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HEADQUARTERS
 KUMAMOTO MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
 KUMAMOTO, KYUSHU, JAPAN

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SUBJECT: National Election Summary Report

25 April 47

TO : Supreme Commander of Allied Powers, General Headquarters, APO 500,
 Attn: Government Section

1. With reference to Operational Directive #22, dtd 1 March 1947, subject: Local Government Elections, the following Summary Report is submitted:

A. POLITICAL PARTIES AND ACTIVITIES:

Under the direction of Military Government and through coordination of the tactical forces, 55 election observance teams were dispatched into the Kumamoto Ken area to observe election proceedings. Of the 957 polling places through-out Kumamoto Ken 760 were visited on election day for a 77 percent coverage. Of the 305 counting places within the Ken, 236 were visited for a 79.4 percent coverage. Check lists prepared by Eighth Army as well as information by Military Government was used in checking polling and counting stations. Teams were controlled from central locations within each Gun of the Ken and information was collected in the same way. All outlying districts were covered, some by bicycle, where gasoline propelled vehicles could not go, and it is the opinion of this office that a very good coverage of the Ken in general was made.

A summary of the check lists turned in by the Teams disclose the following:

Arrangement of booths:	Good
Secret voting:	Good
Management of polling stations:	Good
Number of watchers:	3 - 8
Attitude of officials:	Good
Interest in the election:	Good
Percentage of women voting:	63.4
Violations observed:	None

Of the 929,009 registered voters with in Kumamoto Ken 646,573 cast their vote on 25 April 1947. Each voters was able to cast one vote for their respective choice in candidates for the office as representative in the House of Councillors, and the majority of votes cast carried out there intentions. Since the number of invalidated votes dropped to a new low it is an opinion that the people in general are beginning more and more to really think of what they are doing when they cast their ballot.

B. VOTES:

The following is an official list of the eligible voters in Kumamoto Ken and other pertinent information on the vote cast:

Eligible Voters - Kumamoto City

Registered	Male	%	Female	%
929,009	435,021	46.82	493,988	53.17
Votes Cast	Male	%	Female	%
646,573	332,978	76.5	313,595	63.4
Non-Voters	Male	%	Female	%
282,436	102,043	23.5	180,393	36.6

Invalidated Votes Cast

Kumamoto Ken	11,068	1.7 percent
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C. CANDIDATES ELECTED:

The following is a list of the candidates who were elected in the 1st and second districts of Kumamoto Ken by party and total votes collected:

House of Representatives

<u>1st District</u>	<u>Party</u>	<u>Vote</u>
Matsuno, Raizo	Liberal	48,174
Uchide, Shinko	Democrat	41,785
Sakaguchi, Chikara	"	39,529
Miyamura, Matahachi	Socialist	27,106
Teramoto, Itsuki	Democrat	23,590
<u>2nd District</u>	<u>Party</u>	<u>Vote</u>
Yoshida, An	Democrat	41,926
Sonoda, Sunao	"	40,574
Hosokawa, Takamoto	Socialist	40,268
Sakata, Michita	Liberal	38,089
Fukunaga, Isshin	"	34,035

It will be noted that the Democrat Party was put into office 5 candidates taking the lead in party politics while next in line came the Liberals and Socialists who were able to gain 3 and 2 seats respectively. It will also be noted that no Independents were able to be elected to any seats.

D. COMPLAINTS:

No complaints of election law violations were reported by teams nor were any reported by the Japanese people.

E. ELECTION COVERAGE:

Of the 55 vehicles used for observance of the elections, no accidents occurred, mileage covered amounted to 9,025, using 619 gallons of gasoline for 14.5 miles per gallon of gasoline used.

/s/ G. W. Sargent
/t/ G. W. SARGENT
Lt Col, CAC
Commanding

HEADQUARTERS
KUMAMOTO MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
Kumamoto, Kyushu, Japan

APO 929
25 April 1947

PREFECTURAL REPORT OF SURVEILLANCE OF NATIONAL ELECTION
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
25 April 1947

1. Name of Prefecture: Kumamoto Ken
2. Number of registered Voters:

Men	435,021
Women	<u>493,988</u>
Total	929,009
3. Persons actually voting for House of Representative Candidates

Men	332,978
Women	<u>313,595</u>
Total	646,573
4. Numbers persons claiming franchise but not permitted to vote.

Men	0
Women	<u>0</u>
Total	0
5. Numbers of Surveillance teams on election day - - - - - 55
6. Number of Polling Places:- - - - - 957
7. Number of Polling Places Visited:- - 760
8. Number of Ballot Counting Stations:- 305
9. Number of Ballot Counting Stations visited: - - - - - 234
10. Were Candidates Purge Questionnaires Available at Election Administration Committee's Offices and at Screening Committee's Offices in all cases? (If not explain) - - - - - Yes.
11. 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, radio time public address system and at political gatherings.

12. Comment on the extent public used privilege of examining candidates questionnaires:

<u>Very few.</u>

13. Number of seats in House of Representatives from this prefecture. - - - - - 10

Number of Candidates by Parties - - 12----- Socialists
 6----- Liberals
 2----- Communists
 8----- Democrat League
 5----- Cooperative
 1----- Japan Renovation

Number of Independents - - - - - 5 ----- Independents

Number of Actually elected parties - 5- ----- Democrats
 3 ----- Liberals

Number of Independents elected - - - 0

Total number votes cast for each party- - - - - 224,374 Democrats
 169,749 Liberals
 155,885 Socialists
 40,999 Peoples' Cooperative
 1,868 Reformation
 7,109 Communists
 4,755 Various Party

Total number of votes cast for Independents- - - - - 30,293

14. Any Women elected:
 House of Representatives - - - - - No.

15. Number of Pre-election campaign meetings held thru-out prefecture by each party.	Party	No. Meetings	Total Atten.
	Communist	2	200
	Liberals	146	20,800
	Democrats	316	50,050
	People Cooperative	111	17,100
	Socialist	67	11,900
	Labor Farmers Joint Party	15	1,000
	Various Party	11	1,000
Independents Campaign Meetings.		66	11,150

16. Were there adequate number of polling places? (If not, explain)- - - - - Yes.

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

18. Number of pre-election meetings held by MG. Team with election Administration Committee with Officials.	Number	Total Atten.
- - - - -	4	40
- - - - -	5	35

19. Report generally on extent of local publicity given to election (e.g. newspaper stories, advertisements, radio time, placards, postcards, handbills). How did M.G. Team contribute to publicizing election?

Local publicity was given by elections by newspaper stories, radio time, advertisements, public gatherings etc.

20. Number of violations reporting: - - - - - none.

21. Military Government Team's comments and evaluations:

a. Was any criticisms voiced in regard to activities of occupation forces? If so, explain in detail. - - - - - None.

b. Your comments on activities of local elections administration committees. Activities of local election administration committees were very thorough and constructive.

c. How many laws may be improved. - - - - - No comment

d. Other suggestions on regard to elections. - - - - - None.

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KUMAMOTO, KYUSHU, JAPAN

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APC 929
25 April 1947

209 April 47

SUBJECT: National Election Summary Report (House of Councillors)

THRU : Kyushu Military Government Region, APC 929

TO : Supreme Commander of Allied Powers, General Headquarters,
APC 500
Attn: Government Section

1. With reference to Operational Directive #22, dtd 1 March 47, subject: Local Government Elections, the following Summary Report is submitted:

a. Political Parties and Activities:

Under the direction of military government in Kumamoto Ken and through the coordination and help of the tactical forces, 55 inspection teams were dispatched prior to Election Day of the House of Councillors to make reconnaissance and observe the elections. Approximately 734 polling places were visited and observed which represents 76.6% of the total polling places in the Ken. Approximately 321 ballot counting places were visited and observed which represents 75.7% of the total ballot counting places in the Ken. Check lists prepared by Eighth Army were used as well as information prepared by military government. The same system was used of having teams radiate from central locations as in previous elections - these locations numbering 35, being selected to cover all sections of the Ken - and it is felt that a representative number of polling places were observed.

A summary of the check list turned in disclosed the following items of information unanimously:

Arrangement of booths:	Good
Facilities permitting voting to be secret:	Very good

Management of booths observed:	Good
Number of watchers:	3 - 8
Attitude of officials:	Very good
Interest in the election:	Normal
Percentage of women voting:	Good
Violations observed:	None

(No violations were reported to any observing teams nor were any reported to the military government office, Kumamoto City)

Of the 927,836 registered voters in the Ken, approximately 623,795 cast votes. Each voter was entitled to one vote for Councillor at large and one vote for local councillor to the Upper House. The majority of voters carried out these intentions. The attitude of women voters, especially the younger women was eager and in the opinion of the observing teams, they acquitted themselves nobly at the polls. Almost unanimously, except for the aged, with the help of candidates' names posted in the immediate vicinity of the polls, voters were able to determine their choice in advance and there was little hesitation in their choice of candidates.

b. Votes:

The following is an official list of the eligible voters in Kumamoto Ken and the total votes cast including invalid votes:

Eligible Voters - Kumamoto Ken

Men.....	434,892.....	46.87%
Women.....	492,944.....	53.13%
Total.....	927,836.....	100.0%

Voters Cast

Men.....	322,484.....	74.1%
Women.....	301,311.....	61.1%
Total.....	623,795.....	67.2%

Non-Voters

Men.....	25.9%
Women.....	38.9%
Total.....	32.8%

Invalid votes - Kumamoto Ken: Total.....71,569

Reasons for Invalid Votes:

Improper type of paper.....	575
Wrong candidates.....	57,540
Over two candidates.....	1,193
Fictitious name on ballot.....	3,416
Use of check mark.....	1,218
Blank ballots.....	3,739
Candidate's name card and paper attached to ballot.....	21
Name stamp used.....	25
Jokes.....	1,489
Against black market operations....	2,353
Total.....	71,56911.4%

c. Candidates Elected:

The following table is an official list of the elected candidates for the House of Councillors, taking into consideration only the local candidates elected and not those of Councillor at large. It is to be noted that no women candidates were running for seats in the House of Councillors.

<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Party</u>	<u>Votes</u>
SUSUMU TAKATA	Democrat	122,295
ITARU HORIGUCHI	Socialist	102,582
YASABURO TANIGUCHI	Democrat	92,775
ROKURO FUKAMI	Liberal	72,076

Of the 9 local candidates running for seats in the House of Councillors, the above mentioned four were the successful candidates in polling a majority of the votes cast.

d. Complaints:

No complaints were received by this office with respect to the eligibility of candidates running for office nor against any election officials from people who were not able to vote. As from an overall picture of the election as it was run and conducted this time, registration seemed to be complete as not a single complaint was received along this line. As heretofore mentioned in preceding paragraphs, the total number of invalid votes reached the figure of 71,569 or 11.4% of the total votes cast and reasons for this high poll of invalid votes are also given in the preceding paragraph.

No reports were received, nor through observation ^{was} anything discovered that would accuse officials of connivance in showing partiality to any one candidate in any one particular area. At all polls visited it was noted that procedure was carried on in a very orderly and efficient manner, and has increased over previous elections at least 25% in management and arrangement of the polling booths and conduct of the officials toward the voting populace. All election officials seemed very well versed in the carrying out of their duties as election officials.

e. Poll Coverage:

The 55 tactical and Military Government teams used to observe the elections covered a distance of 8,531 miles using 531 gallons of gasoline.

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KUMAMOTO, KYUSHU, JAPAN

AFC 929
25 April 1947

PREFECTURAL REPORT ON SURVEILLANCE OF NATIONAL ELECTIONS
HOUSE OF COUNCILLORS
20 April 1947

1. Name of Prefecture: KUMAMOTO
2. Number of Registered Voters:

(Men	<u>434,892</u>
(Women	<u>492,944</u>
(Total	<u>927,836</u>
3. Persons actually voting for House of Councillors candidates:

(Men	<u>322,484</u>
(Women	<u>301,311</u>
(Total	<u>623,795</u>
4. Number persons claiming franchise but not permitted to vote:

(Men	<u>0</u>
(Women	<u>0</u>
(Total	<u>0</u>
5. Number of Surveillance Teams on Election Day: 55
6. Number of Polling Places: 957
7. Number of Polling Places Visited: 734
8. Number of Ballot Counting Stations: 305
9. Number of Ballot Counting Stations Visited: 231
10. Were Candidates' Purge Questionnaires available at Election Administration Committee's Offices and at Screening Committee's offices in all cases? (If not explain) Yes

11.	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, radio public address system and at political gatherings
12.	Comment on the extent public used privilege of examining candidates' questionnaires:	Very small amount
13.	Number of seats in House of Councillors from this prefecture (excl. of Nat'l Constituency seats)	<u>4</u>
	Number of candidates by parties	<u>3</u> Socialist <u>2</u> Japanese Democrats <u>2</u> Liberals <u>1</u> Cooperative
	Number of Independent candidates (incl. of Nat'l Constituency seats)	<u>1</u>
	Number actually elected by parties: (excl. of Nat'l Constituency seats)	<u>1</u> Socialist <u>1</u> Liberal <u>2</u> Democrat Japan
	Number Independents elected: (excl. of Nat'l Constituency seats)	<u>0</u>
	Total number of votes cast for each party: (excl. of Nat'l Constituency seats)	<u>218,456</u> Democratic <u>145,937</u> Socialists <u>128,498</u> Liberals <u>49,949</u> People's Cooperative
	Total number of votes cast for Independents: (excl. of Nat'l Constituency seats)	<u>28,320</u>
14.	Any women elected: House of Councillors (excl. of Nat'l Constituency)	Yes. No. Number. — <u>X</u> —

15.	Number of pre-election campaign meetings held throughout prefecture by each party:	Party	No. Meetings	Total Atten.
		Socialist	<u>142</u>	<u>25,700</u>
		Democratic League	<u>444</u>	<u>79,885</u>
		Communist	<u>60</u>	<u>7,350</u>
		Liberal	<u>260</u>	<u>75,840</u>
		Progressive	<u>10</u>	<u>1,385</u>
		Cooperative	<u>109</u>	<u>21,325</u>
	Independents' Campaign Meeting:		<u>99</u>	<u>13,600</u>
16.	Were there an adequate number of polling places? (If not explain)		Yes <u>....X....</u>	No <u>.....</u>
17.	Are election bulletins enclosed with this report (Four are required from each prefecture. If not, explain)		Yes <u>....X....</u>	No <u>.....</u>
18.	No. of pre-election meetings held by MG Team:		Number	Total Atten.
	With Election Administration Com.:		<u>12</u>	<u>97</u>
	With officials:		<u>15</u>	<u>40</u>
19.	Report generally on extent of local publicity given to election (eg newspaper stories, advertisements, radio time, placards, postcards, handbills) How did MG teams contribute to publicizing elections?		Local publicity was given to elections by newspaper stories, radio time, advertisements, public gatherings, etc.	
20.	Number of violations reported to you:		<u>None</u>	
21.	Disposition by you of above violations: Reported to Japanese officials only Reported to SCAP		<u>None</u> <u>None</u>	
22.	Military Government Team's comments and evaluations:			
	a. Was any criticism voiced in regard to activities of the occupation forces? If so, explain in detail:		<u>None</u>	
	b. Your comments on activities of local Election Administration Committees:		<u>Very efficient and coordinated in all phases</u>	

c. How may laws be improved?

It is suggested that Article #10 of Imperial Ordinance #1 should be revised, to cover both elective and appointive offices relative to purgees.

d. Other suggestions in regard to elections:

None

PREFECTURAL REPORT FORM ON SURVEILLANCE OF NATIONAL ELECTIONS
House of Councillors

- 20 April 49*
1. Name of prefecture. SHIZUOKA
 2. Number of registered voters.

(Men	577,341
(Women	<u>636,043</u>
(Total	1,213,384
 3. Number of persons actually voting for House of Representatives candidates.
Not applicable
 4. Number of persons actually voting for House of Councillors candidates.

(Men	436,310
(Women	<u>404,257</u>
(Total	840,567
 5. Number persons claiming franchise but not permitted to vote. None
 6. Number of surveillance teams on election day 36
 7. Number of polling places 1,147
 8. Number of polling places visited 420
 9. Number of ballot counting stations 296
 10. Number of ballot counting stations visited 100
 11. Were candidates' purge questionnaires available at Election Administration Committee's offices and at Screening Committee's offices in all cases. Available in all cases
 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.

There were 16 radio and press releases made by Shizuoka MG on this subject. This information was also publicized at ten political gathering.
 13. Comment on the extent public used privilege of examining candidates' questionnaires.

Privilege of examining candidates questionnaires was not used extensively. There were about 75 examining candidates questionnaires.
 14. Number of seats in House of Representatives from this prefecture.
Not applicable

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15. Number of seats in House of Councillors from this prefecture (excl. of National Constitutency seats) 4

Number of candidates by parties

Socialist	<u>1</u>
Liberal	<u>2</u>
Communist	<u>1</u>
People's Cooperative	<u>1</u>
Independent	<u>3</u>

Number actually elected by parties

Liberal	<u>2</u>
Independents	<u>2</u>

Total number of votes cast for each party

Liberal	<u>284,525</u>
Independent	<u>345,311</u>
Socialist	<u>86,132</u>
Communist	<u>32,328</u>
Peoples Cooperative	<u>26,392</u>

16. Any women elected: None

17. Number of preelection campaign meetings held throughout prefecture by each party.

<u>Party</u>	<u>No of meetings</u>
Independent	<u>14</u>
Liberal	<u>23</u>
Socialist	<u>6</u>
Communists	<u>9</u>
Peoples Cooperative	<u>6</u>

18. Were there an adequate number of polling places. Yes

19. Are four election bulletins enclosed with this report? Yes

20. Number of pre-election meetings held by MG team: 8

	<u>No</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
With Election Administration Committee	<u>2</u>	<u>All</u>
With Officials	<u>5</u>	No count taken
With candidates	<u>1</u>	No count taken

21. Extent of Local publicity given to election:

The election was given wide publicity through local newspaper, radio circulars, and placards. Military Government made releases to radio and newspapers of information and articles received from higher headquarters.

22. Number of violations reported to you: None

23. Dispositions: None

24. Military Government Team's comments and evaluations:

- a. Citizens in some localities in this prefecture expressed dissatisfaction to the fact that election surveillance teams did not cover their area. They felt that they were slighted.
- b. How may election laws be improved?
 - (1) Ballots should be consolidated into one ballot form. A system similar to that used in U.S. would eliminate much of the confusion.
 - (2) A longer period for campaigning is needed.
- c. National Constituency seats should be eliminated. House of Councillors should be elected from some specific area. Handling of such large number of candidates at large is confusing to the voters.