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HEADQUARTERS I CORPS
APO 301

AG091-C

4 December 1947

SUBJECT: Army Policy on Discussion of Russia.
TO: Commanding Officer, Kinki Mil. Govt. Region, APO 301

Inclosed herewith is true copy of letter, Department of the Army, subject as above, file AG A0 - S 000.7 (12 Nov 47) CSIP - M, dated 19 Nov 47, for your information and necessary action.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL WOODRUFF:

WILDER A. JOHNSON
Capt. A. G. D.
Asst. Adj. Gen.

1 Incl: - As Indicated.

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The Adjutant General's Office
Washington 25, D.C.

AGAO-S 000.7 (12 Nov 47)CSFID-M

19 November 1947

SUBJECT: Army Policy on Discussion of Russia.

Commander-in-Chief, Far East Command
 Commanding Generals,
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The Secretary of the Army desires that no Army personnel who write or speak "on-the-record" on military problems confronting the United States today refer to Russia (or the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) by name as a potential enemy or threat to this country. It is the feeling of the Secretary that it is more appropriate for individuals outside the Army to discuss this matter and that the Army should refrain from doing so.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

/s/ Edward F. Witsell
 /t/ EDWARD F. WITSELL
 Major General
 The Adjutant General

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HEADQUARTERS
 OSAKA MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
 APO 25

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13 October 1947

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SUBJECT: Special Report on Surveillance of
 Local Elections

TO : Commanding General, I Corps, APO 301
 ATTENTION: Military Government Section

1. There was a special election held at Kashiwara-Cho on October 5, to select a new mayor to replace Mayor Kosaku Inui who resigned from office when one of his subordinates spent public funds without authorization.

2. The election was observed by Military Government and the following was noted.

a. Kashiwara-Cho

1. Registered voters	<u>12,060</u>
2. Votes cast	<u>6,757</u>
3. People claiming registration but found not registered	<u>none</u>

b. One surveillance team covered the election.

1. Polling places in Kashiwara-Cho	9
2. Polling places visited by surveillance team	9
3. Ballot counting station in Kashiwara-Cho	1
4. Ballot counting station visited by surveillance team	1

c. The two candidates for mayor and votes received are as follows:

1. Tsurukichi Masui, Independent	<u>4,072</u>
2. Shiro Aoki, Independent	<u>2,540</u>

d. There were an adequate number of polling places in the opinion of Military Government.

e. There were no violations reported to Military Government, however the military government observer noted one violation, the presence of an unauthorized policeman in poll. This violation was reported to the proper authorities.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

FRANK C. SEITZ
 Lt Col, INF
 Adjutant

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BASIC: Ltr, Hqs Osaka Mil Govt Team, APO 25, subj: "Special Report on Surveillance of Local Elections," dated 13 October 1947.

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Hq I Corps, APO 301 16 OCT 1947

TO: CG, Eighth Army, APO 343



HEADQUARTERS
OSAKA MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
APO 25

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23 August 1947

SUBJECT: Elections

TO: Commanding General
I Corps, APO 301
ATTN: Mil Govt Sec

1. Reference is Letter, Headquarters I Corps, file AG 014 - BA, subject: Elections, dated 19 July 1947.

2. An election will be held in Osaka Prefecture to fill a vacancy created through the resignation of a town mayor.

a. Date of election - 10 September 1947.

b. Position to be filled - Mayor of Kadoma-cho.

c. Number of observation teams required from tactical troops - None.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

Edward B. Millett
EDWARD B. MILLETT
Major, F. A.
Adjutant

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NARA MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
APO 25

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8 July 1947

SUBJECT: Letter of Transmittal

TO : Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers, APO 500
Attention: Government Section
(Thru Channels)

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1. Transmitted herewith is a translation, and the Japanese copy of Mr. Kyoichi Hattori's election platform in the 1942 election.
2. Mr. Hattori was also elected to the Diet in the last election in Nara Prefecture. It is believed that this platform clearly indicates a militaristic policy.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

1 Incl
As indicated

/s/ ELMER J. Kalimeyer
/t/ ELMER J. KALIMEYER
1st Lt, Infantry
Adjutant

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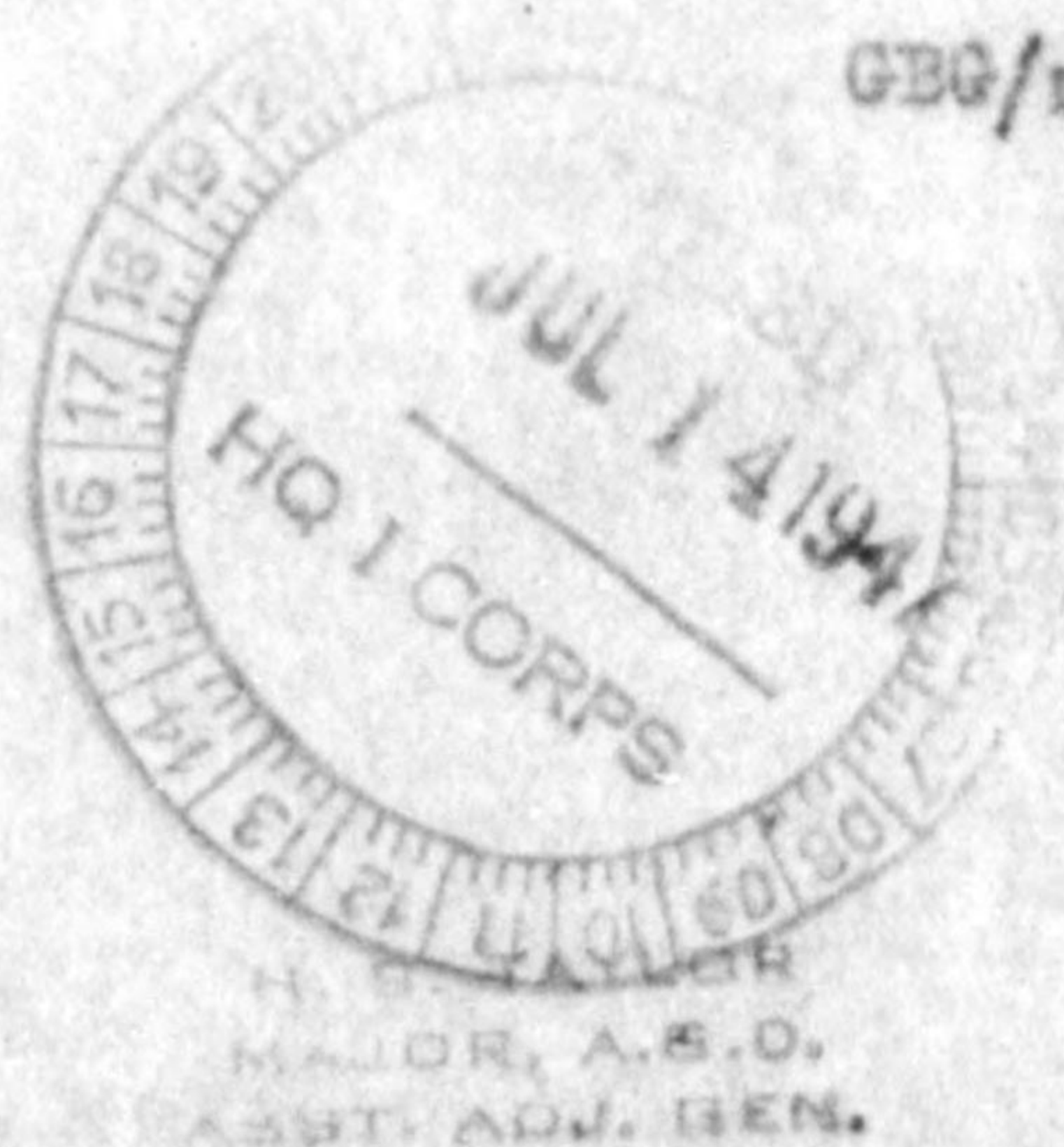
Hq I Corps, APO 301,

14 JUL 1947

TO: CG, Eighth Army, APO 343

Forwarded for your information.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:



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HEADQUARTERS
KINKI MIL GOVT REGION
(APO 301, Kyoto, Honshu)

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28 APR 1947

SUBJECT: Allocation of Radio Time for Political Broadcasts

TO: Commanding Officer, Hyogo Military Government Team, APO 317
Commanding Officer, Nara Military Government Team, APO 25
Commanding Officer, Shiga Military Government Team, APO 25
Commanding Officer, Wakayama Military Government Team, APO 660

1. Candidates for prefectural and municipal assemblies in your prefecture will not be permitted to make radio speeches because the great number of candidates for these offices makes it impossible for each candidate, or party, if granted equivalent treatment, to receive enough time to make the effort worth-while.

2. Refer all problems on this matter to this headquarters if necessary.

BY ORDER OF COLONEL PARTRIDGE:

WILLIAM H. GILTNER
Capt. CAC
Administrative Officer

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HEADQUARTERS
KINGI MIL GOVT REGION
APO 301 (Kyoto, Hanshu)

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28 APR 1947

SUBJECT: Allocation of Radio Time for Political Broadcasts.

TO : Commanding Officer, Kyoto Military Government Team, APO 713
Commanding Officer, Osaka Military Government Team, APO 660

1. Following is the policy governing the allocation of radio time for political speeches in the election of 30 April for members of prefectural and city assemblies. In case of doubt, consult this headquarters.

2. Due to the vast number of candidates entered in the 30 April election, the Broadcasting Corporation of Japan has found its original plans for prefectural and municipal assemblies to be operationally impractical and have submitted an alternate plan to which SCAP has offered no objection.

3. The new plan divides radio stations into three categories as follows:

a. Station covering prefectures in which all candidates for prefectural and municipal assemblies may be allocated equal broadcast time.

b. Station covering prefectures in which all candidates for prefectural assemblies may be allocated equal broadcast time. (But leaving no time for candidates for municipal assemblies.)

c. Station covering areas preponderantly urban in which there are so many candidates for prefectural and municipal assemblies that no broadcast time may be allocated to either prefectural or municipal candidates.

4. The new plan also provides that stations in paragraph 3c above which are unable to allocate broadcast time to individual candidates will broadcast educational "get out the vote" program based on material emanating from the main BQJ office in Tokyo.

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BASIC: Ltr, Hq Kinki Mil Govt Region, 000.77, subj: "Allocation of Radio
Time for Political Broadcasts.", dtd , cont'd.

5. This message has significance to you only because Kyoto and Osaka
radio stations come under the category of paragraph 3c.

BY ORDER OF COLONEL PARTRIDGE:

WILLIAM H. GILTNER
Capt., CAG
Administrative Officer

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HEADQUARTERS
KINKI MIL GOVT REGION
APO 301 (Kyoto, Honshu)

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17 APR 1947

SUBJECT: Press Releases on Elections

TO: Commanding Officer, Kyoto Military Government
Team, APO 713
Commanding Officer, Osaka Military Government
Team, APO 660
Commanding Officer, Wakayama Military Government
Team, APO 660
Commanding Officer, Hyogo Military Government
Team, APO 317
Commanding Officer, Fukui Military Government
Team, APO 713
Commanding Officer, Nara Military Government
Team, APO 25
Commanding Officer, Shiga Military Government
Team, APO 25

Attached hereto are two (2) suggested press-releases
on elections, forwarded for your possible use.

BY ORDER OF COLONEL PARTRIDGE:

2 Incls;
As Indicated

WILLIAM H. GILTNER
Captain, CAC
Adjutant

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Japanese law pertaining to the persons for whom a vote may be cast is crystal clear. Despite this fact many persons cast invalid votes in the first local election two weeks ago.

In addition to giving every eligible person the right to vote and urging him or her to exercise and respect this right, authorities of the Occupation Force are doubly anxious that no voter "lose" his vote by being uninformed in the proper voting procedure.

One of the frequent errors made during the first local election was the filing of ballots for persons who were not candidates. "A vote on which the name of a person who is not a candidate is entered" is invalid, according to Article 34 of the election laws pertaining to the naming of the House of Councillors.

Public notices have been filed prior to election for all legal candidates. The name of legal candidates are likewise readily available at the polling place. Every voter, therefore, before casting a ballot, should make certain that the person of his or her choice for election to the important post in the House of Councillors, is certified as a legal candidate.

Every voter participating in Sunday's election of members of the House of Councillors should be completely familiar with the procedure to be followed on this historic day--the first time the people have had a voice in selecting members of the upper house of the Diet.

Military Government officials have arranged for inspection teams to visit all polling places throughout the day to make certain that adequate Japanese election laws are observed. Widespread publicity has been used to encourage all eligible voters to take part in the voting.

Despite all these efforts, a lackadaisical attitude by the voters, ignorance of information available to everyone can easily invalidate the ballots of those for whom the reconstruction of Japan is being undertaken--the people themselves.

There will be 250 members of the House of Councillors elected on Sunday. And here is the important section of the law. Every voter will have the privilege of casting ballots for two candidates. One set of candidates, from which the voter may select his favorite, will be elected from within the prefectural district. The total to be elected from the prefectural districts throughout Japan will be 150. An additional 100 will be elected from the nation at-large. Each voter will thus have an opportunity to vote for one candidate from the national constituency, or the nation at-large.

Voters may review procedure and apply for information at the polling place before casting ballots on Sunday. Every voter should make certain he is familiar with the procedure to be used--one vote for a candidate from within the prefectural district; one vote for a candidate from the nation at-large. Two votes for the same candidate are precluded by the regulation that no person may be candidates in both the prefectural and national constituencies.

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Military Government Section

Headquarters I CORPS

APO 301 US Army

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QGS-ANARA MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
APO 25

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15 April

SUBJECT: Local Election

TO : Commanding General, Eighth Army, APO 343

1. The election held on April 5, for Nara Prefecture Governor failed to give any candidate the required 37½% of the votes. The "run off" election planned for 15 April was cancelled on April 13th when election officials received information from the Central Screening Commission that one of the two candidates was designated as a purgee.

2. Mr. Ono, a Socialist and backed by the Communist Party was disqualified on the basis that he was a member of Central Committee of "Komin Jissen Kyogi-Kai" and chief of the "Seikatsu Kyoku".

3. On March 15, Mr. Ono received a certificate of eligibility from the Central Screening Committee, and therefore was recommended by the Socialist Party as their candidate. Mr. Ono received the greatest number of votes on April 5, a total of 92,434.

4. The Socialist Party criticizes the Central Screening Commission for their inefficiency in making so late a decision. They felt that had the decision been made on March 15, they could have supported another candidate who may have been successful.

5. Due to the above mentioned action, Mr. Nomura, an Independent candidate supported by the Liberal Party, will be Governor of Nara Prefecture.

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WILLIAM L. TURNBULL
Major, Infantry
Legal & Govt Officer

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17 Apr

Col Partridge -

This is sent in as a report on
the elections, perhaps erroneously, with
a Reports Control Symbol OGS-A.

To save time on reports called for
by higher Hq in DD 22 and 22/1 we
instructed Regions and Teams to
send reports direct to 8th Army
with info copies to us.

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REMARKS:

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 Col. Gilson's SCAP confirms the fact that no election would be necessary in Korea. Law states that Nos 1 & 2 will participate in "run-off" election if neither secures 37 1/2% of total vote. Since No 1 was judged #2 automatically becomes Governor. *985*

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HEADQUARTERS
KINKI MIL GOVT REGION
APO 301 (Kyoto, Honshu)

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14 APR 1947

SUBJECT: Election Statistics

TO: Commanding Officer, Kyoto Military Government Team,
APO 713
Commanding Officer, Osaka Military Government Team,
APO 660
Commanding Officer, Wakayama Military Government
Team, APO 660
Commanding Officer, Hyogo Military Government Team,
APO 317
Commanding Officer, Fukui Military Government Team,
APO 713
Commanding Officer, Nara Military Government Team,
APO 25
Commanding Officer, Shiga Military Government Team, *twr*
APO 25

It is desired that the following information be telephoned to the Government and Legal Section of this headquarters (Jackson 26497) as soon as obtained following each of the forthcoming elections:

1. Percentage of total number of registered persons who actually voted
2. Of total votes polled, what percentage was cast by women?
3. Percentage of polling places covered
4. Percentage of counting places covered
5. Name and party of successful candidate (in 30 April election just number of each party for prefectural and major cities)
6. Were there any major violations?
7. Percentage of invalid ballots and major causes.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

WILLIAM H. GILTNER
Captain, CAC
Adjutant

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HEADQUARTERS
FUKUI MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
APO 713 (Fukui, Honshu)

ATV/jt

12 April 1947

SUBJECT: Investigation of Mikuni Cho Election

TO : COMMANDING GENERAL Hqs. I Corps APO 301
Attn: Lt Col George L Atwood
Legal and Govt Section

1. Attached are copies of letters and report of the investigation in Mikuni Cho that have been sent direct to the Local Government Division, Government Section SCAP, as required.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

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HQ I CORPS
AG 014.3-5

H E Bielefeld Jr.
E. BIELEFELD JR.
Capt. FA.
Adjutant

Enclosure:
As indicated

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HEADQUARTERS
FUKUI MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
APO 713 (Fukui, Honshu)

ATV/dt

12 April 1947

SUBJECT: Investigation of Mikuni-cho Election

TO : Supreme Commander For The Allied Powers
Attn: Local Government Division, Government Section,
General Headquarters, APO 500

1. Word was received by this headquarters, on election eve, that the election for Mayor of Mikuni would not be conducted in a fair and honest manner. The acting governor was immediately notified by telephone and an investigation of the assertion requested.

2. On election day, April 5th, the legal & government officer of this team went to Mikuni and spent the entire day making a thorough check of all allegations. Representatives of five youth groups were interrogated, two school teachers of the Mikuni Middle School and four men who had been candidates for mayor prior to election day. On the following day a fifth former candidate, who could not be reached before, appeared at this office and made a statement. All testimony obtained is given on attached papers together with the findings of the Prefecture Officials.

3. The legal & government section of Headquarters I Corps was notified, by telephone on election day and the information was relayed from that point to the Government Section of SCAP the following morning.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

H. E. BIELEFELD JR.
Capt. F.A.
Adjutant

三国町の町長選挙に就き民意を暢達する
ために再選挙の行はれんことを望みます

その理由は今日迄の経過に不当な策謀をなして

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の美名にかくれ立候補せんとする他候補者を

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福井軍政部長殿

三国町民主青年団

GM/dt

4 April 1947

TO : Fukui Military Government Team
FROM : Mikuni-cho Democratic Youths' Group
SUBJECT: The coming election for headman

Dear Sir,

Regarding the election for the headman of Mikuni-cho, we hope to get a re-election in order to achieve a real democracy. The reason is they made only one candidate to run for the headman by doing illegal policy. By misusing the name of making this town into peace, they pressed other people who liked to run for the headman and decreased the number into one. You will be clear about this situation, if you check through this town.

They chose a temporary town-headman for about twenty days using their sneak way. Previously, they had a plan that after this period they would help him to be elected as a headman. As the result of this, other candidates were situated on the bad condition without any doubt. But they were really surprised at the news that re-election should be held on this case. Then they tried to recommend other people to run for this election. However, it was too late. Nobody pays attention to this matter.

As this is the first time for the people to elect a headman we are really fond of having a real democratic government. We will say it is unfair for a few people of feudalism to govern us. It is impossible to build a democracy, if this kind of policy is going on.

For a real democracy, we would like you to order a re-election.

HEADQUARTERS
FUKUI MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
APO 713 (Fukui, Honshu)

ATV/jt

11 April 1947

INVESTIGATION OF MIKUNI ELECTION

BY: Capt. A. T. Vaughn
Legal and Govt Officer

1. In order to investigate the information contained in the attached letter the heads of the following youth groups were interrogated (1) Mikuni Mens Youth Group (2) Mikuni Girls Youth Group (3) Gyasyo Association (4) Mikuni District Agriculture Association and (5) The Youth Federation.
2. The organization from which the attached letter was sent could not be located by the name of "Democratic Youth Group" but the allegations contained therein appear to be based on facts.
3. Information received from the above groups was that in general the public of Mikuni did not think the election was conducted in an honest manner, the names of some of the candidates who were prevented from running for Mayor and that Chobe Uneda, a member of the Prefectural Assembly, a relative of the present mayor and resident of Mikuni had great political power there.
4. Four candidates whose names were given by the Youth Groups were called in and the information received from them is as follows.
 - A. Kinsaki Yanada, Chief of the Fishing Association has been a member of the town assembly for 30 years and wanted to run for mayor. He presented his name and qualifications to Ke-Cho screening committee and passed. A meeting was called of the town assembly about March 1st to which nine candidates for Mayor were requested to attend. The purpose of the meeting he was told was to select one of the candidates only, to run for mayor but because he was ill at the time he could not attend. He wrote a letter stating why he could not be present and stated he still wanted to be a candidate. The following day Shintaro Inuro and Heiseburo Mitsunari came to his house and told him the assembly decided the day before that he could not be a candidate. He argued with them for six hours and because he did not feel well enough to continue agreed to their demands. Both of these men are also members of the town assembly and were planning to run for Mayor and had also passed the screening board but for some unknown reason also decided not to run after the assembly meeting. About the 20th of March the two men returned and told him the Ken Screening Board stated that it would not look good for only one candidate to run for Mayor of a large town and asked him to be a candidate again. Because he had told everyone he would not run and that he did not have sufficient time left to carry on a campaign he refused. He further stated most of the people of Mikuni realize that the election was dishonest and that he would be a candidate again if there was another election.

Investigation of Mikuni Election (Cont'd)

B. Jyiji Ishikawa Director of Kyowa Clothes Co - Member of Town Assembly for 10 years. Submitted his name to screening committee and passed but his relatives asked him not to run for business of reasons. His answers were vague and he appeared to be holding back information.

C. Heisaburo Mitsunari Member of town assembly 30 years - Manager of Mikuni Ice Co. He is one of the two men who told Yamada not to run for Mayor. Claims the only reason that he submitted his name to the screening board and decided to be a candidate was so that he could challenge any other candidate that he thought was not suitable to run. He could not explain why he believed it was necessary to be passed by the screening committee in order to do this. He also stated a conference was held to decide who would run for Mayor and the present Mayor, Hideo Miyagawa, was selected. After the conference (he did not remember how long after) it was decided it would not look good to have only one candidate and all were requested to run but refused. Originally there were 9 candidates but 3 decided not to run after the assembly meeting because they all thought that the present Mayor was the best one.

D. Shigeru Tomiyaga Director of Sakai Press - Member of town assembly 5 years. Passed screening committee - Spoke of same conference where eight of nine candidates decided to resign and only one was to run. Stated his reason for resigning was because the situation was too tense and there was so much pressure at the meeting that it appeared to be the best thing to do under the circumstances. He wanted to be a candidate but felt public opinion would be against him if he did. If an honest and fair election was held, in the future, he would again be a candidate. Stated this election was not fair and that all the people he knew did not think it was either. The leaders of the meeting were Hideo Miyagawa (Acting mayor at the time and present mayor, if the election is declared legal), Shintaro Mura and Heisaburo Mitsunari. He was asked at the meeting to be one of two men to request Kinsaki Yamada (A) not to run but he refused and Heisaburo Mitsunari was selected in his place. Another candidate, Usaki Maruoka, also wanted to be a candidate but was suppressed also by the assembly.

E. Usaki Morieka, Member of Town Assembly 20 years. This man was not interrogated an election day but came to this office on the following day, voluntarily, to tell his story and register a complaint. He too had desired to be a candidate for Mayor and had been passed by the screening board and started an election campaign. In the first part of March he was requested to attend a meeting of the town assembly which was attended by all other candidates except one who was ill. At that meeting he was requested to withdraw his name as candidate and did so because of pressure. If an honest election was held in the future he too would be a candidate.

Additional Information.

1. An election was not conducted for Mayor as no votes were cast by the public on election day.

Investigation of Miami Election (Cont'd)

2. First Lieutenant Eugene J. Gasier Co G 35th Infantry Otsu APO 25, our observer in that area on election day, reported that public opinion concerning the election was not good.

A. T. VAUGHN
Capt. CMP
Legal and Govt Officer

昭和二十二年四月十二日

福井縣知事代理 北 榮 造



福井軍政官 ハイラント 殿

三國町長無投票不當選についての縣
意見

四月五日執行の三國町長無投票不當選について
實情を調査しました。右に対する縣の意見は別
紙の通りであります。

三國町長の無投票不當選についての縣の意見

一 三月二十日町會議員全員協議會を開催し町長之候補者の選衛について協議したる際出席者中^者立候補の意思を有した者二名（森國守策・富永重一）及之候補の意思を有する病氣欠席者一名（山田金作）ありたるも不均町政圓滿を圖ると名として宮川秀乃雄ヲサヒ推薦する事に決定したるは民主選舉の趣旨より隱高の措置とは考へられず然し乍ら右は何等の法に抵觸せざるを以て縣とは之に對し^し法による措置を講ずる途がない。大石^の前述の通り町協議會の措置は不隱高と認めらるるが町長が町民の勸諭に基き自發的に進退を決する事か認めらるると思料する。

二 今迄の調査によれば本選舉に關聯して不正の事實及前項以外の不隱高の事實はなし。

April 12, 1947

TO : Lt. Col. Hyland, Commanding Officer,
Fukui Military Government Team

FROM : Eizo Kita, Acting Governor of Fukui
Prefectural Government Office (Official Signature)

SUBJECT: Government Office's Opinion on Non-Voting Election For
Mikuni Town Mayor

In regard to the above case, Fukui Prefectural Government Office has investigated with the result of the arrival at the following conclusion.

- (1) The discussion was held for the selection of Mikuni Town Mayor candidates in the conference with the members of the town assembly on the 20th of March 1947. At that time, there were two members (Usaku Morioka and Shigeru Tomiyaga) among the attendants and one (Kinsaku Yamada) among the absentees who had the desire to run for the election, but the decision was concluded by the majority of the assembly members in the meeting to recommend only Hideo Miyagawa as a candidate under the reason of the realization of the smooth administration of the town. In view of the significance of democratic election, this procedure is not fair. This, however, does not violate the election law, so that the prefectural government office has no legal ground to call for re-election. Therefore, the prefectural government office can only hope new mayor will be decided by himself whether he remains as mayor or resigns from the post, according to the general opinion of the town people.
- (2) There have been found no illegal or improper facts in connection with this case by the investigation up to now.

s/ Kita, Eizo
t/ KITA, EIZO
Acting Governor
of Fukui

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HEADQUARTERS
FUKUI MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
APO 713 (Fukui, Honshu)

JFH/jt

10 April 1947

SUBJECT: Election Surveillance Teams

TO : COMMANDING OFFICER, 35th Inf Regt APO 25
Attn: Lt Col William E. Means

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1. This headquarters wishes to express its appreciation for the good work performed by officers and men of your organization in checking the election procedure in Fukui Ken on 5th and 6th of April.
2. The coordinated effort of the Tactical Troop and Mil Govt Teams resulted in a 91% coverage.

James F. Hyland
 JAMES F. HYLAND
 Lt Col AG
 Commanding

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NARA MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
APO 25

WLT/mi

8 April 1947

SUBJECT: Election Violation

TO : Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers, APO 500
ATTENTION: MG Section

Forwarded herewith is a report of the disposition of the reported violation referred to the Prefecture Authorities and forwarded to your Headquarters on April 3, 1947.

Incl

Infor Copies to:
CG, Eighth Army
CG, I Corps
CO, Kinki MG Region

WILLIAM L. TURNBULL
Major, Inf
Legal & Govt Officer

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TO : MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
FROM : Nara Prefecture
SUBJECT: Suppression of Political Activities of
Those who come under the Purview of
the Memorandum.

4 April 1947

In connection with the communication submitted to Colonel Henderson by Kiyomatsu Chono, under the date of 29th, March, 1947, concerning to the suppression of political activities of those who come or are decided to come under the purview of the memorandum, an investigation was made the results of which is given in the separate sheets attached herewith.

/s/ Taniguchi Yutaka
Governor of Nara Pref.

The Report of Investigation

1. It is an established fact that the six persons given below whose political activities the complainant demanded to suppress, had held positions set forth in paragraph 4, clause 1, the Separate Schedule, Imperial Ordinance No. 1, 1947.

Ichimatsu Iwai

The chairman of the cooperation assembly of the Ikoma-gun Branch of the Imperial Rule Assistance Association

Teitaro Matsui

The director of the prefectural branch of the Imperial Rule Assistance Association.

Shozaburo Iwai

The director of the Sakurai-cho branch of the Imperial Rule Assistance Association.

Mitsuzo Kurata

The director of the Shinjo-cho branch of the Imperial Rule Assistance Association.

Asakichi Takizumi

The director of the Nara Branch of the Imperial Rule Assistance Association.

Fusajiro Nakai

The director of the Oyodo Branch of the Imperial Rule Assistance Association.

Among the six persons mentioned above, Teirato Matsui was formally decided as undesirable in September 1946, at the Central Screening Board. In case, therefore, any fact of his political activities is disclosed, the judicial authorities will take an direct action, without waiting for the decision to suppress his political activities.

In accordance with the provision of the supplementary rule, attached to the Imperial Ordinance No. 1, two of them, Takizumi and Nakagawa, are exempted from the application of the Imperial Ordinance as long as they remain members of the House of Representatives. They will not be treated,

therefore, until the day of dissolution of the House of Representatives, (31 March 1947) as such category of persons who come under the purview of the memorandum.

2. In order to confirm whether or not the allegation in the communication of the complainant is based upon facts, the prefectural authorities asked Itsuro Yagi, editor of the press, Nara Shinpo, to make his appearance and had a conversation with him who, it is suggested in the communication, could submit evidences.

As the results of the conversation on the 1st of April, the following information was obtained from him.

1. On the 8th of March, 1947, three persons, Teitaro Matsui, Ishimatsu Iwai, Fusajiro Nakai met at the house of Teitaro Matsui and discussed whether or not the Progressive Party should recommend the Candidate Sato. They did not, however, reach an agreement and postponed decision until the 10th of March.

2. On the 10th of March, 1947, a meeting was held at Aoba Chaya. Those who took part in it are as follows:

Fusajiro Nakai
Ichimatsu Iwai
Shozaburo Iwai
Hisashi Omori
Matsumoto
Konki

a dozen of people from the country.

At this meeting, the problem of recommendation was discussed. After all, as the result of voting, it was decided that the candidate Sato should be recommended by the progressive party.

3. On the 12th of March, 1947, four persons (Ichimatsu Iwai, Iwatani, Konki, Omori) met at the house of Hisashi Omori. In this meeting, Iwai asked whether one of the other three would act as director of the candidate Sato's office or not. Each of them, however, refused to accept from individual reason. Informations mentioned in 1, 2 and 3 were obtained from the person who attended the meeting.

4. On the 14th of March, 1947, four persons (Iwaya, Akabori, Konki, Omori) met at the house of Hisashi Omori. In this meeting, a policy towards the election of members of the prefectural assembly was discussed.

On the same day, in another room of the same house, three persons (Ichimatsu Iwai, Mitsuzo Kurata, Nobuyoshi Okuda) seemed to meet. It is, however, unknown what they discussed.

Yagi attended the former meeting. All of them gathered together to have their lunch. On the way back from a wedding ceremony, Asakichi Takizumi dropped in, but he did not know, also, what was discussed.

(5) With regards to the fact that on the 15th, March, 1947, Ichimatsu Iwai visited the house of the Candidate Sato, Yagi heard that Iwai visited Sato some day at that time although he does not remember the definite date.

(6) With regards to the fact that in the afternoon on the 22nd, March, 1947, four persons (Ichimatsu Iwai, Teitaro Matsui and other two persons) met at Matsui's house to discuss the election campaign, Ichiro Yagi did not, in person, observe or hear about it. He could not, therefore, testify it.

3. To scrutinize the allegation made by the witness Yagi mentioned above, these activities mentioned from (1) to (3) took place prior to the 13th of March when the amendment of the Imperial Ordinance 77 prohibiting the political activities of those who came under the purview of the memorandum was promulgated and took effect. The Article 15, the witness has none of knowledge as to what Iwai and others discussed and that with regards to (5) he did not remember the date, it does not follow that they discussed political matters.

With regards to (6), the witness Yagi said that he did not in person observe or hear at about it. There is a discrepancy therefore in that the complainant states that an inquiry of Yagi will bring the fact to light. Accordingly, there is no means of confirmation.

After all, the alleged facts in the communication took place prior to the day when the amendment of the Imperial Ordinance took effect or their objective confirmation is difficult to be arrived at.

Being asked by Ichimatsu Iwai on the 18th of March for an explanation of the Imperial Ordinance No. 77, the local section and the public safety section fully explained the purport of the ordinance. At the same time, Iwai was advised to be always conscious of the provisions of the ordinance lest any violation should take place.

The alleged facts in the communication of the witness Yagi would have taken place before that day if they did actually.

After all, an conclusion was reached that there is none of violation of the Imperial Ordinance No. 77.

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NARA MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
APO 25

WLT/dd

3 April 1947

SUBJECT: Election Violation

TO : Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers, APO 500
ATTENTION: Mil Govt Section

1. Inclosed is a copy of an alledged election violation which was received by this office and referred to Prefecture Governor.

2. An additional report will be submitted as to the action taken by the local officials.

1 Incl - Letter from
Japanese

WILLIAM L. TURNBULL
Major, Inf
Legal & Govt Officer

Information copies to:

Commanding General, 8th Army
Commanding General, I Corps
Commanding Officer, Kinki MG Region

No. 959 Shimoshimizu-cho, Nara

29 March, 1947

Subject : Application For Suppression of Political
Movements

To : Lt Col R. S. Henderson, Commanding Officer
Nara Military Government

1. I hereby ask your favour for suppressing the political movements of the down mentioned persons according to the paragraph 1 of Article XV. Imperial Ordinance No. 77. Because in spite of that they all come under the purviews of Article IV, Cabinet and Home ministry Ordinance No. 1 of 1947, still they are acting an important role in the political activities.

Ichimatsu Iwai.

Present address: Gozaemon-zaka, Koriyama-cho,
Ikoma-gun, Nara Prefecture.

Teitaro Matsui.

Present address: Tsubai-cho, Nara City

Shozaburo Iwai

Present address: Sakurai, Sakurai-cho, Shiki-gun,
Nara Prefecture

Mitsuzo Kurata

Present address: Shinjo-cho, Kitakatsuragi-gun,
Nara Prefecture.

Asakichi Takizumi

Present address: Katahara-machi, Nara city.

Fusajiro Nakagawa

Present address: Higakimoto, Oyodo-cho,
Yoshino-gun, Nara Prefecture

2. Evidence:

The above mentioned Ichimatsu Iwai was the chairman of Coalition Assembly of Ikoma-gun, Nara Prefecture of the Imperial Rule Assistance Association, Teitaro Matsui was the Director of Bureau of Affairs of Nara Prefectural Branch of the same Association, Shozaburo Iwai was the President of the Sakurai-cho Branch of the same Association, Mitsuzo Kurata was the president Shinjo-cho Branch of the same Association, Asokichi Takizumi was the President of the Nara City Branch of the same Association and also was the chief of the Special Service Department of Nara Prefecture, Fusajiro Nakagawa was the Yoshino-gun Branch of the same Association.

So that they come doubtlessly under the purviews of Article IV Cabinet and Home Ministry Ordinance No. 1 of 1947. In spite of the position which each of them had held, they ventured to perform the following political activities.

(a) On 8th of March, 1947, Fusajiro Nakagawa, Ichimatsu Iwai, Teitaro Matsui consulted together about the candidate for governor at the house of Matsui.

(b) On 10th of March, 1947, Fusajiro Nakagawa, Ichimatsu Iwai, Shozaburo Iwai consulted together about the candidate for governor at Aobachaya, Nara Park.

(c) On 12th of March, 1947, Ichimatsu Iwai, Mitsuzo Kurata consulted together about the electioneering campaign for Ichiro Sato, the governor candidate, at the residence of Hisashi Omori.

(d) On 14th of March, 1947, Ichimatsu Iwai, Mitsuzo Kurata, Asokichi Takizumi consulted together about the electioneering campaign for Ichiro Sato, the governor candidate, at the residence of Hisashi Omori.

(e) On 15th of March, 1947, Ichimatsu Iwai called on Matsui's where Sato, the governor candidate, lives.

The facts that these persons are performing political movements are much spoken of, but for the above mentioned matters, Itsuro Yagi, the head of the editorial office of the Press, Nara Nippo, can produce clear evidences according to his own experiences.

Owing to the mentioned facts, it is true that they acted against the paragraph 1 of Article XV Imperial Ordinance No. 77. I, one of the voters, have the right and responsibility for a fair and just election, so I earnestly beg you will kindly see to the matter on our behalf.

Yours truly,

/s/ Kiyomatsu Chōno

The facts written on this postal card (dated 18 March 1947) shows that both Fusajiro Nakagawa and Asakichi Takizumi (Both of these come under the purviews of article XV, Imperial Ordinance No. 77) recommending Sato as a Governor candidate, and are still performing political activities after the day of promulgation of Imperial Ordinance No. 77.

c/o Kobaien (Matsui), Tsubai-cho, Nara City
March 18, 1947

Dear Sir: -

It is getting warmer every day. I hope you will be very well.

Now, at the election of Governor, I was recommended by:

Mr. Fusajiro Nakagawa (M.P. Nippon Shinpoto)
Mr. Tohei Komai (M.P. Kokumin Kyodoto)
Mr. Asakichi Takizumi (M.P. Nippon Jiyuto)
Mr. Miyotsugu Toi (M.P. Neutral)

and ran as a candidate for Governor. I have already removed my permanent address to Nara Prefecture, and have made up my mind to do my best as a public servant for you.

Hoping you will kindly give me your deep sympathy and support,

Yours truly,

Ichiro Sato

大分暖くなつて来りまして、御一同様には御機嫌よく御過しのことと御喜び申し上げます。

さて此度本縣日取初の知事公選に當りまして

衆議院議員 日本進歩黨 仲川房路郎氏

衆議院議員 國民協同黨 駒井藤平氏

衆議院議員 日本自由黨 瀧清麻吉氏

衆議院議員 無所属 東井三代次氏

先輩諸兄の御推薦を賜り不肖ではありま
すが立候補致しました。私は真に奈良縣民
になり縣民の公僕として誠心誠意御奉公申
上げる決意であり且それを必ず実行すること
を固く御祈言ひ致します。

ついで皆様のご御同情と御支援を仰ぎ度
幾重にも御願ひ申上げます。

右畧儀下さり立候補の御挨拶まで

昭和二年三月十八日

知事候補者 佐藤一郎

奈良市椿井町古梅園

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NARA MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
APO 25

WLT/mi

2 April 1947

SUBJECT: Failure to give complete information on Questionnaire
TO : Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers, APO 500
ATTENTION: Govt Section

1. The questionnaire of Mr. Okuda, Ryoichi was submitted to the Central Screening Commission and was passed on March 25, 1947.
2. It is believed that question No. 15 of the questionnaire was not answered accurately. He states that he had no affiliation with Imperial Rule Assistance Association. Mr. Okuda Ryoichi is officially listed in the Ikoma Branch booklet as a member of the IRAA.
3. It is also reported that he held the position of Chief of Kitawaki Labor Union, which is not stated in the questionnaire.
4. This complaint has been referred to the Prefecture Governor and a report will be forwarded on the action taken.

1 Incl - Letter from
Japanese

WILLIAM L. TURNBULL
Major, Inf
Legal & Govt Officer

Information copies to:
Commanding General, 8th Army
Commanding General, I Corps
Commanding Officer, Kinki MG Region

TO : The Nara Military Government.

Ryuichi Okuda.

Candidate for a member of Nara prefectural assembly.

Candidate for a member of the Diet.

Applicant for qualification-screening-committee.

The president of Nara prefecture Chikuzai (Bamboo) Industrial Co., Ltd.

Takayama, Kitawaki-mura, Ikoma-gun

The above person has presented his applications to Nara prefecture qualification-screening-committee and the central public official screening committee as a candidate for a member of Nara prefectural assembly and for a member for the Diet. He is a strong militarist and is propagating himself not to come under the purge directive. I suppose that he has not written some parts on the application for screening committee. If he should not come under the purge directive, it is good. I state his conducts during the war, for your reference.

1. He made military-sword-seaboard made of bamboo, and supplied them in such amount to Army and the manufacturing was made coercibly by students and 50 persons. He played an important part in ordnance-manufacturing.
2. At the end of the war, he received indemnity for war industries of ¥600,000.
3. Contributing-conducts.
He has contributed ¥100,000 for building expenses of "The bereaved-families hall" and he built his own house.
4. The object to establish this hall, is to console of the persons who killed in action.
Recently, the removal of "chukonsha" (Shrine of loyal dead) is under the consideration.
This matter has heavy militaristic-color. (Seeing it, you will judge it properly).
5. Location of the hall.
Okitaku, Takayama Kitawaki-mura, Ikoma-gun.
6. The land for construction is the village-property and it is sent at free by the decision of the village-meeting.

His positions during the war.

- a. Director of Nara prefecture bamboo control union.
- b. Member of Ikoma-gun cooperative association of "Taisei Yokusan Kai"
- c. Chief staff of Kitawaki-branch of Romu-Hokokukai (Labor Union)
- d. The highest staff of the bereaved-family assistant association.
- e. Member of village office.
- f. The president of Nara prefecture. Bamboo industrial co., ltd.

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KYOTO MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
APO 713 (Kyoto, Honshu)

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15 March 1947.

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SUBJECT : Request for Election Observation Team Personnel.

TO : Commanding Officer, Kinki Military Government Region, APO 301.

1. In compliance with radiogram Kinki Military Government Headquarters and Operational Directive 22, date 1 March 1947, the following information is submitted.

2. Surveys conducted by this headquarters indicate that the operational surveillance team requirements for Kyoto Prefecture based on complete coverage of a number of polling places within the prefecture.

Gun:	Number of polling places:	Teams required:
a. Kyoto City	187	10
b. Otagi	18	2
c. Kadono	5 (included in Otagi requirement)	
d. Otokuni	21	2
e. Uji	6 (included in Kuse requirement)	
f. Kuse	24	2
g. Tsuzuki	34	2
h. Soraku	42	3
i. Minamikuwada	37	3
j. Kitakuwada	44	6
k. Funai	71	10
l. Ikaruga	38	5
m. Amata	49	6
n. Kasa	26	4
o. Yosa	59	6
p. Naka	25	3
q. Takeno	27	3
r. Kuwano	20	2
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Teams afforded by this headquarters: 13

Teams required: 56

3. Instructional courses for the teams will be arranged by this headquarters.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER :

Thomas R. Harbin
THOMAS R. HARBIN
1st Lt Inf.
Adjutant

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K73 V 3K4 NR 1 ROUTINE

FROM: CO OSAKA MIL GOVT TEAM APO 300

DTG: 0319-0820/I

TO : CO KINKI MIL GOVT REGION APO 301 (K73 PLS PASS)

GR EST 50 BT (UNCLASS)

MESSAGE:

REFERENCE IS MADE TWX YOUR HEADQUARTERS PD FURTHER REFERENCE
 EIGHTH ARMY OPERATIONAL DIRECTIVE TWO TWO DATED ONE MARCH ONE
 NINE FOUR SEVEN AND GENERAL HEADQUARTERS PAMPHLET SUBJECT
 LOCAL ELECTIONS IN JAPAN PD SURVEY OF NEEDS THIS PREFECTURE
 INDICATE NINETY TEAMS REQUIRED FROM TACTICAL TROOPS TO ASSIST IN
 EXTENSIVE OBSERVATION OF COMING ELECTIONS END

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APO 660

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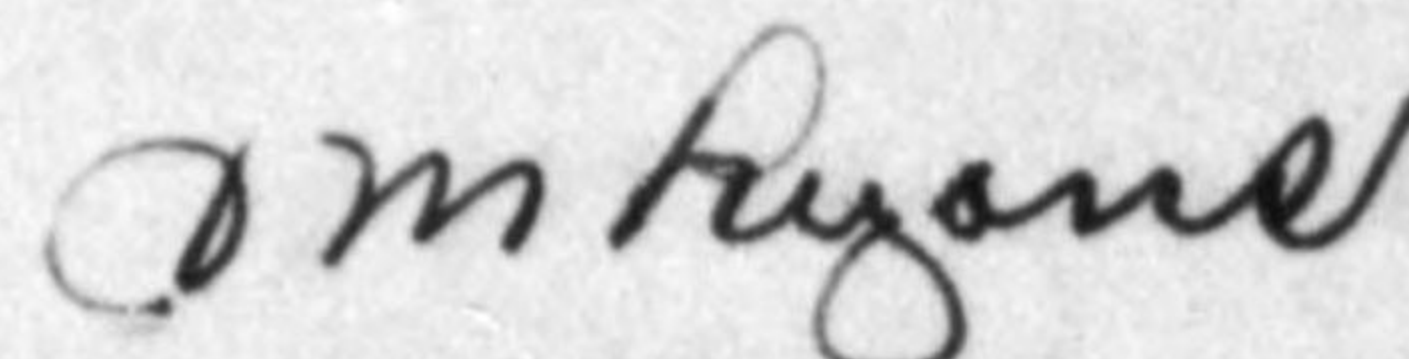
15 March 1947

SUBJECT: Local Elections in Japan.

TO: Commanding Officer, Kinki Mil Govt Region
APO 301, Kyoto.

1. In order to properly observe the coming local elections and gather data for compiling required reports on these elections, a total of twenty-eight (28) observation teams will be required.

2. Each observation team sent to this headquarters should include an interpreter as sufficient interpreters to serve the required number of observation teams are not available locally. In the event partial curtailment of routine local military government activities is permissible during the elections, five observation teams and six interpreters could be furnished by this Military Government Team.



C. M. LYONS
Lt Col, Inf
Commanding

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HEADQUARTERS
SHIGA MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
APO 25 (Otsu, Honshu)

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15 March 1947

SUBJECT: Surveillance Teams

TO : Commanding Officer, Kinki Military Government Team,
APO 301

1. In compliance with TWX KFX 1580 the following report is submitted.

2. Before Elections

Preceding each election it is planned to utilize observation teams from the tactical forces to:

- (1) Check bulletin boards of cities, towns and villages for public posting of official bulletins.
- (2) Check to see that required records are available to public.
- (3) Conduct other surveillance as required.

This will require 4 teams and will operate under supervision of Major Lorio. It is requested that a vehicle and driver be furnished for Major Lorio's use in addition to the four required for the teams.

3. Election Days and after

There will be approximately 750 polling stations and 175 ballot counting stations, in this Prefecture. In order to adequately cover this field of operation on election day and on the succeeding days following elections it will be necessary to utilize one team for approximately 10 polling stations. This will mean a utilization of 75 teams or 5 teams for each of 12 guns and for each of the three cities. The utilization of a smaller number of teams will mean a corresponding reduction in surveillance activities.

Charles A. Page
CHARLES A. PAGE
Major, Infantry
Commanding

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HEADQUARTERS
FUKUI MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
APO 713 (Fukui, Honshu)

CJM/dt

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13 February 1947

SUBJECT: Pamphlet-Recall Election.

TO : COMMANDING GENERAL I Corps, APO 301
Attn: Mil Govt Section.

1. Reference letter, Commanding General, I Corps, file AG 014-BA, dated 8 February 1947, Subject "Recall Election of Land Commissioners".

2. Copies of the pamphlet explaining the recall elections, which was prepared by the Minister of Agricultural and Forestry, have not been received in this Prefecture as of 1600 hours, 13 February 1947. Two telegrams have been sent to appropriate parties by Ken Officials to expedite delivery, but no answers have been received.

3. It is requested that steps be taken by higher authorities to expedite delivery of subject pamphlets.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

H. E. Bielefeld Jr.
H. E. BIELEFELD JR.
Capt. F.A.
Adjutant

For:

13 Feb. 47.

Mr. Milligan:

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From Fukui -

Mr. MacMahon

Recall Section of Land Commission

Pamphlet referred to in letter

AC - 014 - BH - 8 Feb. 1947 -

have not been received. They
should have been received on 10 Feb. 47.Pamphlets concerned are needed for
electionper
Cpl. Kastle

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