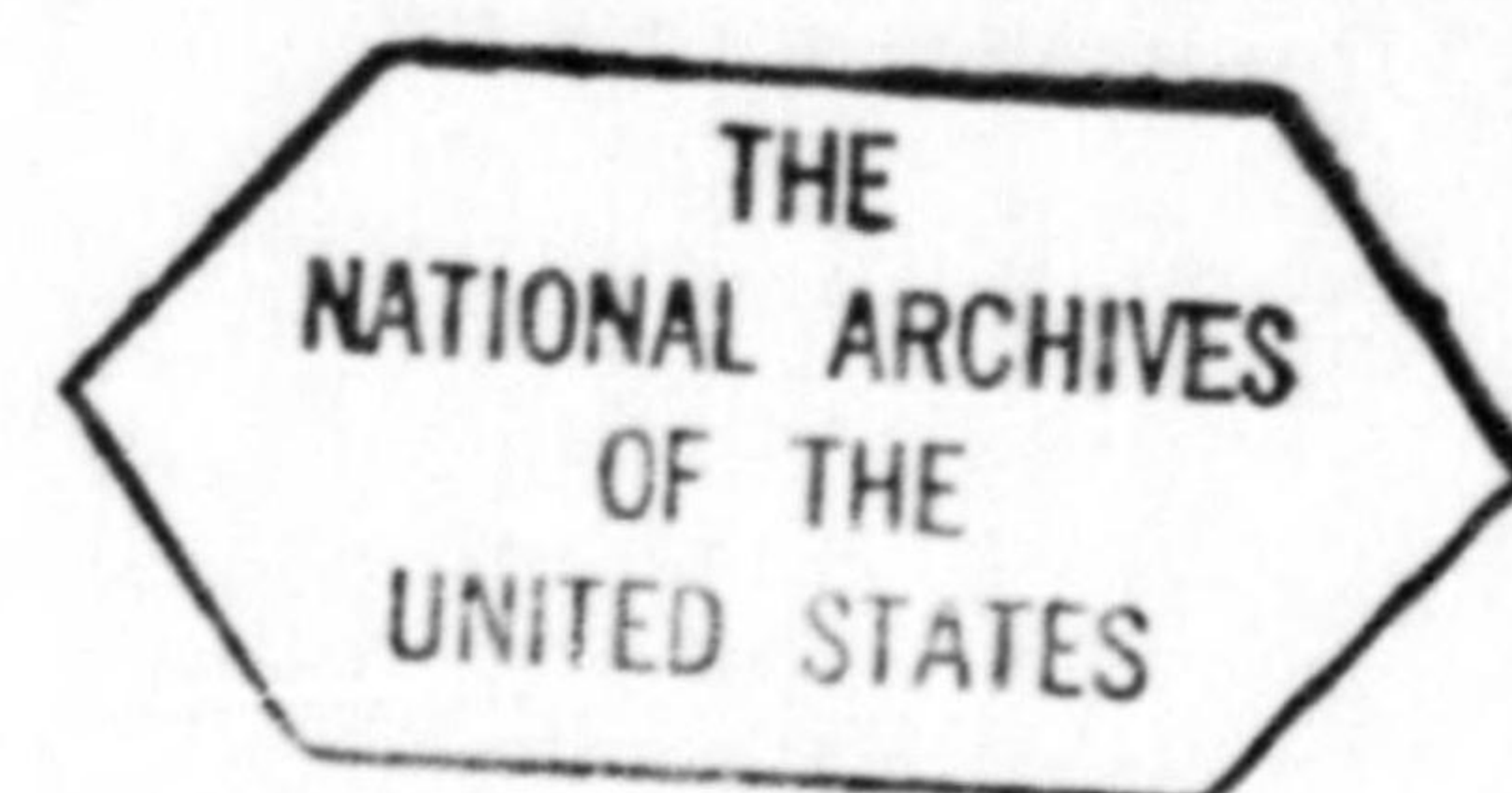


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REPORT ON SURVEILLANCE OF ELECTION  
HELD 25 APRIL 1947

*House of Representatives*

1. Name of Prefecture: TOCHIGI

2. Number of Registered Voters:

|             |         |
|-------------|---------|
| Men .....   | 368,373 |
| Women ..... | 416,717 |
| Total       | 785,090 |

3. Number Actually Voting:

|             |         |
|-------------|---------|
| Men .....   | 289,023 |
| Women ..... | 251,644 |
| Total       | 540,667 |

4. Number of persons claiming registration but not actually registered: 0

5. Number of Surveillance Teams ..... 14

6. Number of Polling Places ..... 877

7. Number of Polling Places Visited ..... 582

8. Number of Ballot Counting Places ..... 172

9. Number of Ballot Counting Places Visited ..... 102

10. Candidates purge questionnaires were available at Election Administration Committee's Offices and at Screening Committee's Offices.

11. Amount of publicity given to fact that candidates purge questionnaires are available at Election Administration Committee's Offices and at Screening Committee's Offices:

| <u>Press</u> | <u>Radio</u> | <u>Political Gatherings</u>                    |
|--------------|--------------|--|
| Fair         | Poor         | Good - frequent references made at gatherings. |



12. Number of People Examining Candidates' Questionnaires:

At Election Administration Offices: 8  
At Screening Committee's Offices: 0

13. Number of Seats in House of Representatives: 10

14. Number of Candidates by Parties:

|                                 |           |
|---------------------------------|-----------|
| Democrats .....                 | 7         |
| Liberals .....                  | 7         |
| Social Democrats .....          | 6         |
| National Cooperative Party .... | 2         |
| Communist Party .....           | 2         |
| Total                           | <u>24</u> |

(Number of Candidates not officially recommended by parties)

|                 |          |
|-----------------|----------|
| Democrats ..... | 5        |
| Liberal .....   | 1        |
| Total           | <u>6</u> |

Number of Independents: 4

Grand Total: 34

Number Elected by Parties:

|                            |           |
|----------------------------|-----------|
| Democrats .....            | 4         |
| Liberal .....              | 1         |
| Social Democrats .....     | 3         |
| National Cooperative ..... | 1         |
| Independent .....          | 1         |
| Total                      | <u>10</u> |

14. One (1) woman was re-elected.

15. Number of Pre-election Campaign Meetings Held Throughout the Prefecture by Each Party:

| <u>Party</u>           | <u>No. Meetings</u> |
|------------------------|---------------------|
| Democrats .....        | 317                 |
| Liberal .....          | 117                 |
| Social Democrats ..... | 323                 |



|                            |            |
|----------------------------|------------|
| National Cooperative ..... | 11         |
| Communist Party .....      | 40         |
| Independent .....          | 58         |
| Total                      | <u>866</u> |

(Note: This figure is probably inaccurate as many small meetings were unreported.)

16. There were an adequate number of polling places.

17. Four election bulletins are enclosed.

18. Number of Pre-election Meetings Held by MG Team:

|  | No | Total Att. |
|--|----|------------|
| With Election Administration Committee . | 13 | 31         |
| With Officials .....                     | 11 | 27         |
| With Candidates .....                    | 2  | 23         |

19. Local publicity and campaigning in the election was good. Posters directed to the prevention of absenteeism were utilized. A list of candidates was printed and distributed to each family prior to elections. Newspapers carried instructions regarding the election and gave virtually the entire space to covering the election. Movie theatres continued to cooperate. "Town Criers" urged the people to vote and reminded the people that "Tomorrow is Election Day - vote as a citizen." Surveillance Teams visited rural areas and stressed the importance of voting at the election. Election Officials were encouraged in their efforts to achieve a large vote.

20. Number of Violations Reported to MG:

|                                       |   |
|---------------------------------------|---|
| Coercion .....                        | 0 |
| Soliciting for Votes .....            | 1 |
| Interference with Free & Secret Vote. | 0 |
| Interference with Access to Polls ... | 0 |
| Privilege granted Favored Candidate . | 0 |
| Dishonest Tabulation .....            | 0 |
| Buying of Votes .....                 | 2 |
| Excessive Expenditures .....          | 0 |
| Police Interference .....             | 0 |
| Riots or other Disorders .....        | 0 |
| Improper Disqualification of Voters . | 0 |
| Violation of Purge Directives .....   | 2 |
| Others .....                          | 2 |



REPORT FOR SURVEILLANCE OF ELECTION  
HELD 20 APRIL 1947

*House of Councilors*

1. Name of Prefecture: TOCHIGI

2. Number of Registered Voters:

|             |                |
|-------------|----------------|
| Men .....   | 368,802        |
| Women ..... | <u>417,051</u> |
| Total       | <u>785,853</u> |

3. Number Actually Voting:

|           |                |
|-----------|----------------|
| Men ..... | 269,622        |
|           | <u>218,459</u> |
| Total     | <u>488,081</u> |

4. Number persons claiming Registration but not actually registered: 0

5. Number of Surveillance Teams ..... 15

6. Number of Polling Places ..... 877

7. Number of Polling Places Visited ..... 527

8. Number of Ballot Counting Stations ..... 172

9. Number of Ballot Counting Stations Visited .... 100

10. Candidates purge questionnaires were available at Election Administration Committee's Offices and at Screening Committee's Offices.

11. Amount of publicity given to fact that candidates purge questionnaires are available at Election Administration Committee's Offices and at Screening Committee's Offices:

| <u>Press</u> | <u>Radio</u> | <u>Political Gatherings</u>                   |
|--------------|--------------|---|
| Poor         | Poor         | Good - reference made at frequent gatherings. |



12. Number of People Examining Candidates Questionnaires:

At Election Administration Offices: 6  
At Screening Committee's Offices: 0

13. Number of Seats in the House of Councillors: 4

Number of Candidates by Parties:

|                        |          |
|------------------------|----------|
| Democrats .....        | 3        |
| Liberals .....         | 2        |
| Social Democrats ..... | 2        |
| Independents .....     | 1        |
| Total                  | <u>8</u> |

Number Elected by Parties:

|                        |          |
|------------------------|----------|
| Democrats .....        | 3        |
| Social Democrats ..... | 1        |
| Total                  | <u>4</u> |

14. No women were elected.

15. Number of Pre-election Campaign Meetings held throughout the Prefecture by Each Party:

|                        |    |
|------------------------|----|
| Democrats .....        | 74 |
| Social Democrats ..... | 53 |
| Liberals .....         | 25 |

16. There were an adequate number of polling places.

17. Four election bulletings are enclosed.

18. Number of Pre-election Meetings Held by MG Team:

|   | No. | Total Att. |
|---|-----|------------|
| With Election Administration Committee .. | 20  | 49         |
| With Officials .....                      | 4   | 13         |
| With Candidates .....                     | 1   | 7          |

19. Local publicity given the election was good. However, some rural areas complained of an absence of sufficient placards and handbills. The Social Democrats and the Democrats availed themselves of radio time allotted and utilized equal time. Local papers carried stories of political candidates



and repeatedly urged the citizens to vote. All theatres carried slides reminding people of election dates and their duty to vote. Surveillance teams visited cities and towns and talked with numerous Japanese, stressing the importance of the elections. This MG Team continuously encouraged the election officials to strive for a large vote.

20. Number of Violations Reported to MG:

|   |    |
|---|----|
| Coercion .....                                  | 0  |
| Soliciting for Votes .....                      | 2  |
| Interference with Free and Secret<br>Vote ..... | 1  |
| Interference with Access to Polls ...           | 0  |
| Privilege Granted Favored Candidate .           | 0  |
| Dishonest Tabulation .....                      | 0  |
| Buying of Votes .....                           | 3  |
| Excessive Expenditures .....                    | 0  |
| Police Interference .....                       | 0  |
| Riots or Other Disorders .....                  | 0  |
| Improper Disqualification of Voters .           | 0  |
| Violation of Purge Directives .....             | 12 |
| Others .....                                    | 1  |