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*PREFECTURAL REPORT FORM ON SURVEILLANCE OF NATIONAL ELECTIONS

House of Representatives
(Skeleton Outline Only)

25 April 47

1. Name of prefecture (To, Do, Fu or Ken) Kagoshima Ken

2. Number of registered voters (Men 368,757
(Women 443,373
(Total 812,130

3. Persons actually voting for House of Representatives candidates (Men 286,453
(Women 280,713
(Total 567,166

4. Number of surveillance teams on election day 61

5. Number of polling places 933

6. Number of polling places visited 746

7. Number of ballot counting stations 123

8. Number of ballot counting stations visited 109

9. Were candidates' purge questionnaires available at Election Administration Committee's offices and at Screening Committee's offices in all cases? (If not, explain) Available

10. 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. 1. by radio..
..... 3 by press
Full Cooperation

11. Comment on the extent public used privilege of examining candidates' questionnaires. Small extent

12. Number of seats in House of Representatives from this prefecture 10
 Number of candidates by parties 40 TOTAL
16 - Democratic
3 - Liberal
5 - Peoples Coop. party
3 - Socialist
3 - Communist
6 - Others
4 - Independent

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Number actually elected by parties

- 4 - Democratic
- 1 - Liberal
- 2 - Socialist
- 1 - Peo.Coop.Party
- 1 - Japan Civil
Right
Comrades Assn
- 1 - Independent

Number of Independents elected

one

Total number of votes cast for each party

Democratic	274,509
Liberal	60,974
Socialist	73,207
Peop.Coop	82,900
Communist	3,398
Independent	37,784
Others	48,963

Total number of votes cast for Independent

37,784

13. Any women elected:

Yes	No	Number
		x

House of Representatives
(Excl. of National Constituency)

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

Party No.	Meetings	Total
Dem	1,054	
Ind	468	
Lib	450	
Soc	81	
Comm.	60	
Peo.Coop	71	
Others	595	
	468	

Independents' campaign meetings

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

Yes	x
No	

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

Yes	x
No	

17. No. of pre-election meetings held by MG team:
With Election Administration Committee
With officials

	Total Att
10	10
9	9

18. 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?

Several newspaper stories and advertisements were printed in the local newspapers concerning this election. One thousand placards and ten thousand postcards were used for this election. Candidates delivered radio broadcasts on large extent. MG did not contribute to this election concerning the extent to publicity.

18. Number of violations reported to you:
- | | |
|--|---|
| Coercion, violence or threats | 0 |
| Soliciting votes | 0 |
| Interference with free & secret voting | 0 |
| Interference with access to polls | 0 |
| Privileges granted favored candidates | 1 |
| 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 | ↓ |
| Use of school children in campaign | 0 |
| Others | 0 |

19. Disposition by you of above violations:
- | | |
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| Reported to Japanese officials only | Yes |
| Reported to SCAP | No |

20. 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.

Excellent

c. How may election laws be improved?

Seem very good

d. Other suggestions in regard to elections.

None

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House of Councillors
(Skeleton Outline Only)

20 April 47

1. Name of prefecture (To, Do, Fu or Ken)..... Kagoshima Ken
2. Number of registered voters

(Men	365,987
(Women	439,444
(Total	<u>805,431</u>
3. Persons actually voting for House of Councillors

(Men	274,358
(Women	265,317
(Total	<u>539,675</u>
4. Number of surveillance teams on election day61
5. Number of polling places933
6. Number of polling places visited641
7. Number of ballot counting stations123
8. Number of ballot counting stations visited..... 97
9. Were candidates' purge questionnaires available at Election Administration Committee's offices and at Screening Committee's offices in all cases? (If not, explain)..... Available
10. Comment on publicity given by press, radio and at political gatherings to the fact that candidates purge questionnaires are available..... 3 by Press at Election Administration Committee's offices.... 1 by Radio and at Screening Committee's offices.....Excellent Cooperation
11. Comment on the extent public used privilege of examining candidates' questionnaires..... Small extent
12. Number of seats in House of Councillors from this prefecture (excl. of National Constituency seats).4

Number of candidates by parties.....7	<u>TOTAL</u>
(excl. of National Constituency seats).....1	Socialist

Number of independent candidates (excl. of National Constituency seats)
Number Actually elected by parties) (excl. of National Constituency seats)

Number of Independents elected4
(excl. of National Constituency seats)
Total number of votes cast for each party.....27,541 Socialist
(excl. of National Constituency seats)62,364 Peoples Coop. Party

Total number of votes cast for Independents...422,828
(Excl. of National Constituency seats)

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13. Any women elected:Yes No. Number
 House of Councilors X
 (Excl. of National Constituency)

14. Number of pre-election campaign meetings held Party No. Meetings Total Att.
 throughout prefecture by each party:Not yet known

Independents' campaign meetings

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

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

17. No. of pre-election meetings held by MG team: Total Att.
 With Election Administration Committee8 8
 With officials.....12 12

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 candidates of House of Councillors gave publicity in the local newspaper, & radio. One thousand placards and twenty thousand post-cards of each candidates were used for this election. M.G. team did not contribute to publicizing this election.

18. Number of violations reported to you:
 Coercion, violence or threats.....1
 Soliciting votes.....1
 Interference with free & secret voting.....2
 Interference with access to polls.....1
 Privileges granted favored candidates.....2
 Dishonest tabulation in reporting of votes0
 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.....1
 Use of school children in campaign.....1
 Others.....0

19. Disposition by you of above violations:
 Reported to Japanese officials only.....Yes
 Reported to SCAP.....No

20. 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. Excellent.
 c. How may election laws be improved? Seem to be good now.
 d. Other suggestions in regard to elections. None.