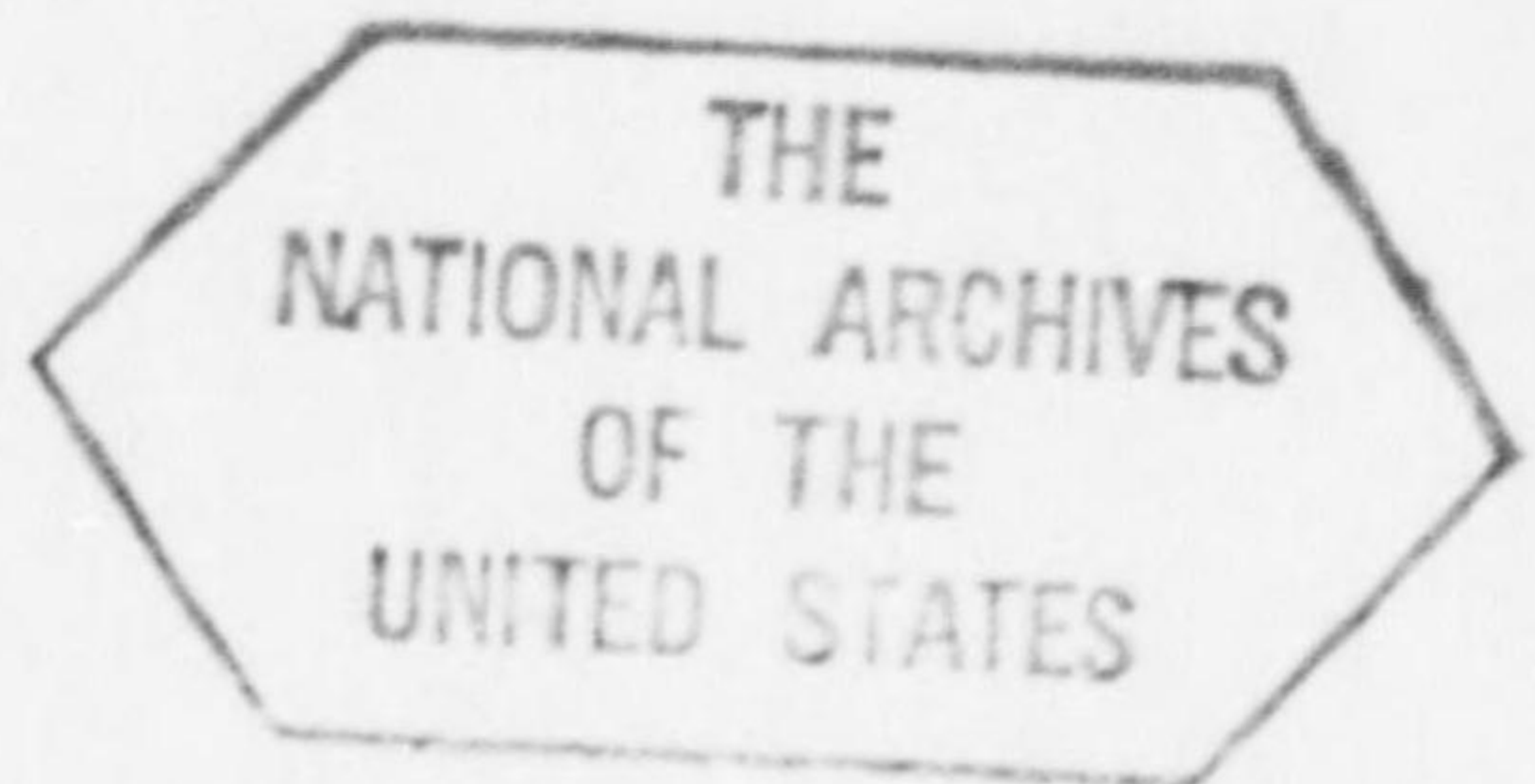


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*PREFECTURAL REPORT FORM ON SURVEILLANCE OF NATIONAL ELECTIONS
House of Representatives and House of Councillors
 (Skeleton Outline Only)

- Name of prefecture ~~(1/1/1/1/1/1)~~ ... **Yamanashi. Ken**
- ~~Name~~ ^{No.} of registered voters (Men ... **203,162..**
 (Women ... **230,492..**
 (Total ... **433,654..**)
- Persons actually voting for House of Representatives candidates (Men
 (Women
 (Total)
- Persons actually voting for House of Councillors candidates (Men ... **150,076..**
 (Women ... **139,255..**
 (Total ... **289,331..**)
- Number persons claiming franchise but not permitted to vote (Men **None....**
 (Women **None....**
 (Total **None....**)
- Number of surveillance teams on election day **10.....**
- Number of polling places **554.....**
- Number of polling places visited **295.....**
- Number of ballot counting stations **194.....**
- Number of ballot counting stations visited **127.....**
- ~~Were~~ ^{Yes} candidates' purge questionnaires available at Election Administration Committee's offices and at Screening Committee's offices in all cases? (If not, explain) ... **Yes... Publicized three times**
- 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. ... **Yes Publicized three times in press and radio**
- Comment on the extent public used privilege of examining candidates' questionnaires. ... **Very few examined questionnaires**

National election reports desired only on the prefectural basis, not on basis election districts or regions.

4. Number of seats in House of Representatives from this prefecture
 Number of candidates by parties
 Number of independents
 Number actually elected by parties
 Number of Independents elected
 Total number of votes cast for each party
 Total number of votes cast for Independents

5. Number of seats in House of Councillors from this prefecture (excl. of National Constituency seats)
 Number of candidates by parties (excl. of National Constituency seats)
 Number of independent candidates (excl. of National Constituency seats)
 Number actually elected by parties (excl. of National Constituency seats)
 Number of Independents elected (excl. of National Constituency seats)
 Total number of votes cast for each party (excl. of National Constituency seats)
 Total number of votes cast for Independents (excl. of National Constituency seats)

..... 2.....
 Socialist. 2.....
 Communist. 1.....
 1.....
 1.....
 1.....
 103,246.....

6. Any women elected:
 House of Representatives
 House of Councillors (excl. of National Constituency)

YES	NO	NUMBER
..
.x 1 ..

7. Number of pre-election campaign meetings held throughout prefecture by each party:
 Independents' campaign meetings

Party	No. Meetings	Total Att.
Parties had no meetings.....		
Individual candidates held meetings.....	300	15000 (attended)

8. Were there an adequate number of polling places? (If not, explain)
 9. Are four election bulletins enclosed with this report? (Four are required from each prefecture, (If not, explain))

Yes	... x
No	.....
Yes	... x
No	.....

10. No. of pre-election meetings held by MG team:	.....	Total Att.
With Election Administration Committee	.....2.....	.....12.....
With officials	.....4.....	.....200.....

11. Report generally on extent of local publicity given to election (e.g. newspaper stories, advertisements, radio time, plecards, postcards, handbills). How did MG teams contribute to publicizing elections? (See back of this sheet)

12. Number of violations reported to you:

Coercion, violence or threats	.....
Soliciting votes	.....4.....
Interference with free & secret voting	.....
Interference with access to polls	.....
Privileges granted favored candidates	.....
Dishonest tabulation in reporting of votes	.....
Buying of votes	.....2.....
Excessive expenditures	.....
Police or govt. officials interference of any type	.....
Riots or other disorders	.....
Illegal disqualification of voters	.....
Violations of purge directives	.....2.....
Use of school children in campaign	.....
Others	.....

13. Disposition by you of above violations:

Reported to Japanese officials only	.....
Reported to SCAP	.....

Reported to Japanese officials and SCAP.

14. 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. See back of this sheet.

c. How may election laws be improved? " " " " "

d. Other suggestions in regard to elections. " " " " "

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11. Ken government publicized election as follows:

Candidates and warnings, date of election, violations, put in local newspapers six times. Radio broadcasts of above information 3 times Handbills distributed through villages by circulation boards and local offices giving information about candidates etc. People informed through radio and newspapers that surveillance teams would be touring the prefecture to observe and report.

14. b. Local Election Administration Committees.

1. Overworked is general report.
2. Should consist of mixed personnel of men and women.
3. Some committees are vague as to their purpose.
4. ~~Seem~~ to be uncertain about election law violations.

14. c. Improvements of Election Law.

1. Require names of candidates be posted in booths.
2. Require law to state one final financial report on candidates expenses be forwarded. Four reports as required by election law causes confusion.
3. Election expenses for candidates be fixed at a little higher rate.
4. Require that ballot boxes be sealed and locked after examination made by spectators, watchers and officials.

14. d. Election Suggestions:

1. Seats be made available for spectators at polling stations.
2. National Election mixed up. Voters and not familiar with candidates in other prefectures. Causes confusion. Only familiar with local candidates.
3. Too many elections during month of April. Recommend be scattered; time interval should be longer.