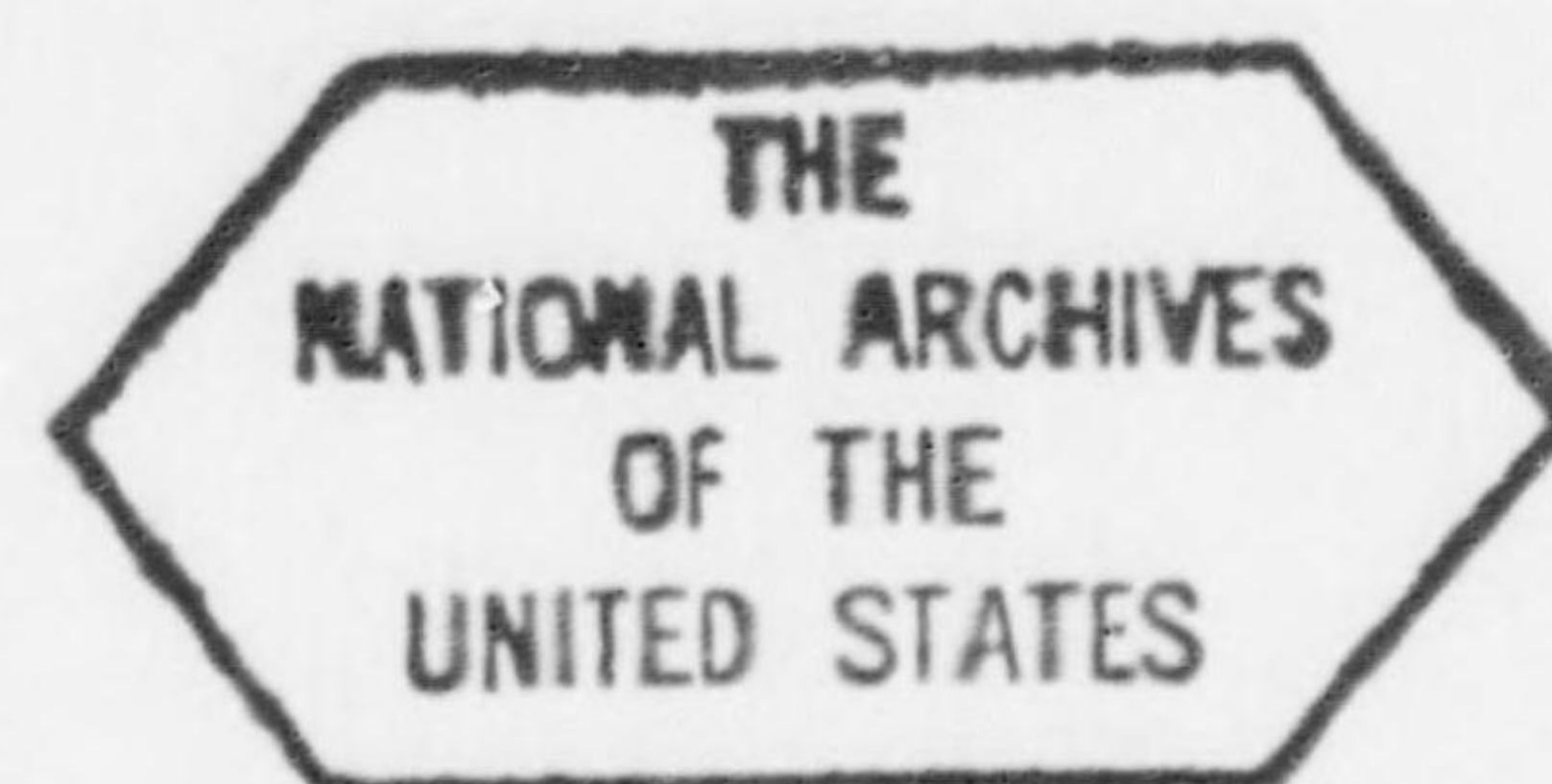


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SURVEILLANCE OF ELECTIONS  
FOR HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

25  
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1. Name of Prefecture - Miyazaki

2. Number of Registered Voters: First Election District

(1st Dist: Miyazaki City, Nobeoka City, Miyazaki Gun, Higashiusuki Gun, Nishi- usuki Gun, Koyu Gun)	<u>Men</u> 129,071	<u>Women</u> 144,543	<u>Total</u> 273,614
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Second Election District

(2nd Dist: Miyakonojo City, Kitamorokata Gun, Nishi- morokata Gun, Minaminaka Gun, Higashimorokata Gun)	<u>Men</u> 106,237	<u>Women</u> 119,553	<u>Total</u> 225,790
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3. Number Actually Voting: First Election District

(1st Dist: Miyazaki City Nobeoka City, Miyazaki Gun, Higashiusuki Gun, Nishi- usuki Gun, Koyu Gun)	<u>Men</u> 104,253	<u>Women</u> 96,543	<u>Total</u> 200,796
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Second Election District

(2nd Dist: Miyakonojo City, Kitamorokata Gun, Nishi- morokata Gun, Minaminaka Gun, Higashimorokata Gun)	<u>Men</u> 84,956	<u>Women</u> 80,340	<u>Total</u> 165,296
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a. Number of Invalid Ballots: First Election District

2,979

Second Election District

4,483

b. Number of Valid Votes Cast, by Candidates:

(1) First Election District

Katashima, Minato (Socialist)	28,564
Oshikawa, Sadaaki (Independent)	27,333
Kawano, Yoshimitsu (Nat'l. Cooperative)	22,351



Sato, Shigeto (Liberal)	20,716
Kitada, Tadashi (Independent)	17,177
Nagatomo, Yoshiaki (Liberal)	10,324
Fuchi, Michinori (Japan Democrat)	19,019
Sengin, Michinori (Independent)	2,566
Ohashi, Kimi (female), (Japan Democrat)	10,982
Kashima, Toru (Nat'l. Cooperative)	19,269
Ishikawa, Kazuo (Communist)	4,338
Nakano, Hatutaro (Independent)	1,434
Okoshi, Matsuka (Independent)	13,724

(2) Second Election District

Kawagoe, Hiroshi (Nat'l. Cooperative)	39,537
Ishigami, Keigo (Socialist)	28,683
Moriyama, Takehiko (Socialist)	24,854
Koyama, Naganori (Nat'l. Cooperative)	24,340
Zushi, Hirotsugu (Nat'l. Cooperative)	18,079
Mizoguchi, Keizo (Independent)	13,632
Ebihara, Yoshimi (Communist)	2,895
Date, Masa (female), (Independent)	8,791

4. Number of Persons Claiming Franchise but not permitted to Vote:

<u>Men</u>	<u>Women</u>	<u>Total</u>
11	28	39

5. Number of Surveillance Teams - 30

6. Number of Polling Places - 477

7. Number of Polling Places Visited - 323 Total Visits - 500

8. Number of Ballot Counting Stations - 89

9. Number of Ballot counting Stations Visited - 81 Total Visits - 150

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.

Wide publicity was given.

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

Public did not make extensive use of examination privilege.



13. Number of seats in House of Representative from this prefecture.

3 from each of 2 Election Areas, or total of 6

Number of candidates by parties

Socialist - 3  
 Nat'l. Cooperative - 5  
 Liberals - 2  
 Japan Democrat - 2  
 Communist - 2

Number of Independents - 7

Number actually elected by parties

Socialist - 3  
 Nat'l. Cooperative - 2

Number of Independent elected - 1

Total number of votes cast for each party

First Election District

Socialist	28,584
Nat'l. Cooperative	41,620
Liberals	31,040
Japan Democrat	20,001
Communist	4,338

Second Election District

Socialist	53,537
Nat'l. Cooperative	81,956
Liberals	None
Japan Democrat	None
Communist	2,895

Total number of votes cast for Independents

First Election District	62,234
Second Election District	22,423

14. Any women elected

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Number</u>
House of Representatives		x	
House of Councillors		x	
(excl. of National Constituency (note: Ohashi, Kimi (Japan Democrat), 1st dist., and Date, Masa (Independent), 2nd dist., but defeated)			



15. Number of pre-election campaign meetings held throughout prefecture by each party:

Socialist	1,311
Nat'l Cooperative	2,143
Japan Democrat	615
Liberal	554
Communist	457

Independents' campaign meetings 2,803

16. Were there an adequate number of polling places? Yes

17. Are four election bulletins enclosed? Four are required from each Prefecture. Yes

18. No. of pre-election meeting held by MG Team:		<u>Total Att.</u>
With Election Administration Committee	20	225
With Officials	20	150
With Candidates	6	150

19. Report generally on extent of local publicity given to election (e.g. Newspaper stories, advertisements, radio time, placards, post cards, handbills). How did MG Teams contribute to publicizing elections?

All candidates made full use of legal campaigning methods and media. The newspapers have given wide, intelligent, publicity on all phases of the election, including many warnings as to what Occupation Forces expected of them, plus the fact that observation teams would be available to receive complaints. Campaigning increased greatly a few days before the 5 April election and gathered impetus from that time. Loud speakers have been widely used especially at election offices. Speeches from trucks have been increasingly numerous. Military Government fostered press and radio releases, including pertinent excerpts from directives and instructions. Meetings with newspaper editors, Police, political party representatives, union groups, Election Administration Committees and groups of people were had beginning shortly after the Tokyo conference in January. The public was well acquainted with the fact that Military Government headquarters, and teams in the field, are receptive to complaints, orally or in writing, and many written complaints have been received.

Compliance with Operational Directive 22/2, Headquarters Eighth Army, APO 343, 29 March 1947, was checked, together with TWX changes in campaigning procedure and found satisfactory. Unrestricted election meetings and talks, together with wide use of circulars and hand bills, has been a big help in wide election interest, plus a minimizing of spoiled ballots.

20. Number of violations reported to you:	
Coercion	1
Soliciting for votes	12
Interference with free & secret voting	0
Interference with access to polls	0
Privilege granted favored candidates	1



Dishonest tabulation in reporting of votes	0
Buying votes	14
Excessive expenditures	5
Police interference of any type	2
Riots or other disorders	0
Improper disqualification of voters	60
Violations of purge directives	7
Use of children in campaign	0
Others	0

21. Disposition by you of above violations:

Reported to Japanese officials only	102
Reported to SCAP	0

22. Military Government team's comments and evaluations:

a. Was any criticism voiced in regard to activities of occupation forces? If so, explain in detail.

No. People in general seemed glad to have them on hand.

b. Your comments on activities of local election administration committees.

Committees cannot entirely comprehend their powers, but are diligent, willing and anxious to learn. The latent influence of the old vested authority still remains to a large extent.

c. How may election laws be improved?

By requiring run-offs or new elections in those cases where one of the two top men is purged, dies, or withdraws, leaving unsuccessful candidates still available.

/s/ Adam H. Harper  
 /t/ ADAM H. HARPER  
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SURVEILLANCE OF ELECTIONS  
FOR HOUSE OF COUNCILLORS

*20 April 47*

1. Name of Prefecture - Miyazaki

2. Number of Registered Voters:	<u>Men</u>	<u>Women</u>	<u>Total</u>
	235,633	264,421	500,054

3. Number Actually Voting:	<u>Men</u>	<u>Women</u>	<u>Total</u>
	178,903	163,126	342,029

a. Number of Valid Votes Cast, by Candidates:

(1) Prefectural Constituency

Shii, Yasuo (Socialist)	90,855
Kavano, Yoshikichi (Independent)	41,075
Takeshita, Toyoji (Independent)	179,548

(2) National Constituency Residing in Prefecture

Oka, Kunio (Communist)	256
Tanioka, Kazunao (Socialist)	16,324
Mizukubo, Jinsaku (Liberal)	98,125

b. Number of Valid Votes Cast, by Party, for National Constituency:

(1) Japan Democratic	8,579
(2) Liberal	102,770
(3) National Cooperative	7,550
(4) Communists	4,197
(5) Socialists	34,747
(6) Independents	125,343
(7) Others	5,965

Total	289,081
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4. Number of Persons Claiming Franchise but not Permitted to Vote:

<u>Men</u>	<u>Women</u>	<u>Total</u>
105	119	224

5. Number of Surveillance Teams - 30

6. Number of Polling Places - 477

7. Number of Polling Places Visited - 308      Total Visits - 451

8. Number of Ballot Counting Stations - 89

9. Number of Ballot Counting Stations Visited - 84      Total Visits - 157

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.

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13. Number of seats in House of Councillors from this prefecture (excl. of National Constituency seats)

2

Number of candidates by parties  
(excl. of National Constituency seats) Socialist - 1

Number of independent candidates  
(excl. of National Constituency seats) 2

Number of actually elected by parties  
(excl. of National Constituency seats) Socialist - 1

Number of Independents elected  
(excl. of National Constituency seats) 1

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)

Kayano, Yoshikichi - 41,075  
Takeshita, Toyoji - 179,548

14. Any women elected

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Number</u>
House of Representatives		x	
House of Councillors (excl. of National Constituency)		x	

15. Number of pre-election campaign meetings held throughout prefecture by each party:

<u>Candidates</u>	<u>Party</u>	<u>No. Of Meetings</u>
Takeshita, Toyoji	Independent	100
Shii, Yasuo	Socialist	1020
Kayano, Yoshikichi	Independent	210
Mizukubo, Jinsaku	Liberal	150
Tanioka, Kazunao	Socialist	500
Oka, Kunio	Communist	None

16. Were there an adequate number of polling places? Yes

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