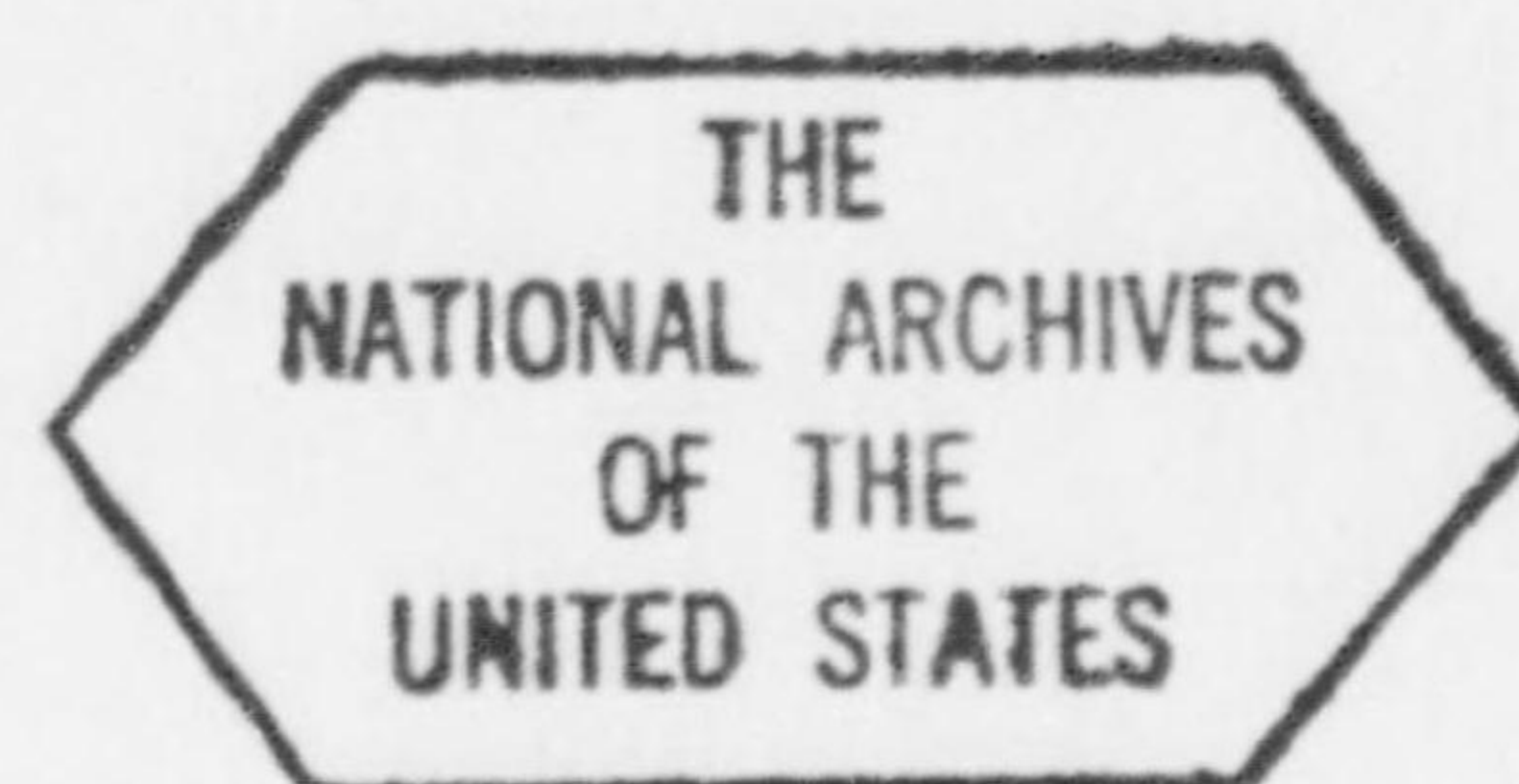


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*PREFECTURAL REPORT FORM ON SURVEILLANCE OF NATIONAL ELECTIONS
House of Representatives and House of Councillors

25 April 49

1. Name of Prefecture (To, Do, Fu or Ken) Oita
2. Number of Registered Voters (Men 307,669
(Women 347,137
(Total 654,806
3. Persons actually voting for House of Representatives (Men 234,632
(Women 220,652
(Total 455,284
4. Persons actually voting for House of Councillors candidates (Men -
(Women -
(Total -
5. Number persons claiming franchise but not permitted to vote (Men No record
(Women No record
(Total No record
6. Number of surveillance teams on election day 40
7. Number of polling places 633
8. Number of polling places visited 468
9. Number of ballot counting stations 237
10. Number of ballot counting stations visited 170
11. Were candidates' purge questionnaires available at Election Administration Committee's offices and at Screening Committee's offices in all cases? (If not, explain) Yes, at all offices
12. 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.

Two radio announcements made. Two announcements through local press. Signboards were placed in front of all local offices carrying announcement of availability of questionnaires.
13. Comment on the extent public used privilege of examining candidates' questionnaires.

Very few people have examined questionnaires. During campaign only eight persons are on record as having made examinations.

14. Number of seats in House of Representatives from this prefecture 7
 Number of candidates by parties
 Democratic 5
 Liberal 5
 Socialist 2
 Co-operative 2
 Communist 2
 Minor parties 4
15. Number of independents 13
16. Number actually elected by parties
 Democratic 3
 Liberal 1
 Socialist 2
 Co-operative 1
17. Number of Independents elected 0
18. Total number of votes cast for each party
 Democratic 126,712 Co-operative 39,202
 Liberal 89,820 Communist 13,900
 Socialist 69,431 Minor Parties 12,472
19. Total number of votes cast for Independents 94,492
25. Total number of votes cast for Independents (excl. of National Constituency seats)
26. Any women elected: Yes No Number
 House of Representatives x
 House of Councillors
 (excl. of National Constituency)
27. Number of pre-election campaign meetings held Party No. Meetings Att. throughout prefecture by each party:
 Democratic 120 12,000
 Liberal 150 15,000
 Socialist 60 6,000
 Co-operative 60 6,000
 Communist 60 6,000
 Minor parties 120 12,000
28. Independents' campaign meetings 390 39,000
29. Were there an adequate number of polling places? Yes x
 (If not, explain) No

30. Are four election bulletins enclosed with this report? Yes x
(Four are required from each prefecture. If not, explain) No
31. No. of pre-election meetings held by MG team: Total Att.
 With Election Administration Committee 2 4
 With officials 3 4
32. 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?
 Each candidate was allotted one period of seventeen minutes radio time. Each candidate was allowed two newspaper advertisements. Each candidate was permitted to mail twenty-thousand post cards to voters in prefecture, no handbills were used. One-thousand posters were permitted each candidate. Military Government publicized election through local Liaison Committee releases to press.
33. Number of violations reported to you:
- | | |
|--|---|
| Coercion, violence or threats | 0 |
| Soliciting votes | 2 |
| Interference with free & secret voting | 0 |
| Interference with access to polls | 0 |
| Privileges granted favored candidates | 0 |
| Dishonest tabulation in reporting of votes | 0 |
| Buying of votes | 0 |
| Excessive expenditures | 0 |
| Police or govt. officials interference of any type | 0 |
| Riots or other disorders | 0 |
| Illegal disqualification of voters | 0 |
| Violations of purge directives | 0 |
| Use of school children in campaign | 2 |
| Others | 6 |
34. Disposition by you of above violations:
- | | |
|-------------------------------------|----|
| Reported to Japanese officials only | 10 |
| Reported to SCAP | 0 |
35. Military Government team's 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.
- Local committees have functioned efficiently during this election. All polling stations appear to be well supervised.

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House of Representatives and House of Councillors

25 April 49

1. Name of City Beppu
2. Number of Registered Voters (Men 22,483
Women 27,730
Total 50,213)
3. Persons actually voting for House of Representatives (Men 16,644
Women 19,180
Total 35,824)
4. Persons actually voting for House of Councillors candidates (Men -
Women -
Total -)
5. Number persons claiming franchise but not permitted to vote (Men No record
Women No record
Total No record)
6. Number of surveillance teams on election day 2
7. Number of polling places 20
8. Number of polling places visited 20
9. Number of ballot counting stations 8
10. Number of ballot counting stations visited 8
11. Were candidates' purge questionnaires available at Election Administration Committee's offices and at Screening Committee's offices in all cases? (If not, explain) Available at Ken Offices only.
12. 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.
Two radio announcements made. Two announcements inserted in local newspapers.

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12. 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.
Two radio announcements made. Two announcements inserted in local newspapers.

c. How may election laws be improved?

Remove minor restrictions and allow candidates more freedom in contacting constituents.

d. Other suggestions in regard to elections.

None.

36. General Remarks:

In Oita Prefecture the total percent of registered voters who cast ballots was 69.5 percent. Women seemed comparatively indifferent as only 63 percent of registered female electors voted as compared to 76 percent of male electors.

During this election ten minor violations of election laws were reported. In other elections reports of violations have reached this office several days after the election, usually by means of anonymous letters.

Of the total number of ballots cast in Oita Prefecture nine thousand two hundred and seventy-three were declared invalid. This amounts to approximately 2 percent of the ballots cast. This percentage of void ballots is the lowest in any prefectural election held to date.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

/s/ LUTHER G. JONES, JR.
/t/ Captain, TC
Adjutant

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14. Number of seats in House of Representatives from this section: 3
 Number of candidates by parties
 Democratic 3
 Liberal 3
 Cooperative 1
 Socialist 1
 Communist 1
 Minor Parties 1
15. Number of independents 7
16. Number actually elected by parties
 Democratic 1
 Cooperative 1
 Socialist 1
17. Number of Independents elected 0
18. Total number of votes cast for each party
 Democratic 10,358 Communist 3,858
 Liberal 5,126 Minor Parties 1,699
 Cooperative 2,929 Socialist 7,468
19. Total number of votes cast for Independents 3,909
26. Any women elected: Yes No Number
 House of Representatives x
 House of Councillors
 (excl. of National Constituency)
27. Number of pre-election campaign meetings held Party No Meetings Att. Total
 throughout prefecture by each party:
 Democratic 30 3,000
 Liberal 15 1,500
 Cooperative 5 750
 Communist 20 2,500
 Socialist 5 800
 Minor Parties 20 2,000
28. Independents' campaign meetings 60 7,500
29. Were there an adequate number of polling places? Yes x
 (If not, explain)
30. Are four election bulletins enclosed with this report? Yes x
 (Four are required from each prefecture. If not, explain)No
31. No. of pre-election meetings held by MG team: Total Att.
 With Election Administration Committee 1 3
 With officials 1 4

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

Each candidate was allowed one period of seventeen minutes radio time, two newspaper advertisements, and twenty thousand post cards for prefecture wide campaign. Military Government publicized election through press releases to Local Liaison Committee.

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

34. Disposition by you of above violations:
- | | |
|-------------------------------------|------|
| Reported to Japanese officials only | None |
| Reported to SCAP | " |

35. Military Government team's 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.
Election Administrative Committee functioned effectively.
- c. How may election laws be improved?
Repeal restrictions which limit candidates opportunities for contact with electors prior to election.
- d. Other suggestions in regard to elections. None

36. General Remarks:

There were four hundred seventy seven invalid ballots cast in this city at the election covered herein for 1.3 percent. This is the lowest percentage of void ballots in any election to date. Percentage of registered electors voting was:

Men	74%
Women	69.2%
Overall	71.3%

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

/s/LUTHER G. JONES, JR.
/t/Captain, TC
Adjutant

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*PREFLECTURAL REPORT FORM ON SURVEILLANCE OF NATIONAL ELECTIONS
House of Representatives and House of Councillors

20 April 49

1. Name of Prefecture (To Do Fu or Ken) Oita Prefecture
2. Number of Registered Voters

Men	307,746
Women	<u>347,254</u>
Total	655,000
3. Persons actually voting for House of Representatives

Men	-
Women	-
TOTAL	-
4. Persons actually voting for House of Councillors candidates

Men	222,776
Women	<u>206,117</u>
Total	428,893
5. Number persons claiming franchise but not permitted to vote

Men	No record
Women	No record
Total	No record
6. Number of surveillance teams on election day 40
7. Number of polling places 633
8. Number of polling places visited 458
9. Number of ballot counting stations 237
10. Number of ballot counting stations visited 182
11. Were candidates' purge questionnaires available at Election Administration Committee's offices and at Screening Committee's offices in all cases? (if not, explain) Yes
12. 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.

Each two weeks notices were inserted in local papers throughout prefecture.

One radio broadcast was made early in the campaign in which election data was transmitted over local station JOIP.
13. Comment on the extent public used privilege of examining candidates' questionnaires.

Comparatively few persons availed themselves of the privilege of examination. Forty-three persons have made examination of questionnaires to date.

20. Number of seats in House of Councillors from this prefecture (excl. of National Constituency seats) 2
 Number of candidates by parties
 (excl. of National Constituency Seats)
 Democratic - - - - - 1
 Co-operative - - - - - 1
 Liberal - - - - - 1
 Communist - - - - - 1
21. N Number of independent candidates
 (excl. of National Constituency seats) 0----- 1
22. Number actually elected by parties
 (excl. of National Constituency seats)
 Co-operative - - - - - 1
 Liberal - - - - - ;
23. Number of Independents elected
 (excl. of National Constituency seats) - - - - - 0
24. Total number of votes cast for each party
 (excl. of national constituency seats)
 Democratic - - - - - 105,047
 Co-operative - - - - - 134,996
 Liberal - - - - - 111,664
 Communist - - - - - 27,245
25. Total number of votes cast for Independents
 (excl. of National Constituency seats) - - - - - 12,935
26. Any women elected:
 House of Representatives
 House of Councillors
 (excl. of National Constituency) - - - - - no.
27. Number of pre-election campaign meetings held
 throughout prefecture by each party.
- | Party | No. Meetings | Total Att. |
|--|--------------|-------------------|
| Co-operative | 29 | 8,700 |
| Liberal | 80 | 12,000 |
| Democratic | 40 | 8,000 |
| Communist | 59 | 6,000 |
| | | <u>Total Att.</u> |
| 28. Independents' campaign meetings. - - - - - | 52 | 5,200 |
29. Were there an adequate number of polling places?
 (If not, explain) - - - - - Yes.
30. Are four election bulletins enclosed with this report?---Yes.
 (Four are required from each prefecture. If not, explain)

31. No. of pre-election meetings held by MG team:		<u>Total Att.</u>
With Election Administration Committee - - - -	3	7
With Officials - - - - -	2	4

32. 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 total of forty minutes radio time on Station JOIP of Oita was allowed each candidate. Each candidate was allowed one advertisement in one daily papers. Each candidate was allowed to send one thousand postcards. No hand bills were used. Military Government team operated through Election Administration Committee and Local Liaison Committee.

33. Number of violations reported to you:

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

34. Disposition by you of above violations:

Reported to Japanese officials only - - - - -	None
Reported to SCAP - - - - -	None

35. Military Government team's comments and evaluations.

a. Was any criticism voiced in regard to activities of occupation forces?
 If so, explain in detail. - - - - - No.

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

Local committees in Oita Prefecture were active and appeared to be meticulous in complying with all laws. No complaints of any nature have been received. Surveillance teams are unanimous in reporting full co-operation from committees in outlying areas.

c. How may election laws be improved?

Many of the prohibitions applied to pre-election activities should be repealed in order to allow electors to become better acquainted with candidates, and to permit greater publicity being given to the activities of candidates. It appears that numerous restrictions are "hold overs" from the former system of controlled elections.

d. Other suggestions in regard to elections.

None.

36. General Remarks:

In Oita Prefecture there were 655,000 registered voters. A total of 428,893 ballots were cast. Available data indicates that 72.3% of the male registrants voted while only 59.3% of the female registrants cast ballots. Overall percentage of qualified electors voting was 65.4.

A total of 37,006 ballots were declared invalid. This amounts of 8.6% of all ballots cast.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

/s/ Luther G. Jones Jr.
/t/ LUTHER G. JONES JR.
Captain, TC
Adjutant

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*PREFECTURAL REPORT FORM ON SURVEILLANCE OF NATIONAL ELECTIONS
~~House of Representatives and House of Councillors~~

26 April 49

1. Name of City- - - - - Beapu
2. Number of Registered Voters - - - - - Men 22,495
Women 27,738
Total 50,233
3. Persons actually voting for House of Representatives -- Men -
Women -
Total -
4. Persons actually voting for House of Councillors
candidates - - - - - Men 15,932
Women 17,753
Total 33,685
5. Number persons claiming franchise but not permitted
to vote - - - - - Men No record
Women No record
Total No record
6. Number of surveillance teams on election day - - - - - 2
7. Number of polling places - - - - - 20
8. Number of polling places visited - - - - - 20
9. Number of ballot counting stations - - - - - 8
10. Number of ballot counting stations visited - - - - - 8
11. Were candidates' purge questionnaires available
at Election Administration Committee's offices
and at Screening Committee's offices in all
cases? (If not, explain) - - - - - No.
Not required at
Office.
12. 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.

Notification by means of sign boards at all offices.
Information disseminated by prefectural agencies covered the city.
13. Comment on the extent public used privilege of
examining candidates' questionnaires.

Comparatively few examinations of questionnaires have been made by
citizens.

20. Number of seats in House of Councillors from this prefecture (excl. Of national Constituency seats) - - - - - 2
 Number of candidates by parties (excl. of national Constituency Seats)
 Democratic - - - - - 1
 Co-operative - - - - - 1
 Liberal - - - - - 1
 Communist - - - - - 1
- 21 N Number of independent candidates (excl. of National Constituency seats) - - - - - 1
22. Number actually elected by parties (excl. of National Constituency seats)
 Democratic - - - - - 1
 Liberal - - - - - 1
23. Number of Independents elected (excl. of National Constituency seats) - - - - - 0
24. Total number of votes cast for each party (excl. of National Constituency seats)
 Democratic - - - - - 15,746
 Liberal - - - - - 8,730
 Co-operative - - - - - 3,511
 Communist - - - - - 3,330
25. Total number of votes cast for Independents (excl. of National Constituency seats) - - - - - 753
26. Any women elected:
 House of Representatives
 House of Councillors
 (excl. of National Constituency) - - - - - No.
27. Number of pre-election campaign meetings held throughout prefecture by each party:
 Information unavailable.
28. Independents' campaign meetings.
 Not available.
29. Were there an adequate number of polling places? (If not, explain) - - - - - Yes.
30. Are four election bulletins enclosed with this report? (Four are required from each prefecture. If not, explain) - - - - - Yes.
31. No. of pre-election meetings held by MG team; Total Attn
 With Election Administration Committee - - - - - -
 With officials - - - - - 1 2

32. 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?

Forty minutes radio time allotted each candidate.
 One thousand post cards were allowed each candidate.
 Number distributed in city not known.
 No handbills were used. City included in general campaign of prefecture.

33. Number of violations reported to you:

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

34. Disposition by you of above violations:

Reported to Japanese officials only - - - - -	None
Reported to SCAP - - - - -	"

35. Military Government team's comments and evaluations.

a. Was any criticism voiced in regard to activities of occupation forces?
 If so, explain in detail. - - - - - No.

b. Your comments on activities of local election administration committees.
 The Election Administrative Committee of Beppu discharged its functions in a highly efficient manner.

c. How may election laws be improved?
 Prohibitions which prevent complete publicity should be repealed. Candidates should be given complete freedom in contacting constituents.

d. Other suggestions in regard to elections.
 None.

36. General Remarks:

Out of a total registration of 50,233 there were 33,685 ballots cast. This gives a percentage of 67.1 70.8% of male registrants voted while 64% of female registrants cast ballots. There were 1,615 ballots declared invalid, amounting to 47% void ballots as compared to 8.6% for the prefecture as a whole.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

/s/ Luther G. Jones Jr.
/t/ LUTHER G. JONES JR.
Captain, TC
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