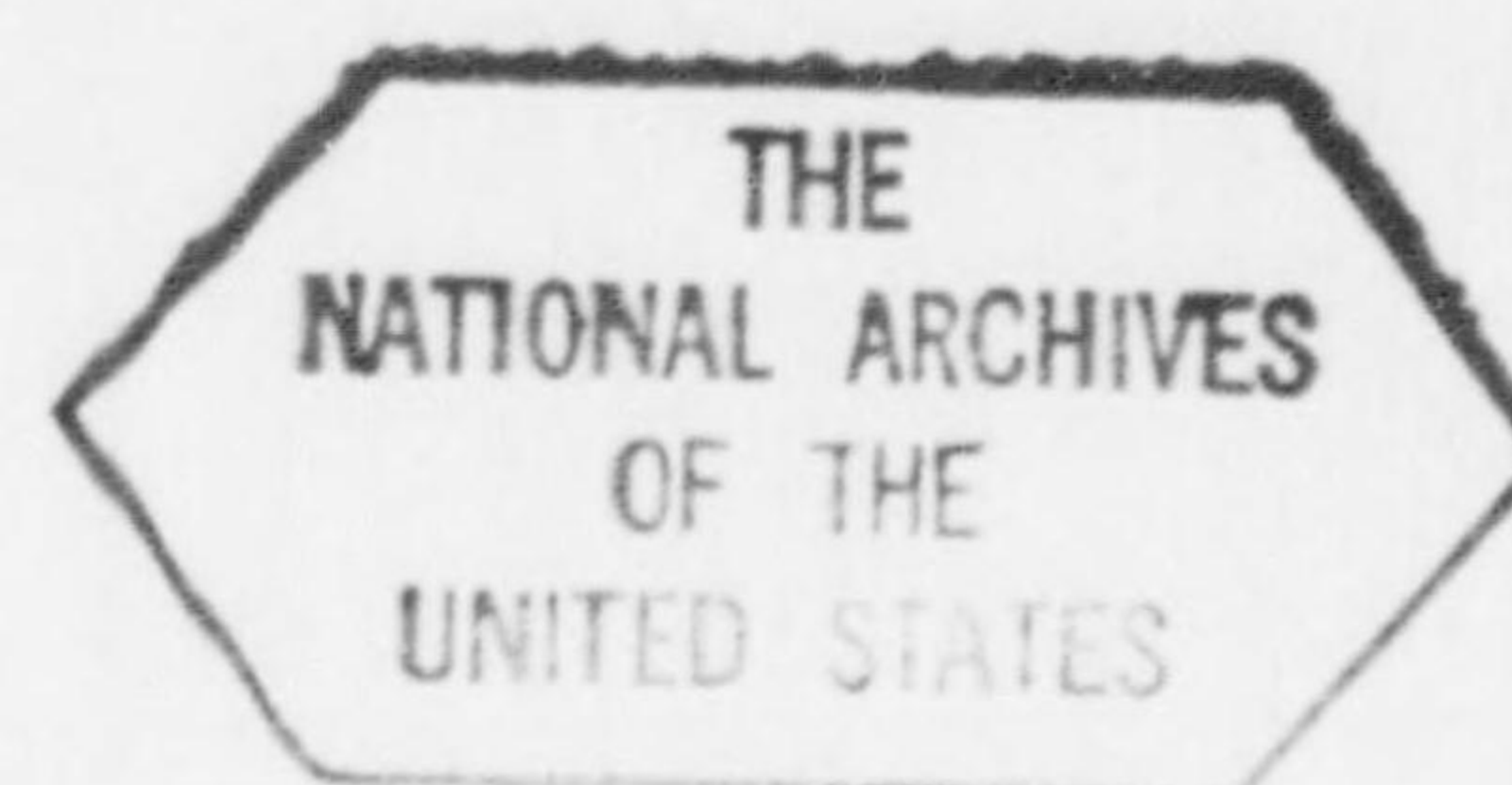


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NARA MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM  
APO 25

25 April 49

ELECTION REPORT

1. Name of Prefecture: NARA
2. Number of registered voters  
Men 206,655  
Women 234,416  
Total 441,071
3. Persons actually voting for House of Representatives  
Men 161,079  
Women 172,319  
Total 333,398
4. Number persons claiming franchise but not permitted to vote  
Men None  
Women None  
Total None
5. Number of surveillance teams on election day . . . . . 19
6. Number of polling places . . . . . 594
7. Number of polling places visited . . . . . 278
8. Number of ballot counting stations . . . . . 141
9. Number of ballot counting stations visited . . . . . 102
10. Were candidates' purge questionnaires available at Election Administration Committee's offices and at Screening Committee's offices in all cases? Yes
11. Publicity given to the fact that the questionnaires were available: Notices were inserted in the two local papers and posted on bulletin boards of the Prefecture, towns and villages.
12. Thirty five persons examined the questionnaires of the candidates.
13. Number of seats in House of Representatives from this Prefecture. . . . . 5
14. Number of candidates by parties:  
Liberals . . . . . 4  
Socialists . . . . . 2  
Democrats Progressive . . . . . 3  
Communist . . . . . 1  
Shinno Party . . . . . 1

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15. Number of independents . . . . . 5

16. Number actually elected by parties:

Liberal . . . . . 1  
Socialists . . . . . 1  
Shinno Party . . . . . 1

17. Number of independents elected . . . . . 2

18. Total number of votes cast for each party:

Liberals . . . . . 81,183  
Socialists . . . . . 51,948  
Shinno Party . . . . . 34,990  
Democrat Progressive . . . . . 47,014  
Communists . . . . . 12,992

19. Total number of votes cast for Independents: . . . . 100,501

20. Any women elected: No

21. Number of pre-election campaign meeting held throughout prefecture by each party:

<u>Party</u>	<u>No. Meetings</u>	<u>Total Att</u>
Communists	174	5,321
Liberals	472	15,112
Socialists	415	17,350
Shinno Party	202	8,900
Democrats Progressive	488	13,500

22. Independents' campaign meetings

<u>No. Meetings</u>	<u>Total Att</u>
611	19,710

23. Were there an adequate number of polling places? Yes

24. Are four election bulletins enclosed? Yes

25. Number of pre-election meetings held by MG Team:

With Election Administration Committee . . . . . 11  
With Officials . . . . . 5

26. Publicity given to the election:

"Notices in the two local newspapers, posted on the bulletin boards throughout the Prefecture, 200,000 notices distributed in the Prefecture by hand, 200,000 leaflets dropped by airplane the day before election. Articles by the Governor and local officials were published in the newspapers."

27. Number of violations reported to MG, previous elections.

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Buying votes . . . . . 4  
Violation of purge directive . 4  
Using name of Allied Forces. . 1

Disposition:

Reported to Japanese officials only . . . . . 7  
Reported to SCAP . . . . . 2

28. There has been no criticism of the actions of the activities of the occupation forces.

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NARA MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM  
APO 25

20 April 47

ELECTION REPORT

1. Name of Prefecture: NARA
2. Number of registered voters
 

Men	206,678
Women	234,668
Total	441,346
3. Persons actually voting for House of Councillors candidates
 

Men	153,855
Women	160,844
Total	314,799
4. Number of persons claiming franchise but not permitted to vote
 

Men	None
Women	None
Total	----
5. Number of surveillance teams on election day . . . . . 19
6. Number of polling places . . . . . 594
7. Number of polling places visited . . . . . 274
8. Number of ballot counting stations . . . . . 141
9. Number of ballot counting stations visited . . . . . 109
10. Were candidates' purge questionnaires available at Election Administration Committee's offices and at Screening Committee's offices in all cases? . . . . . Yes
11. Comment on publicity given by press, radio and at political gatherings to the fact that candidates purge questionnaires are available.
 

"Articles were published in the local newspapers, official bulletin boards of the Prefecture, city, towns and villages. It is not known if the information was discussed at political meetings or not."
12. Only ten persons exercised their privilege of examining the questionnaires of the candidates for the House of Councillors.
13. Number of seats in House of Councillors from this Prefecture (Excl. of National Constituency seats) . . . . . 2
14. Number of Candidates by Parties:

People's Cooperative . . . . . 1  
 Socialists . . . . . 1  
 Independents . . . . . 3

15. Number actually elected by parties:

People's Cooperative . . . . . 1  
 Independents . . . . . 1

16. Total number of votes cast for each party:

People's Cooperative . . . . . 98,677  
 Socialists . . . . . 49,425  
 Independents . . . . . 144,655

17. Any women elected: No

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

<u>Party</u>	<u>No. Meetings</u>	<u>Total Att.</u>
People's Cooperative	60	4,500
Socialists	71	2,220
Independents'	206	11,130

19. Were there an adequate number of polling places? Yes

20. Are four election bulletins enclosed? Yes

21. No. of pre-election meetings held by MG Team:

With Election Administration Committee . . . . . 11  
 With Officials . . . . . 5  
 With Candidates . . . . . 0

22. Daily newspaper stories were written by the officials of the Prefectural Government and published in two local newspapers. With the cooperation of the theatres in the prefecture "slides" were shown daily encouraging people to vote. The day before the election 200,000 leaflets were dropped from airplane, announcing the names of the candidates and urging people to vote. MG worked with the Prefecture authorities in planning the use of movie "slides" and the distribution of leaflets by plane.

23. Number of violations reported to you:

As of the present no violations have been reported to this office.

24. No criticism has come to our attention regarding the activities of the observation teams.

It is the opinion of this office that the local administration committees have done a splendid job of conducting the elections and deserve a great deal of credit for the high percentage of voting and the low percentage of invalid votes. In the first election (Governor) the percentage was 77% vote and 4% invalid; second election (Councillors) there was a 71.4% vote and 6.9% invalid vote.

The four election bulletins enclosed give only the names of two candidates. The election officials explain that the other candidates did not submit their application and information soon enough to have it published in the election bulletin.

The only criticism of the election by the people is that there are too many elections in one month and it does not give the people enough time to become acquainted with the qualifications of each candidate.

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