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 APO 929

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31 December 1948

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SUBJECT: Election Report

TO : The Commanding General, Headquarters Eighth Army,  
 APO 343  
 ATTN: Military Government Section

In compliance with Message Form, Kyushu Military Government Region dated 30 December 1948, the following initial Election Report is submitted:

a. Summary of Opening Events

Ken authorities have frequently convened to determine election procedures, and to determine the form of the ballot. The election committee has discussed procedures with the secretariat of Local Political groups. The Ken Government has printed and distributed 700,000 pamphlets on election procedures; 18,000 pamphlets showing the necessity for maximum vote; 18,000 pamphlets on the relationship of the citizen and his government. 20,000 posters have been distributed on the subject of the citizen and his vote. 240 sets of kamishibai (street shows) on election procedures have been released to cities. Radios and public address systems are being used to educate and interest the citizens in the coming election. Theatres are to use educational slides and newspapers will carry editorials as well as paid advertisements.

b. Progress of Campaign Activity

The dates and selected places of joint election speeches will be published on 1 January 1948. No campaign activities are yet being actively carried on as 46 candidates only have registered their intentions. This is about one half of the expected number. The balance is expected to register within the first few days of January. About one half of the 46 candidates registered have appeared on the streets experimentally. The holiday season seems to be deferring the launching of active campaigns and no real activity will take place until about 5 January 1949.

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c. Major Parties Participating

Nippon Socialists  
 Nippon Liberalists  
 Democratic Liberalists  
 Kokumin Kyodo (Peoples Cooperative Party)  
 Communists

d. Names of Important and Prominent Candidates

The majority of important candidates seem to have deferred registration until after the 1st of the year - no outstanding candidates are among those listed in paragraph f below.

e. Number of Other Candidates

A total of forty-six (46) candidates have registered as of 31 December 1948.

f. List of Candidates on File

<u>Name</u>	<u>Party</u>	<u>Occupation</u>
Shigeki Nakashima	Demo-Liberalist	Farmer
Chikera Hoshin	Communist	Writer
Jujiro Fujino	Independent	Marine Producer
Motonaga Adashi	Democratic	School Director
Muneo Hara	Independent	Commerce
Goro Morishima	Demo-Liberalist	Lawyer
Naoichi Fukui	Independent	Office Worker
Masako Fukuda	Socialist	Physician
Shigetaka Ikemi	Demo-Liberalist	Office Worker
Shogetsu Tanaka	Socialist	Priest
Chikayoshi Fujisaki	Independent	Commerce

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Party</u>	<u>Occupation</u>
Torao Nakamura	Farmers' Association	Farmer
Shigeji Maruyama	Independent	Writer
Fumihisa Tashiro	Communist	Official of Party
Hichiro Matsumoto	Socialist	Lecturer of Keio University
Ushiro Ito	Socialist	None
Takeichi Aono	"	Official of Party
Takao Nishida	Democratic	Miner
Sanji Ogura	Labors Farmers Union	Chief of Nippon Coal Mine Labors Union
Tokuzo Okabe	Democratic	President of Commerce Company
Wataru Kusubashi	"	Lawyer
Kajiro Tsukamoto	Demo-Liberalist	Farmer
Masuo Araki	Democratic	None
Isao Hayashi	Communist	Haitan Kodan
Tanaka	Socialist	None
Yasutsugu Toyofuku	Farmer's League	President of Commerce Company
Haruo Sakai	People's Cooperative	Writer
Kitaro Koga	Demo-Liberalist	Lumber Dealer
Keichiro Tatsuno	" "	Manager of Commerce Co.
Hachiro Tsutsumi	" "	" " " "
Gonroku Takahashi	Independent	President of Commerce Co.
Tamotsu Kogi	Demo-Liberalist	President of Drugs Mfg

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Party</u>	<u>Occupation</u>
Kaku Terazaki	Fukuoka Ken Farmers League	Farmer
Hiroshi Masaji	Socialist	Agricultural Consultation Office (Chief)
Teiji Ikeda	Socialist	Secretary to Tetsu Katayama
Koshin Narishige	Social Reform Party	Commerce
Tatsuo Nagao	Demo-Liberalist	Miner
Hayashi Eto	Social Reform Party	"
Torahiko Kida	Fukuoka Farmers League	Director of Agricultural Sales and Purchase Union
Hichigo Matsumoto	Independent	Director of Kenkon Religion
Tonekichi Eda	Demo-Liberalist	Coal Mine
Nobuichi Hirai	Demo-Liberalist	Chief of Demo-Liberalist Party, Information Department
Keisho Suematsu	Independent	None
Senmatsu Ishizaki	Democratic	Manager of Commerce Company
Toshio Mizukami	Communist	Chief of Central Coal Mine Executive Committee
Sozo Tomoeda	Socialist	Lecturer of Meiji Railway Training School

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g. Campaign Issues Involved

(1) Nippon Socialist Party

- a. Materialization of Democratic Revolution and Socialism.
- b. Economic Rehabilitation of Workers
- c. Opposition to inappropriate taxation
- d. Advance of Capital and Materials to small Industry
- e. Practice of Third Land Reform
- f. Freedom for Women
- g. Purification of Politics
- h. Destruction of Reaction any Conservationists Power
- i. Speedy Peace Treaty

(2) Communist Party

- a. Stabilization of Livelihood
- b. Democratic Racial Peace Front
- c. Enslavement to Foreign Capital
- d. Government of Independence, Peace, and Freedom
- e. Unbiased Compliance with Potsdam Declaration

(3) National Cooperative Party

- a. Rebuilding of Japan
- b. Mutual Prosperity through Cooperative Party

(4) Nippon Liberalist Party

- a. Rehabilitation of Japan
- b. Rejection of Bureaucratic Form of Government
- c. Clarification of Human Rights

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d. Establishment of Livelihood for the Masses

(5) Democrat Liberal Party

a. Establishment of Democratic Government

b. Simplification of Control System

c. Rationalization of Industry

d. Economic Administration

e. Abolition of Monopolies

f. Unemployment Insurance

g. Reformation of Tax System

h. Speedup of Soviet Controlled Repatriation

i. Opposition to Ultra Leftists

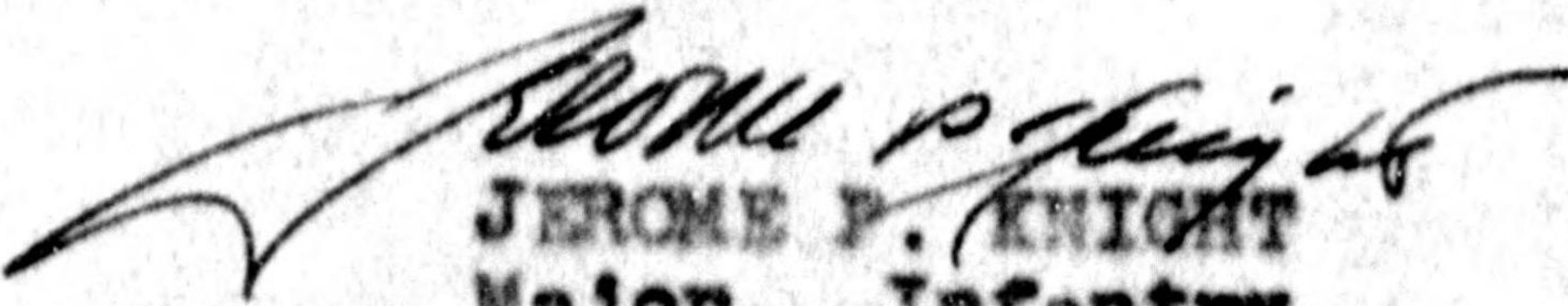
h. General Evaluation of Campaign Activities

As mentioned above the Japanese holiday season of the new year is definitely postponing active campaigns. Each registered candidate is, no doubt, appealing to his group of supporters; particularly the Socialists and Communists who have Party organizations upon which to rely. A lack of campaign funds is also contributing to the present quiet campaign front. There is no doubt however that the post holiday season will see hotly contested campaigns. It is, presently extremely difficult to properly evaluate campaign activities except to indicate the unwillingness of candidates to contend with the national holiday.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

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HEADQUARTERS  
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30 November 1948

SUBJECT: Closing of Branch of Prefectural Agricultural Experiment Station

TO : Commanding Officer, Kyushu Military Government Region,  
 Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, APO 929  
 ATTN: Economics Section

1. Reports have reached this headquarters that certain so-called Agricultural Experiment Stations are scheduled to be closed at an early date. This headquarters heartily concurs in the general plan of closing, consolidating, or otherwise reducing the number of Experiment Stations, and has been conducting a study of the stations in this prefecture with a view toward recommending the overhauling of the Experiment Station system in this prefecture. However, reports received from Japanese sources indicate that some of the stations and branch stations may be closed in the near future. Among them is the Buzen Branch Station, of the Fukuoka Prefectural Agricultural Experimental Station.

2. The Buzen Branch Station is the Horticultural Branch of the Prefectural Agricultural Experiment Station, and is located in Yukuhashi-machi, Miyako-gun. This branch station has been specializing for a number of years with tree fruits, and has done some creditable work. Reports indicate that this branch station will be closed, and that a Branch National Horticultural Station in process of establishment at Kurume-shi, Fukuoka Prefecture, will take over all the Horticultural work in this prefecture, and possibly for all of Kyushu.

3. Investigation reveals that the Kurume Branch National Station does not at this time have the orchards established which will be necessary to conduct research work in fruit production. Approximately five or six years will be required to establish these orchards.

4. Admittedly this headquarters is not familiar with the stations in other prefectures in Kyushu, but, in case any credence can be placed in the reports that all the Prefectural Branch Stations for Horticultural Research in Kyushu will be abolished in favor of one Branch National Station, which does not yet have established the necessary orchards, this headquarters would recommend the following to GHQ, SCAP for reference to the appropriate Japanese Agency:

That the Buzen Branch Station of Fukuoka Prefecture be retained pending setting and growth of orchard trees at Kurume Branch National Station:



BASIC: Ltr, HQ Fukuoka Mil Govt Team, File 403, subj: "Closing of Branch of Prefectural Agricultural Experiment Station", dtd 30 Nov 1948.

That, in case the Branch National Station at Kurume is to replace and supplant all Prefectural Branch Horticultural Stations in Kyushu, the Buzen Branch Station of Fukuoka Prefecture be transferred to the jurisdiction of the Kurume National Branch Station and be operated as a branch thereof pending the establishment of orchards, rather than abolishing the Buzen Branch Station in the very near future.

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Commanding