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HEADQUARTERS
SAGA MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
Saga, Kyushu, Japan

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APO 24-5
28 April 1949

SUBJECT: By-elections

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

1. In compliance with telephonic instructions a report is hereby submitted confirming TWX Cite QR-56 dtd 28 March 1949 this headquarters.

2. There was an election to be held on 28 March 1949 for village assembly-men.

3. Location of By-election:

Rokkaku-mura, Kishima-gun, Saga-ken

4.

Candidates	Party
Fukumatsu Maeda	Independent
Matajiro Kawasaki	"
Ginichiro Ogushi	"

5. The above listed candidates received no known support from any group.

6. There was only 3 candidates filed for 3 vacancies. Therefore no election was held.

7. There was no important issues involved.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

LaVern F. Spurgeon

LA VERN F. SPURGEON
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Adjutant

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SAGA MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
Saga, Kyushu, Japan

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APO 24-5
21 March 1949

SUBJECT: By-Elections

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

1. In compliance with telephonic instructions a report is hereby submitted confirming TWX Cite, dtd 21 March 1949 this headquarters.

2. There was an election held on 18 March 1949 for Town Mayor.

3. Location of By-Election:

Hama-machi, Fujitsu-gun, SagaKen

4. Candidates	Party	Votes rec'ved	
Mitsuichi Nagamatsu	Independent	1,473	Elected
Kazuma Mitsutake	"	939	
Houichi Matsumoto	"	197	

5. The above listed candidates received no known support from any group. Although candidate Matsumoto was thought to have been supported by a known member of the Communist Party.

6. The election was held on 18 March 1949.

7. There was no important issues involved.

8. Previous mayor's death was the reason for the election.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

/s/ La Vern F. Spurgeon
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HEADQUARTERS
SAGA MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
Saga, Kyushu, Japan

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APO 24-5
15 February 1949

3564

SUBJECT: By-elections

TO : COMMANDING GENERAL, Headquarters Eighth Army, APO 343
Attn: Military Government Section

1. In compliance with telephonic instruction a report is hereby submitted confirming TWX Cite GR-30 dated 15 February 1949 this headquarters.

2. There was an election held on 13 February 1949 for village mayor.

3. Location of By-election: Suko-mura, Kishima-gun, Saga-ken.

4.

Candidates	Party	Votes received	
Kanichi Minami	Independent	937	Elected
Keiichi Uchino	"	656	

5. The above listed candidates received no known support from any group.

6. The election was held on 13 February 1949.

7. There were no inportant issues involved.

8. Previous mayor's resignation was the reason for the election. No particular reasons were given for resignation.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

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QR-30

In compliance with telephonic instructions, a report is hereby submitted. Subject: By elections.

(1) By election for Village Mayor

(2) Suko-Mura, Kishima-Gun, Saga-Ken

(3)

Candidates:	Party	Votes Received
Kanichi Manami	Independent	937
Keiichi Uchino	Independent	656

(4) Backing of Indepandent Parties unknown

(5) Date of election: 13 February 1949

(6) No important issues involved

(7) Previous Mayor resignation was the reason for the election.

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HEADQUARTERS
SAGA MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
Saga, Kyushu, Japan

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APO 929
8 February 1949

SUBJECT: By-elections

TO : COMMANDING GENERAL, Headquarters Eighth Army,
APO 343
Attn: Military Government Section

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1. In compliance with telephonic instructions a report is hereby submitted confirming TWX Cite QR-24 dated 7 Feb. 49, this headquarters.

2. There has been no resignations of National Diet members in Saga Prefecture to date. Therefore a negative report is submitted.

3. There has been (1) one by-election for village mayor held in Saga Prefecture in the month of February.

4. Location of by-election for village mayor: Higashi-Sefuri-mura, Kanzaki-gun, Saga-ken.

5. Candidates	Party	Votes received
Kokuichi Fukushima	Independent	381
Tokujiro Saisho	"	1,303
Tatsujiro Ono	"	534

6. Tokujiro Saisho, the elected candidate, was believed to have been supported by village assemblymen. Tokujiro Saisho was formerly Asst. village mayor.

7. The election was held on 6 February 1949.

8. There were no important issues involved.

9. Previous Mayor's resignation, due to bad health, was the reason for the election.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

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SURVEILLANCE OF ELECTIONS

1. Name of Prefecture ..... SAGA .....

2. Number of Registered Voters
   (Men ..... 222,971 ...
   (Women ... 259,129 ...
   (Total ..... 482,100 ...

3. Number Actually Voting
   (Men ..... 194,791 ...
   (Women ... 203,694 ...
   (Total ..... 398,485 ...

4. Number Persons claiming Registration but not Registered.
   (Men ..... 11 ...
   (Women ..... 10 ...
   (Total ..... 21 ...

5. Number of Surveillance Teams ..... 22 .....

6. Number of Polling Places ..... 401 .....

7. Number of Polling Places Visited ..... 394 .....

8. Number of Ballot Counting Stations ..... 122 .....

9. Number of Ballot Counting Stations Visited ..... 122 .....

10. Availability of Candidates purge questionnaires at Election Administration Committee's Offices and at Screening Committee's Offices ..... Yes .....

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

Press	Radio	Political Gatherings
3	None	Unknown

12. Approximate number of pre-election campaign meetings held throughout prefecture by each party.

Party	Independent meetings	Total attendance	Compelative meetings	Total attendance
Democratic	52	1,550	58	17,690
Democratic Liberal	75	2,750	81	20,805
Socialist	24	465	33	10,065
Peoples Cooperative	5	200	18	5,490
Labor-Farmer	14	150	21	6,405
Communist	22	1,100	19	5,795
Independent	10	210	15	4,575
TOTAL	202	6,425	245	70,825

13. No. of pre-election meetings held by MG Team:

		Total Att
With Election Administration Committee	1	7
With Officials	1	5
With Candidates	None	None

14. The local pbulicity given to the election was adequate.

15. Number of violations reported or observed:

Coercion	None
Soliciting for votes	27
Interference with free and secret voting	None
Interference with access to polls	None
Privilege granted favored candidates	None
Dishonest tabulation in reporting of votes	None
Buying of votes	None
Excessive expenditures	Under investigation.
Police interference of any type	None
Riots or other disorders	None
Improper disqualification of voters	None
Violations of purge directives	None
Others	3

16. Military Government Team's comments and evaluations.

a. No criticism was voiced in regard to activities of Occupation Forces.

b. Local election administrating committees acted conscientiously and with considerable efficiency.

c. It is believed the laws are satisfactory. Continued publicity and instruction to the people concerning election procedure is desirable.

d. It is recommended that separate ballot boxes be established whenever two separate elections are conducted simultaneously. This will reduce errors and accelerate counting.

17. It was noted in Saga Prefecture that the Communist party received more votes than was expected. The Democratic Liberal and Democrate parties, being the only parties elected have a strong standing in this prefecture.

HEADQUARTERS
SAGA MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
Saga, Kyushu, Japan

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APO 929
14 January 1949

1529

SUBJECT: National Elections

TO : COMMANDING GENERAL, Headquarters Eighth Army, APO 343
Attn: Military Government Section

1. In compliance with Operational Directive No.1, Headquarters Eighth Army, paragraph 7-b, dated 3 January 1949, subject as above, the second report covering the first eighteen days of the campaign ending 13 January 1949 is submitted.

a. Careful Summary of Opening Events:

Internal dissension or involvement in scandals has handicapped three major political parties (Democratic, Democratic-Liberal and Socialist Parties) in this prefecture during the early part of the campaign. However, by 12 January 1949, the Democratic and Socialist Parties ironed out their problems and have been carrying on their campaign smoothly. Internal dissension in the Democratic-Liberal Party still exists and on 13 January 1949, candidate MIMASAKA Gota who was not selected by the party as a candidate left the party and is running as an independent. Both MORI Naoji and YANAI Junji who was not selected as candidates by the branch party continues to run disregarding the objection made by the branch party.

Sixteen persons have filed in their candidacy in this ken as members to the National Diet.

Since 27 December both the Local Procurator's Office and the Saga National Rural Police Headquarters issued number of releases in all local papers advising the populace in adhering with the ordinances governing election campaign and political fund adjustments. At present, 10 cases of suspected violations are being investigated by both the police and procurator's office however no arrests have been made to date. Most violations reported comprises illegal election campaign activities prior to the official designated date and illegal transactions of campaign funds.

The last survey made of poll books on 17 December 1948 discloses that there were 475,587 registered voters in this ken.

The campaign activities of all parties to date still continues to be poor. Joint election campaign forums held in various parts of the ken shows that only one-third of the expected amount of attendance attended each of these meetings and it was reported that only five to six women on

average were present at these meetings. Financial difficulties of candidates or political parties is blamed for the inactive campaign and the cold winter conditions has been blamed for the poor attendance at the forums.

The following shows the activities of political parties and candidates as of 13 January 1949.

Saga-ken Branch Japan Socialist Party:

The internal dissension that existed in the Socialist Party when HONJO Hironobu who was formerly declared expelled from the party was ironed out when the party decided to accept HONJO as an official candidate of the party on 11 January 1949. Both leftwinger SUMIDA Toozaburo and rightwinger HONJO represents this party in the coming election. SUMIDA who is a popular candidate and a former member of the National Diet is expected to win in the coming election.

Saga-ken Branch Japan Democratic-Liberal Party:

As a result of the meeting held on 29 November 1948 when it was decided that only three candidates would represent this party as official nominees of the branch party expelling any unselected member who dares to run as a party candidate has resulted in the present internal dissension when three other members other than being selected filed in their candidacy.

Candidates officially selected by the branch party are NAGAI Eishu, KITAGAWA Sadamu and MIIKE Shin. Candidates not officially selected are MORI Naoji (popular candidate, suspect in the National Coal Mine Scandal and former member of the National Diet), MIMASAKA Gota (left the party on 13 January 1949 and now running as an independent) and YANAI Junji. MORI, NAGAI and YANAI running under this party are prominent candidates.

Saga-ken Branch Japan Democratic Party:

The internal dissension which existed in the Democratic Party at the beginning of the campaign has disappeared and HORI Shigeru and NAKAMURA Mataichi, official candidates of this party, are the two candidates that the people expect to win in the coming election. Another unselected candidate of this party, MIYACHI Hideo, has been permissioned to run since the party believes that the unselected candidate would not affect the conditions of the popular votes of the party.

Highlights on the activities of minor parties are as follows:

Saga-ken Branch Japan Communist Party:

Widespread activities of the communists has been reported in coal mines throughout the prefecture. The Communist Party is seeking support from the All Japan Federation of Coal Mine Workers' Union and the All Japan Council

of Coal Industry Workers' Union and is reported to be carrying on campaign speeches actively in coal mines. It has been learned that the strategy used by the communists is more or less to propagate communistic principles in an attempt to popularize and enlarge the spheres of the Communist Party. HATA Shikaru is the only candidate running from the Communist Party.

Workers and Farmers Party:

KATO Giichi, chairman of the Saga-ken Branch Japan Farmers' Union represents this party as candidate. Active campaign movements are being directed to receive support from the farmer group by this party.

Highlights on the activities of other political parties and organizations are as follows:

OSHIMA Tazo, popular candidate and former member of the National Diet represents this party. Friction was noted when candidate OSHIMA attacked the Saga Teachers' Union charging the union to be communistic in trend and when the union countered and requested him to retract the statement made on a radio broadcast, OSHIMA reluctantly retracted his statement and expressed his regret on 12 January 1949.

Other Organizations:

The attitude of various groups toward the coming election have shown that a number of them have stated what party or candidate they would support but most of these groups have shown no choice up to the present.

The TANRO (All Japan Federation of Coal Mine Workers' Union and the ZENSEKITAN (All Japan Council of Coal Workers' Union) with membership totalling approximately 25,000 has agreed that support would not be given the parties or candidates of conservative trend and it is believed that fifty per cent of the members would vote for the progressives. The Saga Council of Labor Unions numbering approximately 35,000 in membership have not shown any choice of parties or candidates, however it is learned that this union would select a definite party or candidate that they would support. The Repatriates Association numbering approximately 50,000 members has agreed to select a candidate who was also repatriated from Formosa. The Saga Prefectural Government Workers' Union having membership approximately up to 1,900 agreed not to vote for the former members of the National Diet and Parties that was responsible in voting for the revision of the National Public Servants Law. The Women's Association numbering approximately 200,000 have not made up their mind what party or candidate they would support however newspaper releases show that candidate MIYACHI (Democratic-Liberal) will receive significant support from the association. There is no woman candidate from this prefecture. The Saga-ken Teachers' Union declared that they do not support any party or candidate and friction was noted when candidate OSHIMA (Peoples' Cooperative) charged the union of being communistic in trend. OSHIMA retracted his

statement later and apologized to the union on 12 January 1949. The Saga-ken Federation of Youth Association with membership numbering 100,000 declared that they would not support any party or candidate however desires new and promising candidates. It has been learned that the Government Communication Workers' Union is divided into three factions which are to support the Communist, Socialist and Labor-Farmer Parties respectively. The union has approximately 3,500 members. The All Japan Government and Public Office Workers' Union with membership of approximately 20,000 and the Government Railway Workers' Union (membership unknown) held meetings on 13 January to deliberate on measures with regards to the campaign program however no definite result of the meetings has been obtained to date. There is no trace activities by the Korean populace towards the election campaign though it is known that a number of Koreans in this ken belongs to the Communist Party.

Popular candidates believed to be most successful are HORI (Democratic), NAKAMURA (Democratic), NAGAI (Democratic-Liberal), OSHIMA (Peoples' Cooperative), MIYACHI (Democratic-Liberal), MORI (Democratic-Liberal), MIIKE (Democratic-Liberal), YANAI (Democratic-Liberal) and SUMIDA (Socialist). These candidates are expected to receive about 30,000 votes each or more it was learned. Popular candidates HONJO (Socialist) and HATA (Communist) are believed to receive about 20,000 votes each.

b. Names of major parties participating:

1. Democratic-Liberal Party
2. Democratic Party
3. Socialist Party
4. Communist Party

c. Names of Important and Prominent Candidates:

1. HORI Shigeru, Democratic, age-49, elected twice as member of the National Diet.
2. NAKAMURA Mataichi, Democratic, age-60, elected twice as member of the National Diet, President of the Saga-ken Branch Democratic Party.
3. MORI Naoji, Democratic-Liberal, age-50, elected once as member of the National Diet, assistant-secretary of the Saga-ken Branch Japan Democratic-Liberal Party.
4. OSHIMA Tazo, Peoples' Cooperative, age-47, elected twice as member of the National Diet.
5. YANAI Junji, Democratic-Liberal, age-53, elected once as member of the National Diet.
6. SUMIDA Toozaburo, Socialist, age-53, elected once as member of the National Diet.
7. MIYAJI Hideo, Democratic, age-43, new and promising candidate.
8. NAGAI Eishu, Democratic-Liberal, age-57.
9. MIIKE Shin, Democratic-Liberal, age-49.

BASIC: Ltr Hq Saga Mil Govt Team, subj: "National Elections," dtd 14 Jan 1949.

d. Number of Other Candidates:

1. MIZUGUCHI Senmatsu, Independent, age-44.
2. HONJO Hironobu, Socialist, age-42, Former Chief-secretary of the Saga Branch Japan Socialist Party.
3. FUKUDA Taneo, Independent, age-47.
4. HATA Shikaru, Communists, age-45, Chairman of the Saga-ken Branch Japan Communist Party.
5. KATO Giichi, Labor-Farmer, age-52.
6. MIMASAKA Gota, Independent, age-55,
7. KITAGAWA Sadamu, Democratic-Liberal, age-50.

e. Major Campaign Issues:

Democratic Party:

1. Purification of the political world.
2. Promotion of public enterprises.
3. Introduction of foreign funds and foreign imports.
4. Amendments to the present taxation laws for better taxation system.
5. Counter-measures on the future agricultural panic.
6. Step by step but early and speedy introduction of advanced educational materials from foreign countries.
7. Strengthening the welfare work of those families abroad and for the repatriates.
8. Stabilization of the peoples' lives.
9. Reasonable wages to laborers.
10. A self-supporting, peaceful and independent Japan.

Democratic-Liberal Party:

1. Purification of political, official and financial circles.
2. Checking inflation by administrative readjustment for financial stabilization, strengthening private banking organizations to supply more funds to private enterprises, rationalization of enterprises, stabilization of commodity prices and wages.
3. To support the farming and fishing communities by increasing supplies and funds, strengthening the Agricultural Cooperative Associations, adopting free-sale system of rice after completion of delivery, and increasing incentives goods and payments for over quota delivery of rice temporarily and expanding the Agricultural Insurance System.
4. Promotion of free economic enterprising and abolition of excessive control over the national economy.
5. Improvement in the taxation system abolishing the Sales Transaction Tax and also to change the bureaucratic taxation system into a democratic taxation system.

BASIC: Ltr Hq Saga Mil Govt Team, subj: "National Elections," dtd 14 Jan 1949.

Socialist Party:

1. Representatives of the wage-earners and medium and small enterprises; will fight against the privileged classes.
2. Perfect democratization of our country and thorough enforcement of socialism.
3. Peaceful and gradual social reform.
4. The establishment of the sliding system of wages.
5. The abolition or revision of the National Public Servants Law and the raising of wage standards.
6. The enforcement of the Third Farm Land Reformation.
7. The exemption of taxes on incentive payments and income gained on over quota delivery.
8. Sufficient supply of funds, supplies and electricity to medium and small enterprises.
9. The abolition or revision of the Sales Transactions Tax.
10. The strengthening of national control over coal mines and national management of electricity, steel and fertilizer industries.
11. The abolition over control on fresh foodstuff.
12. Making available homes or occupations to the war sufferers and the unemployed.
13. Freedom of political activities for public servants and teachers.

Peoples' Cooperative Party:

1. Stabilization of the lives of working classes especially to school teachers.
2. Purification of the political world.
3. The cultural improvements of farming villages and sufficient financial assistance for the farmers.
4. Protection of bereaved families and repatriates.
5. Advancement of religious education.
6. Introduction of the Ken Peoples' political opinion in the Diet.
7. The elevation of women's social status.

Labor-Farmer Party:

1. Abolishment of unnecessary economic controls.
2. Increase of food rationing.
3. Abolition of the National Public Servants Law.
4. Collective bargaining must be secured for the farmers.
5. Minimum standard of wages must be guaranteed to workers.
6. The present delivery system and taxation system on farmers products should be revised.
7. The present taxation system must be changed into a democratic taxation system.

BASIC: Ltr Hq Saga Mil Govt Team, subj: "National Elections," dtd 14 Jan 1949.

Communist Party:

1. The abolition of indirect taxes.
2. Collection of taxes from tax evaders.
3. Exposing corrupt political, official and financial circles.
4. The independence of the Japanese race.
5. The restoration of world peace.

f. A general evaluation of activities:

Since the election campaign, observation has disclosed that various candidates and political parties are not carrying on intensive campaigns. Financial difficulties, internal dissension in three major parties, the long Japanese New Year holidays and the cold winter conditions is reported for the poor campaign activities by candidates as of 13 January 1949. With ten days remaining before election day, it is believed that campaign activities will be carried out on a wider scale.

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HEADQUARTERS
SAGA MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
Saga, Kyushu, Japan

APO 929
31 December 1948

SUBJECT: Election of National Diet Members

1789 TO : COMMANDING GENERAL, Headquarters Eighth Army,
APO 343
Attn: Military Government Section

1. In compliance with TWX Cite GE-1138, Headquarters Kyushu Military Government Region, APO 929, dated 29 December 1948, the following information is submitted in connection with the present election of National Diet Members in Saga-ken.

a. Careful Summary of Opening Events:

Political parties in Saga-ken anticipated the dissolution of the National Diet since October 1948 when the new cabinet formed by the new Prime Minister, YOSHIDA Shigeru, resulted in the friction between the new cabinet and the National Diet.

Since early October 1948 various political parties in this ken were engaged in making preparation for the possible election supposedly thought to be held in December 1948 when the National Diet would dissolve.

Internal dissension or involvement in scandals handicapped three major political parties (Democratic, Democratic-Liberal and Socialist Parties) in this prefecture since the resignation of the ASHIDA Cabinet and the formation of the YOSHIDA Cabinet. Attempting to reorganize and strengthen the local parties, the three major parties carried out numerous meetings to iron out the problems existing in the respective parties. However, political gossip indicates that the parties involved in scandals or experiencing internal dissension have caused the voters to become confused as to what party they should support. The Communist Party has taken advantage of the situation and is carrying out intensive campaign exposing the disorganized three major political parties in this ken.

Since 27 December, the opening day for filing of candidacy with the Prefectural Government Officer, twelve persons have filed in their candidacy as members to the National Diet.

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BASIC: Ltr, Saga Mil Govt Team, subj: "Election of National Diet Members," dtd 31 Dec 48.

On 27 December both the Local Procurators' Office and the Saga National Rural Police Headquarters issued a release in all local papers advising the populace in adhering with the ordinances governing election campaign and political fund adjustments.

As of 17 December poll books have shown that they are 475,587 registered voters in this ken.

b. Progress of Campaign Activities:

The campaign activities of all parties to date have not been carried out on a wide scale. The major parties being involved in scandals or internal dissension have been trying to recover their footing and are still preparing for an active campaign. The following shows the activities of political parties since the anticipated dissolution of the National Diet.

Saga-ken Branch Japan Socialist Party:

Internal dissension in the Socialist Party was clearly seen when it was proposed on 7 November that HONJO Hironobu (Former Central Committeeman and Former Chief Secretary of the Saga Branch, Japan Socialist Party) be ousted from the party. The reasons for expulsion reported to the party's central headquarters were listed as: Making false reports to the Central Committee, lecturing against party policies, and assisting candidates opposed by the party. However, on 15 November HONJO attacked the decision made by the party, denying the charges and claiming that the recommended expulsion was contrary to party regulations and policies. HONJO further asserted that the recommended expulsion was designed to oust him for the party for malignant purpose but that he would continue to attack the unjust charges of the party. Again on 21 November HONJO filed suit at the Saga Local Procurator's Office against SUMIDA, NAKAMURA and SHIMABARA charging them with libel, forgery of official documents, and holding a meeting of the party executive staff without his knowledge while he was chief of said staff, which meeting resulted in the recommendation of his expulsion. On the other hand on 28 November SHIMABARA, chief secretary of the party branch, sent an objection to the National Government that the Central Screening Committee approved HONJO for public service in March 1947 although he failed to mention the book Distinguished Personages in the Army in the questionnaire which he had submitted. Further evidence of internal

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dissension was seen when the party initiated its campaign for the anticipated December election. Friction was noted between the SUMIDA clique and the FUJIWARA clique, and with the recommendation of expulsion of HONJO, who actually is still a party member in good standing, it is likely that the party will be split into three factions in the current election campaign. On 27 December HONJO took legal procedures to declare his candidaty for the House of Representatives as a member of the Saga-ken Branch Japan Socialist Party regardless of objection made by NAKAMURA. SUMIDA and FUJIWARA have not yet filed for candidacy but are expected to file.

Saga-ken Branch Japan Democratic-Liberal Party:

On 29 November the Democratic-Liberal Party held a general meeting to deliberate on measures for the coming election. It was agreed that from six candidates for nomination, three would represent the party as official nominees. They also decided to expel from the party any unselected member who dares to run as a party candidate or independent candidate.

Though during December, the Central Headquarters of the Japan Democratic-Liberal Party recommended Messrs. MORI, NAGAI, YANAI and MIIKE to run as candidates, the Saga-ken Branch Japan Democratic-Liberal Party opposed the action taken by the Central Headquarters and therefore made notification of cancelling the recommendations made by the headquarters. On 27 December a general meeting was held and three candidates were selected from the present six who are expecting to run. However, YANAI who was not selected filed his candidacy as a member of the Democratic-Liberal Party with the Prefectural Government asserting that though the local branch did not select him, he would run in accordance with the recommendation made by the Central Party Headquarters.

MORI Naoji, former member of the National Diet running as candidate is being investigated by the FUKUOKA Higher Procurator's Office for being involved in the KOKKAN (National Coal Mine Control) Scandal. However, on 27 December, MORI after returning from Tokyo decided to run as a candidate in spite of the fact that he is being investigated as a suspect in the KOKKAN Scandal, asserting that the reason he was investigated as a suspect of bribery in connection with the KOKKAN Scandal was because some political forces tried to entrap him and keep him from running as a candidate in the coming election.

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BASIC: Ltr, Saga Mil Govt Team, subj: "Election of National Diet Members," dtd 31 Dec 48.

Saga-ken Branch Japan Democratic Party:

After the downfall of the ASHIDA Cabinet the Democratic Party has been actively engaged in strengthening the party and making preparation for the coming election. Internal dissension was seen during November when two leading members of the party (AOKI and TANIMURA, prefectural assemblymen) left the party on 29 November to join the Democratic-Liberal Party. A number of the members left the party to join the Democratic-Liberal Party, because the Democratic Party became involved in the SHODEN (SHOWA Electric Co.) Scandal. However, the Democratic Party remains popular in Saga-ken and HORI Shigeru is the candidate that the people expect to win in the coming election.

Highlights on the activities of minor parties are as follows:

Saga-ken Branch Japan Communist Party:

The Communist Party held numerous meetings since the anticipated dissolution of the National Diet. Popular scenes of activities were at coal mines throughout the prefecture but reports indicates that attendance at each meeting was negligible. Chairman HATA Shikaru of the Saga Branch running as candidate engaged actively by holding numerous meetings throughout the ken. In December HATA was investigated as a suspect of violating election laws in December but investigation have shown that the activities carried out by the Communist Party was within the law.

Workers and Farmer Party:

Prefectural Assemblymen of Okayama-ken and chief of the Organization Committee of the Workers and Farmers Party, KURODA Toshio arrived in this ken in November to organize the new Workers and Farmers Party in this ken. Conference was held with KATO Giichi, chairman of the Saga-ken Branch Japan Farmers Union and it was agreed that KATO would run as a candidate from this ken representing the Workers and Farmers Party. A decision has been reached to form a branch party in Saga-ken of the new party in January 1949.

Highlights on the activities of other political parties and organizations are as follows:

Peoples' Cooperative Party:

There is no organized branch party of the Peoples' Cooperative Party in this prefecture. However, OSHIMA Tazo

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representing the party is actively seeking sphere of influence in the ken and will run as candidate in the coming election.

Saga-ken Teachers Union:

One Candidate, YANAGAWA Zenko, is expected to run as candidate supported by the teachers union in the coming election.

c. Major Parties Participating:

1. Democratic-Liberal Party
2. Democratic Party
3. Socialist Party
4. Communist Party

d. Names of Important and Prominent Candidates:

	Name	Party Affiliation
1.	HORI Shigeru	Saga-ken Branch Japan Socialist Party
2.	NAKAMURA Mataichi	" " " " " "
3,	MIYAJI Hideo	" " " " " "
4.	MORI Naoji	Saga-ken Branch Japan Democratic-Liberal Party
5.	MIIKE Shin	Saga-ken Branch Japan Democratic-Liberal Party
6.	KITAGAWA Sadamu	Saga-ken Branch Japan Democratic-Liberal Party
7.	YANAI Junji	Saga-ken Branch Japan Democratic-Liberal Party
8.	SUMIDA Toozaburo	Saga-ken Branch Japan Socialist Party
9.	HONJO Hironobu	" " " " " "
10.	MIZUGUCHI Senmatsu	Independent
11.	HATA Shikaru	Saga-ken Branch Japan Communist Party
12.	OSHIMA Tazo	Peoples' Cooperative Party

e. Number of Other Candidates:

	Name	Party Affiliation
1.	NAGAI Eishu	Saga-ken Branch Japan Democratic-Liberal Party
2.	*MIMASAKA Gota	Saga-ken Branch Japan Democratic-Liberal Party
3.	FUJIWARA Gontaro	Saga-ken Branch Japan Socialist Party
4.	*ODA Momohiko	Saga-ken Branch Japan Democratic-Liberal Party

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5. *YANAGAWA Zenko — Saga-ken Teachers Union
6. KATO Giichi — Workers and Farmers Party

* Not expected to run.

f. Campaign Issue Involved:

Nothing particular observed to date.

g. General Evaluation of Campaign Activities:

Candidates filing for candidacy with the prefectural Government Office since 27 December have not campaigned intensively. Respective political parties in this ken seemed to have stopped activities due to the oncoming new year holidays. However, it is expected that after the holiday seasons, each candidate and political party will carry on intensive campaigns during the period before election day.

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HEADQUARTERS
SAITAMA MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
APO 201

ABW/ms
12 March 1949

SUBJECT: Japanese General, 8th Army, APO 343

TO : Commanding General, 8th Army, APO 343
(Attn: Military Government Section)

In compliance with paragraph 4. letter Headquarters 8th Army, above subject, dated 11 February 1949, the following information, on the recent election for members of the Prefectural Assembly, held on 27 February 1949. is hereby submitted:

a. (1) Urawa District: One (1) Prefectural Assemblyman.

(2) Osato District: One (1) Prefectural Assemblyman.

(3) Kitakatsushika District: One (1) Prefectural Assemblyman.

b. The reasons for the vacancies in all cases, were resignations to become candidates for the Diet.

c. The candidates names, age, occupation, sex, party affiliations, supporting organizations and total votes received on the above election. follows:

District	Name	Age	Occupation	Sex	Party	Supporting Org.	Votes Received
Urawa	Jiro Furukawa	38	Printing business	Male	Japan Communist	J.C.P. Urawa "Cell"	4,085
"	Shoichi Kondo	40	Company officer	"	Democratic Lib.	Demo-Lib. Urawa Chapter	9,275
"	Miyuki Ishihara	61	Political party officer	"	Japan Socialist	Japan Socialist Urawa Chapter	2,574
"	Eizaburo Tanaka	53	Without occupation	"	Independent	Democratic Urawa Municipal Administration Club	10,750
Osato-gun	Tsu Seyama	52	Company officer	"	Demo-Lib.	Democratic Lib. Osato Chapter	36,990

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District	Name	Age	Occupation	Sex	Party	Supporting Org.	Votes Received
Osato-gun	Shokichi Oka	44	Farmer	Male	Japan Communist	Japan Communist Northern area	13,321
"	Kinichi Taguchi	27	Staff-member of Livelihood Coop	"	Japan Socialist	Japan Socialist Osato Chapter	11,080
Kitakatsu-shika-gun	Juro Takei	47	Teacher	"	Democratic Lib.	Democratic Liberal Kitakatsu-shika Chapter	23,164
"	Shigejiro Kuramochi	43	Company Director	"	Indepen-dent	None	5,601
"	Toshio Shiraishi	40	Organization officer	"	Japan Communist	Japan Commu-nist Eastern area	8,734

d. The names of the previous incumbent, his political party and whether or not elected, follows:

District	Name	Party	Elected to Diet.
Urawa-shi	Toshie Shirato	Independent	No
Osato-gun	Eiichi Ishikawa	Democratic	No
Kitakatsushika-gun	Yusuke Nagatsuka	Japan Socialist	No

e. The total registered electorate - male and female - by districts, follows:

District	Male	Female	Total
Urawa-shi	26,016	28,521	54,537
Osato-gun	44,225	49,417	93,642
Kitakatsushika-gun	29,547	32,575	62,122

f. The total registered electorate and percentages to those voting, male and female, follows:

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District	Total Electorate Male	Female	Total	Percentage of those voting Male	Female	Total
Urawa-shi	14,644	12,196	26,840	56%	43%	49%
Osato-Gun	33,408	30,101	63,509	76%	61%	68%
Kitakatsu-shika-gun	21.211	17,864	39.075	72%	55%	63%

g. The total votes obtained by each Party at the election of previous incumbent, follows:

District	Demo-Lib.	Demo.	Social	People's Co-op	Comm.	Independent	Total
Urawa-shi	9.789	6,686	5,576	-	735	16,013	38.799
Osato-gun	7,384	36,335	15,275	-	3,208	13,289	75,491
Kitakatsu-shika-gun	32,669	-	7,649	-	1,789	6,441	48,548

h. The votes obtained by each party at the recent election for the Diet by districts, follows:

District	Demo-Lib.	Demo.	Social	People's Co-op	Comm.	Minor Party	Ind.	Total
Urawa-shi	20,425	3,204	6.164	1,356	5,664	-	748	37,561
Osato-gun	30,220	19,353	4,894	3,901	19,527	-	1,249	79,144
Kitakatsu-shika-gun,	36,356	-	7,926	-	3,290	539	-	48,111

i. The cost to the local entity, follows:

Urawa-shi ¥ 168,200

Osato-gun ¥ 443,650

Kitakatsushika-gun ¥ 405,450

Total ¥ 1,017,300

j. There were no unusual incidents nor serious violations of the election laws.

k. The changes in the political trends between previous and present election for the positions in the Diet, from the Det to the by-election and our own evaluation, follows:

It is evident that the conservative element has increased enormously with due recognition given to the increase in the Communist Party strength. The calibere of the candidates from that party are not believed to be as

pronounced, as those who were successful. The combined strength of both was gained from miscellaneous weaker parties by both the conservative and the more radical candidates. There appears to be a growing tendency to continue to support two divergent political ideologies over the previous multiple division of strength resulting in questionalbe majorities. In this particular assembly there are thirty (30) Democrat Liberals, fifteen (15) Democrats, ten (10) Socialists, and five (5) Independents. This conservative strength represents seventy-five (75) percent of the sixty (60) members, which augurs well for conservative ideals and doctrines.

1. The principal issues expounded by the opposing parties at this election were:

Democratic Liberals.

(1) Better control adjustment in conformity to the 9 point Economic Stabilization Program.

(2) Establishment of Democratic politics.

(3) Necessary revision of the Labor Law.

(4) Improvement of foodstuffs delivery system.

(5) Betterment of cultured life.

Socialists.

(1) Democratic national management and socialization of key-industries.

(2) Thorough democracy and carrying out of socialism.

(3) Revision of the Public Sefvice Law and elevation of wage standard.

(4) Establishment of agricultural financing system.

(5) Priority to educational and cultural budgets and securing the minimum amounts.

Democrats.

(1) Materialization of the 9 Point Economic Stabilization Program and economic rehabilitation.

(2) Application for introduction of foreign capital and promotion of export.

(3) Establishment of wage system upon efficiency of work.

(4) Thoroughgoing execution of the se ond project land reform.

(5) Promotion of rural culture and refinement of racial arts.

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Communists.

(1) National management and people's supervision of banking institutions and key-industries.

(2) Abolition of bureaucratic control and control in the hands of the people.

(3) Objection to the revision of the Public Service Law, for the worse.

(4) Objection to the heavy taxes which destroy agriculture and industries.

(5) Freedom of political activities by students.

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HEADQUARTERS
SAITAMA MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
APO 201

ABW/ms
26 February 1949

4137 SUBJECT: Japanese Local By-Elections.

TO : Commanding General, Hq. Eighth Army, APO 343
(Attn: Military Government Section)

1. In compliance with instruction contained in Paragraph 2, 2nd Indorsement, KMGR, 24 February 1949, to letter above subject, Hq. 8th Army, 11 February 1949, advise that the statistics quoted in Paragraph 2, basic letter, which apply to this prefecture, were verified and it has been found that one Japanese By-Election will be conducted on 27 February 1949 for the purpose of filling three(3) vacancies for the Prefectural Assembly. Further, the positions for Mayor of two (2) towns in this prefecture will not be filled at this time. We have been advised that such an election will be held at a later date to fill these vacancies.

2. In reference to Paragraph 4, basic letter, the following information is submitted:

Name	Location
Prefectural Assemblyman	Urawa District
" "	Osato District
" "	Kitakatsushika District

3. The desired second report will be submitted on 12 March 1949.

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HEADQUARTERS
SAITAMA MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
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SLW/ms
27 January 1949

2238 SUBJECT: Election Report

THRU : Commanding Officer, Kanto Military Government Region, APO 201

TO : Commanding General, Eighth Army, APO 343
Attention: Military Gov't Section

1. Transmitted herewith, in compliance with par. 7, c, OD #1, 3 January 1949 is report on Japanese General Elections for Saitama Prefecture.

2. The attached report was prepared by the Legal and Government Section of this headquarters.

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Incls:
1-Election Report - Saitama Prefecture (quint)
2-Election Report - Kawaguchi City (quint)
3-Election Report - Urawa City (quint)

REPORT FORM ON SURVEILLANCE OF ELECTIONS

1. Number of Prefecture...Saitama...

2. Number of Registered Voters.
(Men.....528,559....
(Women....578,834....
(Total..1,107,384....

3. Number Actually Voting.
(Men.....457,170....
(Women....410,077....
(Total....867,247....

4. Number Persons claiming Registration but not registered. .....0....

5. Number of Surveillance Teams. ....23....

6. Number of Polling Places. ...892....

7. Number of Polling Places Visited. ...705....

8. Number of Ballot Counting Places. ...343....

9. Number of Ballot Counting Stations Visited. ...273....

10. Availability of Candidates purge questionnaires, at Election Administration Committees Offices and at Screening Committee's Offices. Available.at.both

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

Press	Radio	Political Gatherings
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12. Approximate number of pre-election campaign meetings held throughout prefecture by each party.

Party	No Meetings	Total Att.
Demo-Lib.	3	Approx. 100
Demo.	2	" 60
Socialist	2	" 60
Independent Meetings	156	No figures available

Note: Pre-election campaign meetings in this prefecture were held mainly on an independent bases or on a scheduled dialogue bases.

13. No. of pre-election meetings held by MG Team:

	No Meetings	Total Att.
With Election Administrative Committee and with officials (Pref. and Local)	30*	1,000 est.
With Candidates.	1	37

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* Does not include numerous field visits to election committees by MG personnel on pre-election surveillance.

14. Report generally on extent of local publicity given to election (e.g. newspaper stories, advertisements, radio time, placards, postcards, handbills).

a. **Radio.** Time given candidates. Time also used by election committee to publicize election.

b. Loud Speakers. Use of PA systems of RR Stations, Police Stations and Movie Houses made to disseminate information concerning elections, especially about use of ballot for Supreme Judges.

c. Newspapers. Wide publicity given to the importance of voting, to methods of avoiding ballot-invalidation, and to election violations.

d. Printed Matter. Wide circulation made of all posters pamphlets and booklets provided by the National Election Management Committee.

e. Movie Houses. Films provided by Democratic Political Ed. Assn. shown at main places of the prefecture. Slides from same source as well as from National Election Administration Committee and those prepared by the Prefecture E.A.C. shown at movie houses. In addition, most movie houses displayed posters giving publicity to the election.

f. Paper Puppet Shows. Put on by the Pref. Social Ed. Committee.

g. Education. Prefectural Social Ed. Committee sponsored meetings and debates in Citizens' Public Halls. School pupils acquainted with the importance of the election.

h. Miscellaneous. Sponsored by the Pref. E.A.C., Propagation Units circulated throughout the prefecture calling on voters to vote by use of megaphones.

15. Member of violations reported or observed.

Coercion	0
Soliciting for votes	5
Interference with free and secret voting	0
Privileges granted favored candidates	0
Dishonest tabulation in reporting of votes	0
Buying of votes	3
Excessive expenditures	0
Police interference of any type	0
Riots or other disorders	0
Improper disqualifications of voters	0
Violations of purge directives	2
Others	41

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16. Military Government Team's comments and evaluations.

a. Any criticism voiced in regard to activities of Occupation Forces. None.

b. Comments on activities of local election administration committees.

Very active in this prefecture. Instrumental in obtaining high voting rate.

c. How may election laws be improved?

By removing restrictions prohibiting constitutional open campaiging.

d. Other suggestions in regard to election.

Recommend that MG be authorized to concentrate on pre-election surveillance, then minumize election-day surveillance.

17. Significant political trends in the prefecture.

Democratic Liberals captured an overwhelming majority throughout all election districts. The power of intermediate parties declined, the candidates of the Democratic Party were, completely defeated, and only one Socialist was elected. The Communists made a remarkable showing, gaining two seats out of thirteen. This could mean that the public has lost confidence in the existing political parties because of their political weakness and disclosures of scandals.

Out of four Communist candidates, one per prefectural election districts, two were elected. This success may be due to clever political tactics of placing one candidate per election district. The prefectural total Communist vote was 109, 158, only 12.8% of the prefectural total, but this was enough to get two candidates elected out of thirteen. Another factor aiding the Communist vote was the party's making political capital out of such public problems as rice-delivery, taxation and house shortages.

A recapitulation of the political vote in Saitama Prefecture is as follows.

Diet Seats Obtained

Democratic Liberal	9
Communist	2
Socialist	1
Independent	1
Total	13

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REPORT FORM ON SURVEILLANCE OF ELECTIONS

1. Name of City..Kawaguchi..Saitama-ken....

2. Number of Registered Voters.
(Men.....30,617.....
(Women...31,140.....
(Total...61,757.....

3. Number Actually Voting.
(Men.....24,747.....
(Women...20,751.....
(Total...45,498.....

4. Number Persons claiming Registration but not registered. ...None...

5. Number of Surveillance Teams. .....1....

6. Number of Polling Places. ....31....

7. Number of Polling Places Visited. ....31....

8. Number of Ballot Counting Stations. .....6....

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

10. through 16. See Prefectural Report.

17. Significant political trends.

The total Democratic-Liberal vote in this city was well over half all the votes cast. Despite this one Communist candidate succeeded in placing second, with 6,749 votes. This is not difficult to understand, however, since Kawaguchi is a manufacturing town with a large population of laborers.

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REPORT FORM ON SURVEILLANCE OF ELECTIONS

1. Name of City..Urawa, Saitama-ken.....

2. Number of Registered Voters.
(Men.....27,140....
(Women...29,778....
(Total...56,918....

3. Number Actually Voting.
(Men.....20,523....
(Women...17,561....
(Total...38,084....

4. Number Persons claiming Registration but not registered. ...None.....

5. Number of Surveillance Teams. .....1.....

6. Number of Polling Places. ....15.....

7. Number of Polling Places Visited. ....15.....

8. Number of Ballot Counting Stations. ....10.....

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

10. through 16. See Prefectural Report.

17. Significant political trends.

The Democratic-Liberals succeeded in obtaining in obtaining well over half the total vote in this city. This total vote was split between two candidates, which was instrumental in allowing a Communist (Watanabe) to gain the second highest city vote, 5,664. The rise of the Communist party in this city is very surprising, since Urawa is the Prefectural Government seat, and up till now, considered very conservative.

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HEADQUARTERS
SAITAMA MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
APO 201

SLW/ms
14 January 1949

SUBJECT: Special Report, General Election Activity

1390

TO : Commanding General, Eighth Army, APO 343
Attention: Military Government

In compliance with Part 9, Radio Hdqs Eighth Army, cite: DX 99914 MGA, the following report, as of close of business 13 January, is submitted concerning activities in Saitama Prefecture in connection with the coming general elections.

1. Major Parties:

Democratic Liberal
Socialist
Communist
Democratic

2. Names of Candidates of Importance:

a. Kenji Fukunaga, Democratic Liberal, former Vice-Governor

b. Kanzo Oizumi, Democratic Liberal, former mayor of Kawaguchi-shi

c. Yoshimichi Watanabe, Communist Party leader

3. Name of Woman Candidate:

Toshie Shirato, Democratic, former Prefectural Assembly-member

4. Number of other candidates:

Thirty-three (33)

5. Main Campaign Issues:

a. Rebuilding of national economy

b. Taxation reforms

c. Administrative reforms

d. Improvements of staple food distribution

6. General Evaluation of Activities.

a. Japanese Activities.

(1) Candidates are stepping up campaign tempo, making frequent use of speech privileges.

(2) Prefectural and local election committees busily engaged in dissemination of election educational material.

(3) Election violations to date (observed or reported) consist of :

(a) Heckling by Communist in audience at speech in favor of candidate.
Fukunaga (4 January - Omiya).

(b) Distribution (suspected) of private pamphlets by Ogawa, Pro-American Society, in favor of candidate K. Takahashi (5 January - Hasuda).

(c) Communist Party election posters on display (5 January - Kawagoe).

(d) Prints of four non-communist candidates inserted in Saitama Nippo (Communist Paper) on 2 January.

(e) Pictures and articles on four(4) communist candidates inserted in Shin-Saitama (Communist paper) on 12 January.

All above violations have been subject of police action.

b. Military Government. Combined efforts of Legal and Government and Information Sections directed toward meetings with and checks upon activities of Japanese election officials, especially with reference to proper dissemination of election information material. One(1) special election surveillance team operating daily in each election district. Members of all sections, MG, engaged in pre-election checks on regularly scheduled field trips.

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HEADQUARTERS
SAITAMA MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
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SLW/ss
31 December 1948

SUBJECT: Special Report, General Election Activity

9508

TO : Commanding General, Eighth Army, APO 343
Attention: Military Government

In compliance with Part Nine, Radio, Headquarters Eighth Army, cite: DX 99914 MGA, the following report is submitted concerning activities in Saitama Prefecture in connection with the coming general elections.

1. Major Parties

Democratic Liberal
Socialist
Communist
Democratic

2. Names of Candidates of Importance

a. Kenji Fukunaga, Democratic Liberal, former Vice-Governor

b. Kanzo Oizumi, Democratic Leberal, former Major of Kawaguchi-shi

c. Yoshimichi Watanabe, Communist party leader

3. Name of Woman Candidate

Toshie Shirato, Democratic, former Prefectural Assembly Member

4. Number of other Candidates

Thirty-four (34)

5. Main Campaign Issues

a. Rebuilding of stable economy

b. Taxation Reforms

c. Introduction of Foreign Capital

d. Monetary Policy

6. General Evaluation of Activities

a. Japanese. Mainly devoted thus far to registration of candidates, meetings of election committees to plan for election and to disseminate information material to the public.

b. Military Government. Combined efforts of team Legal and Government and Information Sections directed toward meetings with and checks upon activities of Japanese election officials, especially with reference to proper dissemination of election information material.

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HEADQUARTERS
SHIGA MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
APO 25, Unit 3, (Otsu, Honshu)

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22 March 1949

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SUBJECT: Report on Bye-Elections

TO: Commanding General
I Corps
APO 301.

1. Transmitted herewith report on Bye-elections as requested by TWX Cite 111, Kinki Military Government Region, dated 18 March 1949.

2. Bye-elections held since 1 January 1949 are as follows:

7 Jan 49	Headman and Assemblyman	Ishibe-cho, Koga-gun
30 Jan 49	Headman	Sayama-mura, Koga-gun
1 Feb 49	Assemblyman	Hino-cho, Gamo-gun
16 Feb 49	Headman	Ritsuki-mura, Takashima-gun
20 Feb 49	Prefectural Assemblyman	Shiga Ken
20 Feb 49	Assemblyman	Hikone-shi, Shiga Ken
1 Mar 49	Headman	Moriyama-cho, Yasu-gun,
1 Mar 49	Headman	Nakano-mura, Gamo-gun
13 Mar 49	Assemblyman	Shimoda-mura, Koga-gun

3. Elections to be held between now and 30 June 1949 are as follows:

24 Mar 49	Assemblyman	Notogawa-cho, Kanzaki-gun
25 Mar 49	Headman	Kinomoto-cho, Ika-gun
10 Apr 49	Headman and Assemblyman	Ono-mura, Koga-gun
17 Apr 49	Headman	Katata-cho, Shiga-gun
3 Apr 49	Headman	Hyozu-mura, Yasu-gun

4. The results of these elections are as follows:

Location & Date	No. Votes	Candidates	Party	Percentage of total vote: Gamo.	Non-Gamo.	Men	Women
Ishibe-cho 7 Jan 49	611	*Iwakichi Takeuchi	Independent	0%	100%	52.6%	47.4%
	281	*Kazufusa Kogima	Independent				
	148	Kiyoshi Maruichi	Independent				
Sayama-mura 30 Jan 49		*Yasaemon Nasuyama	Independent	No voting (only 1 candidate)			

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SUBJECT: Report on Dye-Elections

22 March 1949

Location & Date	No. Votes	Candidates	Party	Percentage of total vote Comm.	Comm.	Non.	Waren
Hino-cho 1 Feb 49	600	*Kiichiro Hasoda	Independent	1%	86%	43.8%	56.2%
	481	*Taichiro Nakajima	Communist				
	412	*Setsuo Wada	Independent				
	543	*Yoshitaro Yunaki	Independent				
	344	Chuji Nakata	Independent				
	385	Shiro Mori	Independent				
	282	Yoshigi Nakajima	Independent				
	366	Toyokichi Sugihara	Independent				
Kutsuki-mura 16 Feb 49	1,153	*Tsumon Kamise	Independent	0%	100%	48.1%	51.9%
	542	Toshiji Matsumura	Independent				
Yasu-gun 20 Feb 49 Pref. Assem.	2,966	Hanjiro Nakade	Communist	16%	84%	56.3%	43.7%
	3,882	*Tsurumatsu Hasegawa	Dem-Liberal				
		Shoichi Nishina	Socialist				
Koga-gun 20 Feb 49 Pref. Assem.	5,325	Otokichi Nishioka	Dem-Liberal	5.1%	94.9%	50.3%	49.7%
	8,287	Gozo Nakamura	Dem-Liberal				
	4,989	Tejiro Aoki	Democratic				
	3,499	Toshiji Nishio	Socialist				
	265	Koji Okuda	Independent				
	2,226	Juji Kamei	Communist				
	13,242	*Jizaemon Yoshikawa	Dem-Liberal				
Hikone-shi 20 Feb 49 Pref. Assem.	2,299	Mikio Ebata	Independent	10%	90%	47.1%	52.9%
	4,101	*Rokusaburo Matsui	Dem-Liberal				
	2,737	Matugiro Terasawa	Independent				
	3,295	Hikotaro Enoki	Democratic				
	1,769	Masao Masuda	Communist				
	2,263	Motogiro Kawaguchi	Independent				
Hikone-shi 20 Feb 49	1,729	*Zenzo Kohari	Independent	10%	90%	47.1%	52.9%
	2,570	*Tokuma Seru	Independent				
	2,918	*Matsutaro Tsuji	Independent				
	1,708	*Hatazo Tawara	Independent				
	896	Nobuko Taniguchi	Democratic				
	706	Hanshiro Mori	Independent				
	1,583	Sumiko Mochizuki	Independent				
	636	Tsunezo Miyota	Independent				
	1,226	Harutoshi Shin	Communist				
	431	Kizo Nishida	Socialist				
	650	Juzo Kato	Independent				
	389	Yoshitaro Iwanaga	Socialist				
	1,701	Motojiro Kawaguchi	Independent				

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22 March 1949

SUBJECT: Report on Bye-Election

Location & Date	No. Votes	Candidates	Party	Percentage of Total Vote: Women	Women	Men	Women
Moriyama-cho 1 Mar 49	1,718	*Shozaburo Nishiura	Independent	0%	100%	47.1%	52.9%
	1,706	Ohta, Chojiro	Dem-Liberal				
Nakano-mura 1 Mar 49		*Chuzaburo Fujii	Independent	No voting (only 1 candidate)			
Shimoda-mura 13 Mar 49		*Izo Tani	Independent	No voting(only 16 candidates for 16 Assembly seats)			
		*Genyemon Bokuda	Independent				
		*Genichi Taniguchi	Independent				
		*Shuhachi Janishi	Independent				
		*Shizo Uenishi	Independent				
		*Shujiro Tani	Independent				
		*Hachiroemon Taniguchi	Independent				
		*Yoshigoro Janishi	Independent				
		*Usaburo Taniguchi	Independent				
		*Gantaro Tani	Independent				
		*Taniemon Taniguchi	Independent				
		*Saburo Janishi	Independent				
		*Teizo Tani	Dem-Liberal				
		*Akira Yoshii	Independent				
		*Shozo Tahizawa	Independent				
		*Okujiro Yamanaka	Independent				

Asterisk denotes those persons elected.

5. In order to insure a well informed vote in past election the following have been done:

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a. Election circulars were produced and distributed locally.
b. Mobile public address systems toured the prefecture.
c. Spot announcements were made at railway stations.
d. Commercial theaters ran slides urging the people to vote.
e. Conferences held with leaders of PTA, Women's and Welfare Organizations.
f. Newspapers printed articles encouraging the people to vote.
g. Leaflets were scattered by airplane over the three cities of the prefecture on one occasion.
h. Circulars covering the Election Laws wee distributed.
i. Letters were sent to all election officials by the prefectural information section.
j. Large posters were made and distributed.
k. 21 sign-boards have been erected throughout the prefecture.

6. Japanese agencies that have been concerned with Election progress are as follows:

a. Information section of the prefecture.

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b. Woman's and Minors Bureau.
C. Woman's Affairs Branch, of the prefecture's Social Education Section.
d. Election Administration Commission.

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Surveillance of Election for Members of the Prefectural Assembly and Hikone City Assembly - 20 February 1949.

28 February 1949
49/LG/E/3.

1. Name of Prefecture - Shiga

2. Number of Registered Voters.

	Yasu-gun	Koga-gun	Hikone City
Men	14,614	23,069	10,765
Women	16,779	26,242	13,979
Total	31,393	49,311	24,744

3. Number Actually Voting

	Yasu-gun	Koga-gun	Hikone City
Men	10,441	19,120	8,348
Women	8,126	18,903	9,308
Total	18,567	38,023	17,656

4. Number persons claiming registration but not registered. None reported

5. Number of Surveillance Teams. 4

6. Number of Polling Places. 163

7. Number of Polling Places visited. 101

8. Number of Ballot Counting Stations. 35

9. Number of Ballot Counting Stations visited. 34

10. Availability of Candidates purge questionnaires at Election Administration Committee's Offices.

Purge questionnaires were available to the general public at Election Administration Committee Office.

11. Amount of publicity given to the fact that candidates purge questionnaires were available at Election Administration Committee Office.

Notices were posted to this effect throughout towns and villages.

12. Approximate number of pre-election campaign meetings held through-out prefecture by each party.

Party	Yasu-gun	Koga-gun	Hikone City
Democratic-Liberal	259	1,280	220
Democratic	-	390	146
Communist	138	244	102
Socialist	158	401	386
Independent	-	70	270

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13. Extent of local publicity given to this election.

a. Posters and sign-boards were made.
b. Lists of the candidates were distributed.
c. Advertisements in the newspapers.
d. Information concerning election was broadcasted.
e. Advertisement of election by loud-speakers.
f. Posters were made by pupils of the primary schools.

14. Number of violations reported

Two charges of Election Law violations are being investigated by the Procurator's Office.

15. Persons Elected:

	Prefectural Assembly	Hikone City Assembly	
Yasu-gun	Hasegawa, Tsurumatsu (Democratic-Liberal)	Tsuji, Hatsutaro	(Independent)
Koga-gun	Yoshikawa, Jizaemon (Democratic-Liberal)	Tabara, Motazo	(Independent)
Hikone City	Matsui Rokusaburo (Democratic-Liberal)	Kobori, Zenzo	(Independent)
		Kawaguchi, Motojiro	(Independent)

16. Communist votes:

	Yasu-gun		Koga-gun		Hikone city	
	Comm.	Dem-Lib.	Comm.	Dem-Lib.	Comm.	Dem-Lib.
23 Jan 49	1,733	14,078	3,445	24,192	2,297	9,283
20 Feb 49	2,966	9,986	2,226	26,854	1,769	4,010

17. Comments:

a. This election was particularly spirited in Hikone city.
b. All candidates were active and made many speeches.
c. The Communist Party conducted a very vigorous campaign.
d. There were no violations noted on election day or on ballot counting day.

E. D. Lucas

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Lt Col, CAV
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Surveillance of Election for Members of House of Representatives and Review of Supreme Court Judges, 23 January 1949

49/LG/R/1

31 January 1949

1. Name of Prefecture - Shiga

2. Number of Registered Voters.

Men	218,231
Women	256,174
Total	474,405

3. Number Actually Voting.

Men	185,885
Women	175,984
Total	361,869

4. Number Persons claiming Registration but not Registered. — None Reported

5. Number of Surveillance Teams. — 21

6. Number of Polling Places. — 750

7. Number of Polling Places Visited. — 430

8. Number of Ballot Counting Stations. — 182

9. Number of Ballot Counting Stations Visited. — 170

10. Availability of Candidates purge questionnaires at Election Administration Committee's Offices and at Screening Committee's Offices.

Questionnaires were available for public inspection at the Local Affairs Section of the Kencho, and town offices in the Ken.

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

Press	Radio	Political Gatherings
None	None	Several times

12. Approximate number of pre-election campaign meetings held throughout prefecture by each party.

Socialist Party	625	Communist Party	299
Liberal Party	* 601	Peoples Cooperative	278
Democratic Party	482	Labor-Farmer Party	113
Independents	* 393		

13. Number of pre-election meetings held by MG Team:

With Election Administration Committee.	None
With Officials.	None
With Candidates.	None

* Not all street meetings are included.

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14. Report generally on extent of local publicity given to election.

a. 200,000 handbills were distributed by aeroplane.
b. Posters were made.
c. Signs were attached to vehicles.
d. Sign boards were made.
e. Motor car with loud speaker was used.
f. List of the names of candidates was distributed.
g. Personal history gazette was published.
h. Advertisements in newspapers.
i. Radio broadcasts were made.
j. Loudspeaker addresses in the cities.
k. Loudspeaker addresses at railway stations.
l. Loudspeaker addresses at theatres.
m. Two streamers in front of the Kencho building.

15. Number of violations reported:

Coercion	None
Soliciting for votes	None
Interference with free and secret voting	None
Interference with access to polls	None
Privilege granted favored candidates	None
Dishonest tabulation in reporting of votes	None
Buying of votes	2
Excessive expenditures	None
Police interference of any type	None
Riots or other disorders	None
Improper disqualification of voters	None
Violations of purge directives	None
Others	19

16. Military Government Team's comments and evaluations.

a. There were no direct criticisms of the Occupation Forces voiced in any of the speeches during the campaign. The Communist Party speakers, by implication, left no doubt in anyones mind that the Occupation Forces were included in their attacks on Capitalism.

b. The local Election Administration Committees followed the laws to the letter in most cases the only instances of non-compliance were minor and were corrected by Japanese authorities.

c. The Election laws are good as they stand. Inquiry of the Election officials as to recommended changes brought forth nothing constructive.

d. Better quality of paper for braille votes will assist in blind voting.

Publicity of the actions of Supreme Court in local newspapers will give people knowledge of court that they did not have during this review.

e. The 21 violators shown in Par 15 have been referred to Procurator for investigation and disposition.

17. There was no particular trend to the election in this prefecture. The mass of the people are still to be educated on what a free election means. The parties had no widely differing platforms and offered nothing more than clean politics, rehabilitation of industry and trade, lower taxes and consideration for the little man.

The surprising strength of the Communist Party is not due to conversion of voters to communistic ideology. Rather their strength reflects the result of what any well led organization can do in making more promises, more times, to more people.

E. D. Lucas

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Lt Col, CAV
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HEADQUARTERS
SHIGA MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
APO 25, Unit 3, (Otsu, Honshu)

17 December 1948

SUBJECT: Action of Election Administration Commission on an Election Violation

THRU: Commanding Officer, Kinki Mil Govt Region, APO 301

TO: Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers, APO 500.

1. Reference is made to Art 95, Election Law, of the House of Representatives, Law No. 47, 5 May 1925 and Art 53, Local Autonomy Law (see Incl 1).

2. On 14 Dec 48, Ezaki Kazuhara displayed a lantern on which was the statement "Ezaki Kazuhara, Official Candidate for Election of House of Representatives, Japan Communist Party." (see Incl 2).

3. This case was immediately referred to the Election Administration Commission. After study they submitted the attached report (Incl 3). This report seems to temporize and follow the current attitude of officials toward the Communists - "We don't like them but we are afraid to do anything that may arouse their anger."

4. It would appear that intent to conduct a campaign is obvious when a possible candidate places a lantern stating that he is an official candidate in a public place. If this is true the Election Administration Commission is guilty of failure to carry out their duties and at least place the case before the courts for decision. In this case, the commission was aided in reaching that decision by both the procurator and the police as indicated in their comments in inclosure 3.

5. It is requested that the Election Administration Commission be directed through Japanese channels to take immediate action in bringing this case to court.

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Election Law of House of Representatives

Chapter 10: Election Campaign

Article 95: Election campaigns shall not be done unless the notification as provided for in paragraphs 1 to 3, inclusive, of Article 67 has been made.

Article 67: (This is almost the same as Art 53, Local Autonomy Law.) A person who purports to be a candidate shall, during the period between the day on which public notice of the date of election has been given and the seventh day prior to the date of election, file notice to that effect with the presiding officer of election.

If a person whose name has been entered in the elector's register purports to cause another person to become a candidate, he may, upon obtaining the consent of that person and within the period contemplated in the preceding paragraph, file notice of recommendation of that person.

If, in case where the number of the candidates who have filed notice or of whom notice has been filed within the period contemplated in the preceding two paragraphs exceeds the full number of the election, any of the candidates dies or withdraws his candidacy after the lapse of the period. Candidates may file notice or their notice be filed in conformity to the preceding two paragraphs till the second day prior to the day of election.

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STATEMENT

/s/ Kumahika Yamanaka, born on 29 Dec 1892
Permanent Address: 64, Tomita-cho, Okayama-shi, Okayama-ken.
Present Address: 967, Matsumoto, Nishi-Matsugae-cho, Otsu-shi, Shiga Ken.

1. I am working in Shiga Military Government Team at the information desk since 15 October 1946.

2. There were posters on electric poles at various places publicizing a discussion meeting of the Communist Party sponsored by Mr. Kazuhara Ezaki on "What income tax and business tax are used for?", at the sewing room of the Shimo Sakamoto Primary School, Shiga-gun, at 1900, on 14 December 1948. So I went to the school at about half past seven.

I entered from the side gate of the school and when I was passing the hallway, I noticed a lantern ahead of me, on which was written "Kazuhara Ezaki official candidate for the election of the House of Representatives of the Japan Communist Party." It was hung at a place about 36 feet past the steps which led to the sewing room where the meeting was to be held. As there was light in it, I saw it clearly. The place was located in such a way as ~~as~~ to be clearly visible from the play ground which people usually pass by. In the meeting were about 5 present. When I went back home at about 2030 the lantern, still lighted, was there as before.

16 December 1948

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SHUROKU KURATA
Translator
Shiga Mil Govt Team

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本籍　岡山縣岡山市大字富田町　六四

現住所　滋賀縣大津市松本西松ヶ枝町九六九

山中熊彦

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一、私ハ昭和二十一年十月十五日ヨリ滋賀軍政部受付ニ勤務シテ居リマス

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又其ノ場所ハフダン人々ノ通行スル運動場カラモヨク見エル位置デアッタ

会合ノ出席者　五名位

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昭和二十三年十二月十六日

Shiga-Ken Election Committee No. 482

15 December 1948

/s/ Chief of Shiga-Ken Election Administration Committee

TO: Military Government Team

SUBJECT: Pre-Elections Campaign for the Election of the House of Representatives

We herewith report to you as per annexed sheet concerning our investigations on the subject case which was referred to us.

Inclosure

It is a violation of Article 95 of the Election Law of the House of Representatives. But it requires to be accompanied by an intention to commit a crime as to whether or not the speaker has the will to run for the anticipated election.

Remarks

Chief of Detective Section is of the opinion that it could be taken for illegal campaigning on the form as mentioned above. However, it is quite difficult to collect evidences to prove the criminal intent when applied to actual cases.

Orita, assistant chief procurator of the Otsu District Procurator's Office has the same opinion. The Chief of Detective Section of Osaka NRP Regional Headquarters has the opinion that it is the illegal campaigning which has to be taken action by collecting sufficient evidences in cooperation with the procurators' office concerned.

16 December 1948

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Haruko Icho

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Shiga Mil Govt Team

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HEADQUARTERS
SHIMANE MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
APO 248

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22 March 1949

SMGT-CI 000.1

49/CIE/IM/1

SUBJECT: By-election Report

TO: Commanding General
Headquarters I Corps
APO 301

1. The following report on By-elections in Shimane Prefecture is submitted:

a. Number of By-elections held in Shimane Prefecture to date:

1 January 1949 to 21 March 1949 - 12.

b. Number of By-elections to be held prior to 30 June 1949:

22 March 1949 to 30 June 1949 - 9.

c. Results of By-elections held since first of the year, including number of candidates, political parties, number of eligible voters, number voted (men and women), votes for each candidate or party and other facts:

(1) 18 January 1949; election of Mayor of town of Omori, Nima-gun.

1 Candidate: Ringo NOZAWA, elected
Political Party: Independent
The candidate was elected Mayor without ballot as there was no competitor.

(2) 10 January 1949; election of Headman of Chibu-mura,, Oki Islands.

3 Candidates.
Political Party: All Independent

Eligible Voters:		Number Voted:
Men	561	487
Women	794	653
Total	1355	1140

Votes for each candidate:
Kikujiro SATO 544
Ishita NAKA 457
Jiko KUCHIMURA 68

Votes for Party: All Independent - 1,117

(3) 20 February 1949; election of Headman of Tsuji-mura, Naka-gun.

1 Candidate: Ryozo YAMAGUCHI, elected
Political Party: Independent
The candidate was elected without ballot as there was no competitor.

(4) 21 February 1949; election of Headman of Hii-mura, Ohara-gun.

1 candidate: Takashi SATO, elected
Political Party: Independent.
The candidate was elected without ballot as there was no competitor.

(5) 12 March 1949; election of Headman of Mori-mura, Noki-gun.

1 Candidate: Koji KURODA, elected
Political Party: Independent
The candidate was elected without ballot as there was no competitor.

(6) 20 March 1949; election of Mayor of town of Yokota, Nita-gun.

1 Candidate: Zenkichi YAMADA, elected
Political Party: Independent
The candidate was elected without ballot as there was no competitor.

(7) 18 January 1949; election of all members of Town Assembly of Omori-machi, Nima-gun.

12 Candidates.
Political Party: All Independent.
As the number of candidates did not exceed the number of Assemblymen to be elected, all candidates were automatically elected.

(8) 4 February 1949; election of Assemblymen of Tamayu-mura, Yatsuka-gun.

3 Candidates.
Political Party: All Independent
As the number of candidates did not exceed the number of Assemblymen to be elected, all candidates were automatically elected.

(9) 11 February 1949; election of Assemblymen of Futakawa-mura, Mino-gun.

2 Candidates.
Political Party: Both Independent
As the number of candidates did not exceed the number of Assemblymen to be elected, both were automatically elected.

(10) 3 March 1949; election of Assemblymen of Kawai-mura, Anno-gun.

6 Candidates
Political Party: All Independent

Eligible Voters:		Number Voted:	
Men	1080	Men	934
Women	1035	Women	820
Total	2115	Total	1754

Votes for each candidate:

Yosaku KAWAKITA	370
Yukichi NASUNO	343
Shusaku WATANABE	307
Tsunemi TAKAGI	303
Hatsutaro IWAYA	283
Sezo TANAKA	123

Votes for party: All Independent - 1729

(11) 12 March 1949; election of all members of Town Assembly of Akana, Iishi-gun.

18 Candidates
Political Party: All Independent

Eligible Voters:		Number Voted:	
Men	755	Men	719
Women	870	Women	844
Total	1625	Total	1563

Votes for each Candidate:

Kan-ichi OSHIMA	117
Asaji IIJIMA	105
Zenjiro HORIKOSHI	101
Seito MIYASAKO	100

Masaichi YASUI	99
Yoshiaki KIMURA	98
Kenji ONO	94
Eiichi SHIKATANI	89
Isaku YAMASAKI	88
Manshiro YOSHIKAWA	88
Hoshin SASAKI	85
Sukeichi SASAKI	83
Naojiro CHIBA	75
Kaneichi FUJIHARA	80
Kin-ichi SARUDA	74
Shinnosuke TANABE	73
Masakichiro TAKUNO	57
Goichi TSUKAMOTO	38

Votes for Party: All Independent - 1544

(12) 28 February 1949; By-election for Shimane Prefectural Assembly.

6 Candidates
Political Parties: Democratic Liberal - 1
Japan Socialist - 1
Japan Communist - 1
Independent - 3

Eligible Voters:		Number Voted:	
Men	18,032	Men	16,946
Women	19,466	Women	17,797
Total	37,499	Total	34,743

Votes for each Candidate:

Fudeichi TSURAKI	Independent	866	
Shin-itsu SASAKI	Independent	10,391	
Kiko AOKI	Japan Socialist	8,689	
Satoru OBATA	Communist	1,725	
Mitsuo YASUHARA	Independent	10,816	Elected
Yutaka OFUSA	Demo-Liberal	1,713	

Votes for Parties:

Democratic Liberal	1,713
Japan Socialist	8,689
Japan Communist	1,725
Independent	22,073

d. The Team Education Section, Legal and Government Section and Civil Information Section cooperate together and with the Japanese officials in informing the Japanese public of their responsibilities as voters.

Through newspaper articles, radio broadcasts, lectures, round table discussions and adult education programs, every effort is made to educate the public in the democratic procedure of votin g.

e. The responsible Japanese agencies in Shimane Prefecture concerned with By-elections are:

Prefectural Election Supervisory Commission
City, Town, Village Election Supervisory Committees
District Offices
Prefectural Board of Education
Prefectural Civil Information Section

f. The above mentioned agencies collaborate in publicizing elections through the medium of press, radio broadcasts, lectures, round table and panel discussions, adult education program and the distribution of pamphlets, posters, etc.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

ADLEY D. SMITH
1st Lt, Inf
Adjutant

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HEADQUARTERS
SHIMANE MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
APO 248

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3 March 1949
49/LG/G/9

SMGT-LG 000.1

SUBJECT: By-Election

TO : Commanding Officer
Chugoku Military Government Region
APO 248

1. Reference letter thisheadquarters, subject as above, dated 7 February 1949.

2. A sixth candidate entered his candidacy just under the deadline for filing. The name and a brief description of the candidate follows:

a. Yutaka OFUSA, age 35, a company director, and member of the Democrat-Liberal Party. He lives at 1007-1 Asai, Hamada-shi, Shimane-ken. He is a new-comer.

3. The election was held on 25 February 1949, during inclement weather, and the returns were as follows:

	a. Candidates	Ballots
	Mitsuo YASUHARA (elected)	10,816
	Shin-itsu SAKAI (runner-up)	10,391
	Kiyoshi AOKI	8,689
	Satoru KOBATA	1,725
	Yutaka OFUSA	1,713
	Fudeichi TSUBAKI	866
	TOTAL	34,200
b.	Disqualified votes	543
	Total number of votes cast	34,743
	Number of registered voters	37,499
	Voting percentage	92.65%

4. The platform of the candidate-elect is best summarized as follows: To further Local Autonomy and Social Education institutions; to improve rivers and agricultural reform; to assist the fishing industry; To speed up construction of tourist attractions; and to hasten the improvement of all prefectural roads.

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CLAYTON L. MAUSERT
Lt Colonel, TC
Commanding

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HEADQUARTERS
SHIMANE MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
APO 317

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2 February 1949

49/LG/G/7

SMGT-LG 000.1

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SUBJECT: Special Election Report

TO: Commanding General
Headquarters Eighth Army
APO 343

1. In compliance with paragraph 7c, OD #1, Headquarters Eighth Army, dated 3 January 1949, the following report is submitted:

a. Prefecture: Shimane, representing 242 towns, villages and 3 cities. One Electoral District. Five Diet members to be elected.

b. Number of registered voters: Men - 228,085
Women - 261,501
Total - 489,586

c. Number actually voting: Men - 210,650
Women - 229,582
Total - 440,232

d. Percentage registered voters actually voting: 89.92%. This prefecture, therefore, obtained a higher percentage than any other prefecture in Japan.

e. Number of voters claiming registration but not actually registered: 30.

f. Number of surveillance teams: 25 (9 of which were furnished by 24th Division)

g. Number of polling places: 1365

h. Number of polling places visited: 573. Landslides and heavy snowfall blocked roads prohibiting greater coverage.

i. Number of ballot counting stations: 251

j. Number of ballot counting stations visited: 131

k. Availability of candidates purge questionaires at Election Administration Committees' Offices and at Screening Committees' Offices: The questionaires were inspected by this headquarters. Two candidates have minor prison records and two have minor military histories.

l. Amount of publicity given to the fact that candidates purgee questionnaires are available at Election Administration Committees' Offices and Screening Committees' Offices: Press - 1, Radio - 1, a circular was sent to each city, town and village headsmen in the prefecture, requesting publicity of this fact.

m. How many visits were made by voters to examine purge questionaires: 20

n. Number of Campaign Debate Meetings held: 50

(1) Approximate average attendance: 450
(2) Each candidate participated either in person, or by representation in an average of 22 of the debate meetings.

o. Independent Meetings: 499 Attendance varied from approximately 400 at some meetings to 5 at others.

p. Number of pre-election meetings held by military government team: 1

(1) With Election Administration Committees: 2, attendance 5
(2) With officials: 3, attendance 2
(3) With candidates (Informal meeting in person): 2, attendance 2

q. The two local newspapers devoted space each day to general education regarding election, and question-and-answer type articles regarding election. This team by arrangement with nearby Fifth Air Force Base, Miho, dropped 120,000 handbills, urging all voters to vote, on 18 cities and towns.

r. There were approximately eleven (11) instances of electric power stoppage during ballot counting activities. In two or three cases counting was held up for more than an hour. This was made the subject of a special investigation by the N.R.P. However, no charges were filed. The local CIC Detachment is investigating, as the localities are predominantly Communist. The Communist Party is considered responsible for the 5% non-confidence vote on Supreme Court Justices in this prefecture. Many posters were posted on billboards, telephone poles and fences, reading "Resolution Passed to Put 'X' on all Supreme Court Judges Ballot", and "Liberal Lawyers' Organization held a 7th meeting at Tokyo Barristers' Club, passed resolution to recall all Supreme Court Judges in the coming referendum. The reason given was that they are all not fit to act as the guardian of the constitution".

s. No criticism whatever has been ~~varied~~ voiced regarding activities of Occupation Forces.

t. Local election administration committees, without exception, knew their job and performed them in excellent manner. In numerous instances instructions were rendered regarding the use of the Supreme Court Justices ballot. Voters, in three instances, due to complete lack of knowledge concerning use of this ballot attempted to stuff the ballot in the sleeves of their kimonos instead of turning them in. A number of polling stations had ballot boxes with two slots, as a further check on voters to return both ballots. Communists predominated at only one of the ballot counting stations checked; no irregularities were observed. The list of candidates was torn loose by strong winds at one polling station and remained unposted for several hours before surveillance teams arrived and made correction. Only one voters' lottery was observed. It consisted of a vase filled with rice straw, one straw having a red tip, as each voter passed by to leave the polling station a straw was pulled. If the red tipped straw was drawn the voter received ¥100 as a prize for voting.

u. In view of the frequency of minor election campaign law violations, involving every candidate to varying degrees, a more specific set of laws appear necessary.

v. As originally predicted, the Communist candidate, Kimura Sakae, up for re-election, was again elected by a small margin (approximately the same as 1947 election) over the sixth place candidate. However, the percentage of votes obtained by Kimura Sakae has risen slightly more than 2% over his previous election returns. One factor which received some publicity, in view of the fact that the most popular candidate is Kimura Kozaemon and the least popular candidate is Kimura Sakae, is that a number of voters are known to have written on their ballots the name of the Kimura which is easiest to write; i.e. Sakae.

w. The most significant political trend here, as elsewhere, is toward Democrat and Democrat-Liberal from Socialists. This dispite the fact that the Socialist Party Engaged more extensively in campaigning than any other political party in the prefecture. Of the two Socialist Candidates up for re-election, one was decidedly beaten and the other placed a poor fourth. The beaten Socialist was replaced by a Democrat; making the ~~voter~~ roster of House Members from this prefecture read as follows: Democrat 2, Democrat-Liberal 1, Socialist 1, Communist 1.

for Arthur E. Lorensberg Maj
CLAYTON L. MAUSERT
Lt. Colonel, TC
Commanding

HEADQUARTERS
SHIMANE MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
APO 317

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SMGT-LG 000.1 — 24 January 1949

SUBJECT: Special Election Report — 49/LG/G/6

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TO: Commanding General
Headquarters Eighth Army
APO 343

1. In compliance with par 7 a, OD #1, Headquarters Eighth Army, dated 3 January 1949, this fifth report is submitted:

a. Ryoichi KANETSUKI, Kisuki-machi, Ohara-gun, Shimane-ken, an election committeman for Ohara-gun, has now been revealed as a former Japanese Military Police (KEMPEITAI member) and has been disqualified.

b. Junzo MATSUMOTO, Socialist candidate and former member of the House of Representatives, is charged with having written campaign messages on two of his calling cards and handed them out to persons at a hotel. Sadajiro FUJII, a fellow-canvasser, has also been charged in connection with this violation. The Procurators are investigating further.

c. Trajiro MASAKO, Shobara-mura, Hikawa-gun, Shimane-ken, Democratic Party canvasser induced Magoemon OKADA, a neighbor, to prepare a circular and show it to 23 persons for the purpose of calling the persons to a street campaign speech of the candidate Kozaemon KIMURA. Case has been referred to the Procurators.

d. Hiroshi KAJIYAMA, Nakasugi-mura, Suki-gun, Shimane-ken, canvasser for Yoshinori HIGUCHI, Socialist candidate, invited 11 voters to his house for a drinking party for the purpose of influencing their vote. The Procurator's office is investigating.

e. Iwao YOSHIOKA, Saigo-cho, Suki-gun, Shimane-ken, canvasser for Toshio NAKASAKI, Socialist candidate, mailed 30 New Year's cards to voters on Oki Islands advertising the candidate NAKASAKI.

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SHIMANE MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
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20 January 1949

SUBJECT: Special Election Report

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TO: Commanding General
Eighth Army
APO 343

1. In compliance with par 7a, OD #1 Hdqrs 8th Army dtd 3 Jan 49, this fourth report of Election Law Violations is submitted:

a. Toshi NITTA, Ichiki-mura, Ochi-gun, Shimane-ken, canvasser for Sakae KIMURA, Communist candidate, showed lantern slides as a means of propaganda for the candidate and thereafter delivered a speech to the 15 persons assembled. The candidate was not present.

b. Chota ICHIBARA, Ibara-mura, Ochi-gun, Shimane-ken, canvasser for Sakae KIMURA, Communist candidate, circulated 150 handbills to the qualified voters in Ibara-mura.

c. Matsutaro OGAKI, Sojiki-mura, Ochi-gun, Shimane-ken, canvasser for Sakae KIMURA, Communist candidate circulated 5 handbills to registered voters in Sojiki-mura.

d. Tadaichi OGAKI, Sojiki-mura, Ochi-gun, Shimane-ken, canvasser for Sakae KIMURA, Communist candidate, circulated 30 handbills to voters in cooperation with the above two accused.

e. Genichi KURAMI, Asuna-mura, Ochi-gun, Shimane-ken, canvasser for Sakae KIMURA, Communist candidate, passed out 2 handbills while helping the above 3 accused.

f. Isamu MIYAZAKO, and Torasaburo ISHITOBI, both canvassers for Sakae KIMURA, Communist candidate, and both residing in Kisuki-cho, Ohara-gun, Shimane-ken, assembled approximately 40 registered voters and each in turn delivered speeches on behalf of the absent candidate.

g. Hirao MIKAMI, Tsuga-mura, Ochi-gun, Shimane-ken, canvasser for Sakae KIMURA, Communist candidate, passed out 30 handbills to voters of his community.

h. Jun HATTORI, Takahara-mura, Ochi-gun, Shimane-ken,

canvasser for Sakae KIMURA, Communist candidate, circulated 30 handbills to voters of his community.

i. Kiyoshi FUKUDA, Ikuma-mura, Yatsuka-gun, Shimane-ken, canvasser for Toshi NAKASAKI, Socialist candidate, mailed 20 New Year's cards bearing the name of the candidate to qualified voters on Oki Islands, this prefecture.

2. All of the above 10 accused are being investigated and several have already been charged by the Procurators. Complete report of disposition will be forwarded when available.

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18 January 1949

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SUBJECT: Special Election Report

TO : Commanding General
Headquarters Eighth Army
APO 343

1. In compliance with Par. 7a, O.D. #1, Headquarters, Eighth Army, dated 3 January 1949, this third report of Election Law Violations is submitted:

a. Kichiro Morito, Democrat-Liberal canvasser, and employed at Daiwa Spinning Mill, Shinji-machi, Shimane-ken, is alleged to have distributed to 10 or more fellow-employees calling cards of Takeo Ohashi. This charge was made by Sadao Okamoto, age 32, member of Shimane District Committee of Japan Communist Party, 204 Asahi-machi, Matsue City on 15 January 1949, at Shinji Police Station. The case is being investigated and further report will follow.

b. Hiroshi Kajiyama, Oaza Harada, Nakasuji-mura, Suki-gun, Shimane-ken, Chief of Village Farmland Committee, Member of Village Assembly, and canvasser for Kitoku Higuchi, Japan Socialist Candidate is alleged to have mimeographed 60 visiting cards of Higuchi for election campaign purposes and handed them out to farmers within the village. The Dogo District NRP are investigating and will doubtless turn the case over to the district procurator.

c. Unjiro Fujii, Kakinoki-mura, Kanoashi-gun, Shimane-ken, canvasser for Jungo Matsumoto, Japan Socialist Candidate, is charged with having distributed an unknown number of calling cards of the candidate Matsumoto at the village office of Kakinoki-mura. Kanoashi District Police are investigating.

d. Magaemon Okada, Shobara-mura, Hikawa-gun, Shimane-ken, farmer and canvasser for Kozaemon Kimura, Democrat candidate, is alleged to have passed a handbill or circular around in his ward to approximately 33 persons advertising an impending street speech by Kimura. Shobara Municipal Police are investigating.

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2. Altogether there have nowmbeen seven (7) Election Law violations reported in this prefecture.

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17 January 1949

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TO : Commanding General
Headquarters Eighth Army
APO 343

1. In compliance with Par. 7a, O.D. #1, Headquarters Eighth Army, dated 3 January 1949, this second report of Election Campaign Law Violations is submitted:

a. Chojiro HATAO, head of theDogo Branch of Japan Socialist Party, Oki Islands, Shimane-ken, on 7 January 1949, inserted in the Shimane Shimbun on the lower part of the second page a New Year's greeting in the name of the Japan Socialist Party. The newspaper is circulated daily throughout the Prefecture. Complete details of the wording of the greeting, etc., are not yet in. Further report will be made.

b. Haruo YOKOCHI, Japan Socialist Party canvasser, with permanent domicile at 219 Aza Hira, Nakasuju Mura, Suki Gun, Shimane-ken, and temporary address 1199 Hachibata, Ichikawa Shi, Chiba-ken, apparently supervised the printing of 1000 illegal cards at Tokyo in the campaign of this Prefectures' Socialist Candidate. Two Hundred of these cards were mailed from Tokyo Central Post Office on 22 December 1948 to various friends in Shimane Prefecture. The balance (800 cards) were brought back by YOKOCHI to his permanent domicile and approximately 400 were mailed to his friends here. Two other persons have been apprehended in connection with the distribution of the cards and the entire case is under investigation by the Police in cooperation with the Election Commission.

2. This office is closely following the investigation and prosecution of these violations and complete reports will be submitted.

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14 January 1949

SUBJECT: Special Report on Election Activity

TO: Commanding General
Headquarters Eighth Army
APO 343

1. In compliance with par 1 b, O.D. #1, Headquarters Eighth Army, dated 3 January 1949, the following report covering the first eighteen (18) days of election activity is submitted:

2. Summary of Opening Events:

a. Debate speeches are being conducted throughout the prefecture. Thus competition between candidates runs very close. Our surveillance of two of these debate meetings yesterday afternoon and last night left us with varying thoughts, none tHe least of which are: the intense enthusiasm, the cold calculations and the same peculiar polite behavior between candidates as did prevail that fateful December day at Washington.

b. It appears that a great many substitutions have been made by some candidates. That is, candidates have been unable to attend the prearranged debate meeting and have had their representative deliver their speech. However, the election commission advise that no candidate has yet had in excess of the designated five speeches delivered for him in his absence. This is being watched closely.

c. The Communist candidate representative at the debate performed in typical fashion, elaborating on the corruption in the Diet and leaving no stone unturned to criticize the government and every other political party and organization. Very little attempt was made to provide sensible solutions to these problems.

d. The Socialist Party at the debate likewise dwelt upon the corruption in the Diet just dissolved and through constant reference to the efforts being made by the United States to rehabilitate Japan's economy, as well as to compare it with the influence of Soviet Russia, it appears certain that a considerable number of points were made by the Socialist candidate. However, to date, we have received reports of two campaign law violations, both of which were violations of representatives of this Socialist candidate.

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e. The Non-Partisan candidate advised the audience that he had been informed of a census which was taken in this prefecture recnetly designed to determine the political thoughts of the masses. It purportedly shows that 62% of the people have no faith in any government. This candidate wants to help the farmers and to bring down the high tax.

3. Major Parties Participating:

a. A new party (the fifth) is now represented in the race, it being the People's Cooperative Party.

4. List of all candidates on file:

a. Name: KIMURA, Sakae
Age: 40
Political Party: Communist
Occupation: Transport Agency
Residence: 464 Asahimachi, Matsue-shi
Local Party Headquarters: 464 Asahimachi, Matsue-shi
Name of Accountant: OKAMOTO, Sadao
Name of Campaign Manager: OKAMOTO, Sadao
Name of Supporting Organization: Japan Communist Party

b. Name: OHASHI, Takeo
Age: 46
Political Party: Democratic Liberal
Residence: 1283 Kamiyoshida, Masuda-machi
Occupation: Lawyer
Address of Local Party Headquarters: Suetsugunomachi, Matsue-shi
Name of Accountant: KODAMA, Naoichi
Name of Campaign Manager: SHIMADE, Yasuichi
Name of Supporting Organization: Democratic Liberal Party

c. Name: MATSUMOTO, Junzo
Age: 56
Political Party: Japan Socialist
Residence: 96 Kamiyoshida, Masuda-machi
Occupation: Profession of Letters
Address of Local Party Headquarters: 309 Oda-machi, Anno-gun
Name of Accountant: MATSUMOTO, Junzo
Name of Campaign Manager: SASAKI, Saburo
Name of Supporting Organization: Japan Socialist Party

d. Name: KIMURA, Kozaemon
Age: 62
Political Party: Democratic Party
Residence: 904 - 3rd Street, Setagoya, Tokyo-to
Occupation: Director of a Company Ltd.
Address of Local Party Headquarters: 32 Minami-tonomachi, Matsue-shi
Name of Accountant: NABIKA, Hideo
Name of Campaign Manager: TANE, Kazuyoshi
Name of Supporting Organization: Democratic Party

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e. Name: YAMAMOTO, Toshinago
Age: 54
Political Party: Democratic Party
Residence: 125 Yagami-machi, Ochi-gun
Occupation: Agriculturalist
Address of Local Party Headquarters: 32 Minami-tonomachi, Matsue-shi
Name of Accountant: SUWA, Seiichi
Name of Campaign Manager: SUWA, Seiichi
Name of Supporting Organization: Japan Democratic Party

f. Name: NAKASAKI, Toshi
Age: 50
Political Party: Japan Socialist
Residence: 297 Hondenkawabatacho, Katsushikaku
Occupation: President of the Toho Chemic Industry Co. Ltd.
Address of Local Party Headquarters: 309 Odamachi, Anno-gun
Name of Accountant: Moriwaki, Chuichi
Name of Campaign Manager: MORISAKI, Chuichi
Name of Supp orting Organization: Japan Socialist Party

g. Name: AGOSHI, Saburo
Age: 53
Political Party: Democratic Liberal
Residence: 953 - 3rd Street, Kitazawa, Setagayaku
Occupation: Managing Director of the Masuda High School of Commerce and Technics
Address of Local Party Headquarters: 45 Suetsugu-machi, Matsue-shi
Name of Accountant: OGOSHI, Ichiro
Name of Campaign Manager: SHIMADA, Yasuichi
Name of Supporting Organization: Japan Democratic Liberal Party

h. Name: HIGUCHI, Yoshinori
Age: 45
Political Party: Formerly Socialist, now unattached
Residence: 1065 Mitoya-machi, Iishi-gun
Occupation: Agriculturalist
Address of Local Party Headquarters: 309 Oda-machi
Name of Accountant: Itoga, Mataemon
Name of Campaign Manager: ITOGA, Mataemon
Name of Supporting Organization: The Shimane Federation, All Japan Farmers' Union

i. Name: SHIRAKAWA, Dentoku
Age: 54
Political Party: People's Cooperative Party
Residence: 989 Kamimeguro, Meguroku, Tokyo-to
Occupation: Merchant
Address of Local Party Headquarters: Nakashima, Tai-shomachi, Matsue-shi
Name of Accountant: SHIRAKAWA, Hiroyoshi
Name of Campaign Manager: SHIRAKAWA, Dentoku
Address of Campaign Headquarters: 1731 Masuda-guchi, Masuda

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j. Name: MISHIMA, Yutaro
Age: 44
Political Party: Non-attached
Residence: Kuboto-mura, Hikawa-gun
Occupation: Agriculturalist
Address of Local Party Headquarters: None
Name of accountant: KATA Sueichi
Name of Campaign Manager: HAMA Akiyoshi
Name of supporting Organization:
(1) Shimane-Farmers' Union
(2) Hikawa District Federation, Farmers' Union
(3) Hikawa District Agricultural Cooperative
(4) Shimane-ken Federation of Agricultural Cooperatives
(5) Shimane-ken Branch, All Japan Agricultural Workers' Union

k. The number 11 candidate who was Non-Partisan withdrew his candidacy prior to the submission of the deposit with the Central Government.

5. List of all Political Parties and Organizations:

a. The Japan Democratic Party No. 32, Minamitonomachi, Matsue-shi Head: Sakurauchi Mikio, Treasurer: Tane Kazuyoshi

b. The Japan Democratic Liberal Party No. 45, Suetsugumachi, Matsue-shi. Head: NAITO Takashi, Treasurer: ISHIBASHI, Yoshio.

c. The People's Cooperatives Party, Nakashima, Taishomachi, Matsue-shi. Head: KOYAMA Tomoichi, Treasurer: Nagaoka Heikechi.

d. The Japan Socialist Party, No. 309, Oda-machi, Anno-gun. Head: MATSUMOTO, Iunzo, Treasurer: NAMURA, Hideo.

e. The Japan Communist Party, No. 464, Asaki-machi, Matsue-shi. Head: OKOMOTO, Sadao, Treasurer: OKAMOTO Sadao.

f. The Shimane Prefectural Conference of Commercial and Industrial Politics - Democratic Liberal No. 8, Tonomachi, Matsue-shi. Head: NAITO, Takashi, Treasurer: Tetsuka, Masahisa.

g. The Association of Foundation of New-Japan, Nakamura, Kitabori-machi, Matsue-shi. Head: NAKAMURA, Yu, Treasurer: ONISHI, Kashiji.

h. The Impartial Club, No. 49, Tonomachi, Matsue-shi. Head: OTANI, Shoichiro, Treasurer: ADACHI, Tomiyoshi.

6. A General Over-all Evaluation of the Campaign Activities:

a. Several candidates have introduced themselves to this section. None has had anything to say, although it has been obvious that they are

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very seriously applying themselves toward winning election.

b. One of the three Socialist candidates (HIGUCHI, Yoshinori) has withdrawn his membership in the Socialist Party and is running now as an Independent. In fact, the All-Japan Farmer's Union, backing Higuchi, also announced their severance from the Socialist Party because the Party "changed to a boss political party", "approved only former representatives and denied the advance of new persons", thus obstructing and frustrating democracy.

c. Debate meetings are, on the whole, very well attended and as usual the audiences are extremely attentive.

d. Views expressed in this section's report of 31 December 1948 as to the outcome of the election remain unchanged. The single Communist candidate will undoubtedly be re-elected by a very small margin.

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Headquarters, Chugoku Military Government Region, APO 317, Kure, Honshu, 19 January 1949.

TO: Commanding General, Eighth Army, APO 343.

1. Forwarded in compliance with par 7b, O.D. #1, Headquarters Eighth Army, dated 3 Jan 1949.

2. Copy of report has been sent to Headquarters I Corps.

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Colonel, FA
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HEADQUARTERS
SHIMANE MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
APO 317

12 January 1949

1332 SUBJECT: Special Election Report

TO : Commanding General
Headquarters, Eighth Army
APO 343

1. In compliance with par. 7a, O.D. #1, Headquarters, Eighth Army, dated 3 January 1949 the following confirmation of a telephone report concerning a election law violations is submitted:

a. Shigeharu HIRANO, the secretary and treasurer of the Japan Socialist Party sub-division in Hamada, this Prefecture, in contravention of article 21 of the election campaign law, exhibited on the rear door of his private residence a large poster 6 x 2 ft. stating the following " Election Liaison Office for Matsumoto Junzo, approved candidate for the Japan Socialist Party".

b. The matter is under thorough investigation by the Procurator's Office.

c. In as much as the Socialist candidate is permitted two headquarters, this point has already been cleared up to warrant continuation of the case toward prosecution. As of this date the Prefectural Election Commission has announced that the candidate Matsumoto Junzo had but one headquarters, that being in the candidate's home town, Masuda.

2. A report at the conclusion of this case will be forwarded for your information.

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31 December 1948

SUBJECT: Special Report on Election Activity

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TO: Commanding General
Headquarters, Eighth Army
APO 343

1. Ref ltr Chugoku Mil Govt Region, subj as above, dtd 29 Dec 48.

2. Following is a complete report on Election Activity in Shimane Prefecture as at the close of business today, 31 Dec 48.

a. Complete summary of opening events:

(1) Designation of IZUMI Waichiro as Chairman of the Electoral Committee; and designation of ITAKURA, Ryuji as Chief of the Shimane Branch of the National Screening Board. HIGASHIUME, Ryotaro was appointed as deputy to both of these Committee Chairmen. HIGASHIUME is the Chief of the Provincial Administration Section in this prefecture.

(2) Voters' rosters are being made up and will be closed finally on 21 Jan, two days prior to election day. At the present count there are 227,447 male and 260,167 female registered voters.

(3) Size of campaign newspaper ad has been fixed at five centimeters X six centimeters.

(4) In Oki Islands (the most inaccessible district in the prefecture) the frequency of individual speeches is limited to 5 per candidate.

(5) Schedule has been drawn up between the representatives of the various political parties and the Election Committee of the Local Affairs Section, designating 25 communities where open competetive speeches will be delivered by the candidates. The schedule has been drawn up using as a basis the eight (8) official candidates thus far registered and cleared. The candidates are divided into two groups of four members each. The schedule for each group is properly synchronized to eliminate any friction between the groups. The placing of the candidates in the group, as well as the places where

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the candidates will speak will be settled by drawing lots previous to 5 Jan 49 when these campaign speeches will begin. Each candidate has been allotted 28 minutes and the group allotment is a total of 2½ hours. The outcome of such procedure is certainly a matter for great speculation, and this team will perform close surveillance.

b. Progress of Campaign Activity:

(1) As of this date no actual radio speeches have been delivered. Several are planned.

(2) Handbills are being prepared, we are informed; although none has actually been distributed.

(3) The only activity thus far has been the delivery of short speeches by several of the candidates in their own "back yards" to small groups.

c. Major Parties of Participating:

(1) Democratic Liberal Party

(2) Democratic Party

(3) Socialist Party

(4) Japan Communist Party

d. Number of Important and Prominent Candidates:

(1) Four (4) Candidates.

e. Number of all other Candidates:

(1) Four (4) Candidates. However, it is expected that 2 or more candidates will be added to the list shortly.

f. List of all Candidates on file:

(1) KIMURA, Kozaemon, Democrat, 3rd Street, Kaminmacho, Setagaya-Ku, Tokyo-to, former Minister of Agriculture and Forestry and Home Affairs, respectively. Chairman of Election Counter-measures for Democratic Party. Was selected all seven (7) times previously for Representative. He obtained 120,000 votes at the last election,

or more votes than any other individual candidate throughout Japan.

(2) MATSUMOTO, Junzo, Socialist, Kamiyoshida, Masuda-cho, Minogun, Shimane-ken. Former Tokyo Prefectural assemblyman. Secretary of Central Executive Committee of the Socialist Party. Now serving as Representative, since April 1947.

(3) KIMURA, Sakae, Communist, Asahi-machi, Matsue-shi, Shimaneken. Chief Clerk of Shimaneken League of Japan Farmer's Union. Presently serving out his term as Representative. Avowed Communist. Believed ringleader of the only anti-government demonstrations in Shimane. However, due to lack of evidence he was not imprisoned recently as were his 13 fellow Communists.

(4) NAKASAKI, Toshi, Socialist, Honden, Kawabata-cho Katsushika-ku, Tokyo-to. Secretary-General of Finance of the Socialist Party. Now serving out his first term as Representative.

(5) OGOSHI, Saburo, Democratic Liberal, 3rd Street, Kitazawa, Setagaya-ku, Tokyo-to. Now serving out his first term as Representative.

(6) OHASHI, Takeo, Democratic Liberal, Imaichi-machi, Izumo-shi, Shimane-ken. A newcomer; very enthusiastic.

(7) YAMAMOTO, Toshikazu, Democrat, Yagami-machi, Ochi-gun, Shimaneken. A newcomer.

(8) HIGUCHI, Yoshinori, Socialist, Mitoya-machi, Iishi-gun Shimaneken. A newcomer.

g. All Campaign issues involved:

(1) These have been published in all Japanese National daily newspapers and it would be repetitious to include them here. Party platforms have been established on a National level and come under approximately eighteen (18) headings. Local issues generally follow the National pattern, on a smaller scale.

h. A general over-all evaluation of the Campaign activities:

(1) It is too early to properly evaluate campaign activities as insufficient activity has yet come to the fore. However, it is reasonable to assume that the leading candidate in the previous general election (KIMURA, Kozaemon) will again poll an overwhelming majority of votes.

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The Communist (KIMURA, Sakae) candidate is also expected to be re-elected, partially because of this heavy pulling of votes by KIMURA, Kozoemon. These candidates are not related in any way; and each has his own belief which diametrically opposes the other. The Communist, KIMURA, actually polled only 8% of the votes cast in the last general election, but that small precentage was sufficient to obtain election in view of the Japanese method of voting.

(2) The local newspapers are giving wide publicity to the election and enthusiasm is at an unheard of attitude in this prefecture.

(3) Preparations by the prefectural officials and the candidates themselves indicate that a smoothly conducted campaign and election will be carried out.

i. The Prefectural Public Safety Committee is coordinating its efforts with the National Rural Police headquarters to detect all election law violations and to prosecute the offenders. No violations have yet been reported. Much publicity of the Election law through "question-and-answer" type article has appeared in the local daily newspapers thus far.

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HEADQUARTERS
SHIZUOKA MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
APO 1007

3 March 1949

SUBJECT: "Report on By-Election for Prefectural Assemblymen in Shi,-uoka Prefecture"

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

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1. Reference is made to letter, your headquarters, AGMGL 091 (Japan), 11 February 1949, Subject: "Japanese Local By-Elections".

2. In compliance with above reference the attached reports are submitted.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

/s/ Andrew E. Farrell
ANDREW E. FARRELL

3 Incls:
1. Report on By-Election Haibara-gun (3)
2. Report on By-Election Hamamatsu City (3)
3. Report on By-Election Shida-gun (3)

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Headquarters Eighth Army, APO 343

TO: Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers, APO 500

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3 Incls
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10 Mar 49

BASIC: Ltr, Hq Eighth Army, APO 343, 11 February 1949, Subj: "Data Concerning By-Elections, Lists of Candidates and Dates of Election."

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HQ SHIZUOKA MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM, APO 1007, 24 February 1949

TO: Commanding General, Eighth Army, APO 343

Basic communication complied with.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

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Andrew E. Farrell

ANDREW E. FARRELL
Major, Cav
Adjutant

2 Incls:
1. Data Concerning By-Elections, Lists of Candidates and Dates of Elections (Withdrawn)
2. Report of Candidates (3)

HEADQUARTERS EIGHTH ARMY
United States Army
Office of the Commanding General
APO 343

AGMGL 091 (Japan)

11 FEB 1949

SUBJECT: Data Concerning By-Elections, Lists of Candidates and Dates of Elections

TO: Commanding Officer
Shizuoka Military Government Team
APO 1007

1. The inclosure entitled "Data Concerning By-Elections, Lists of Candidates and Dates of Elections" was prepared by Government Section, GHQ, SCAP, on 9 February 1949 from data received from Japanese sources.

2. It is desired that the data contained therein be verified and this headquarters be notified immediately of any corrections. It is not necessary to verify or correct the items listed as "Date of Notification."

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BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL WALKER:

1 Incl
As indicated

MONROE N. [illegible]NEY
Major, AGD
Asst Adj Gen

REPORT OF CANDIDATES

ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF PREFECTURAL ASSEMBLIES

SHIZUOKA PREFECTURE

HAMAMATSU CITY

YAMASHITA Yoshiji	M	Democratic Liberal
AMANO Tadao	M	Independent
KAWAI Kasaku	M	Social Democrat

HAIBARA DISTRICT

HATA Toju	M	Communist
SO Takashi	M	Democratic Liberal

SHIDA DISTRICT

MURAMATSU Takeshi	M	Communist
OTSUKA Toshitaro	M	Independent
KONDO Kyuichiro	M	Democratic Liberal
KAWAMURA Usaku	M	Independent

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HEADQUARTERS
SHIZUOKA MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
APO 1007

2 February 1949

SUBJECT: "Final Election Report for 23 January 1949 Election"

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

1. Reference is made to paragraph 7c, Operational Directive No. 1, Eighth Army, 3 January 1949.

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2. In compliance with above reference, the attached report is submitted.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

Andrew E Farrell
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3 Incls:
1. Shizuoka Prefecture Election Report (3)
2. Shizuoka City Election Report (3)
3. Hamamatsu City Election Report (3)

ANDREW E. FARRELL
Major, Cav
Adjutant

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SURVEILLANCE OF ELECTION

1. Name of Prefecture SHIZUOKA

2. Number of Registered Voters. (Men 594.305 (Women 654.752 (Total 1. 249.057

3. Number Actually Voting. (Men 525.524 (Women 530.225 (Total 1. 055.739

4. Number Persons Claiming Registration but not Registered. (Men 0 (Women 0 (Total 0

5. Number of Surveillance Teams 53

6. Number of Polling Places 1.070

7. Number of Polling Places Visited 1030

8. Number of Ballot Counting Stations 293

9. Number of Ballot Counting Stations Visited 252

10. Availability of Candidates purge questionnaires at Election Administration Committee's Offices and at Screening Committee's Offices OK.

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

12. Approximate number of pre-election campaign meetings held throughout prefecture by each party. See attached sheets.

13. Number of pre-election meetings held by MG Team:

		Total Att.
With Election Administration Committee	5	50
With Election Administration Officials (Gun, City, etc.)	66	330
With Candidates	0	0

14. Report generally on extent of local publicity given to election (e.g. newspaper stories, advertisements, radio time, placards, postcards, handbills). See attached sheets.

15. Number of violations reported or observed:

Soliciting for votes 30
No others.

16. Military Government Team's comments and evaluations.

a. Any criticism voiced in regard to activities of Occupation Forces?

All comments were complimentary.

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Surveillance of Election (Cont'd)

b. Comments on activities of local election administration committees.

The job done by the election committees in this prefecture was excellent.

c. How may election laws be improved?

Remove the restrictions and let the chips fall where they may.

d. Other suggestions in regard to election.

Lower the cost: The cost of entry should be lowered so that an independent will have a chance. In this country, election laws should be such that a man of small means could take a bicycle, tie a record player (to draw crowds) and his traveling gear on the luggage rack and make a winning campaign. The present high cost of entry makes that impossible.

17. Report significant political trends in each prefecture and in each major city.

The usual conservative trend was noted in Shizuoka Prefecture, except for the Communistic gains.

Report on Election Publicity

A study of the situation in the early part of the campaign revealed that extremely little spontaneous interest was being aroused nor could expect to be aroused by the Japanese participants and that the Civil Information Section would have to undertake active direction of all the details of political enlightenment efforts centering on the campaign.

Several serious difficulties stood in the way of effective political enlightenment and arousal of interest in the elections. The most important factor in winning the interest of the public in an election and its related issues, nemely, a heated, bitter election campaign, was totally lacking. In the face of all the unfamiliar and stringent restrictions of the election law, the local political bodies became bewildered and apathetic. Talks with party representatives revealed that everyone of the political parties, with the exception of the communists, shared this attitude of resigned apathy. Candidates frequently did not bother to make an appearance at scheduled public meetings. The people who had waited in vain in the freezing buildings naturally went home and spread the word among their friends and neighbors that it was a waste of time attending election meetings. The increased apathy of the public then resulted in increased apathy among the parties.

Another difficulty was the fact that the recent disclosures of the enormous proportions of political corruption in the Diet had shocked a great many people into a state of suspicion of all candidates and active antipathy toward politics in general and the election in particular. Here again, the exception were the Communist-influenced elements.

The inevitable consequences of such a situation, in which only the Communists were strongly campaigning and in which only Communist-influenced elements were taking an interest in the elections, were all too obvious.

Accordingly, the Civil Information Section conferred with the representatives of the various media of public information and pointed out that unless the situation was sharply improved, most of the inhabitants of the prefecture would probably fail to exercise their franchise. An appeal to their pride in their prefecture was also made.

With the cooperation of the public information media, civic groups, and election administration officials, an intense campaign of political enlightenment was launched by the Civil Information Section. All types and methods of publicity were utilized. The significance of representative government and elections were explained in terms of the daily life of the people rather than in theoretical dissertations. Newspapers were instructed in writing election campaign stories in such a way as to win and hold the attention of readers who had grown weary of election news.

Care was taken that all leaflets, posters, etc, contained strong psychological appeals. Public opinion was sounded out and publicity material was concentrated on overcoming the specific causes of election apathy among the various sections of the population. Needless to say, strict impartiality was maintained.

Shizuoka's voting percentage on 23 January was 85.2 percent. The Commanding Officer, Shizuoka Military Government Team, issued a statement congratulating the people on having attained a position of model for the nation by this great turn-out.

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ELECTION - 23 JANUARY 1949

I. Amount of publicity given to fact that Candidates Purge Questionnaires are available at the Election Administration Committee's Office and the Screening Committee's Office.

A. Publication at meetings.

1. At meetings of Election Administration Committee:

30 times.

2. At meetings of Screening Committee:

10 times.

B. Placards.

1. At meeting of Election Administrative Committee:

1 time.

2. At meeting of Screening Committee:

1 time.

II. Approximate number of pre-election campaign meetings held throughout the prefecture.

A. As a Party:

None.

B. Privately Sponsored (street speech):

1. Average number of meetings per day per candidate . . 10

2. During 27 days 270

3. For 35 Candidates 9,450

4. Average number of listeners:

a. Per speech 50

b. Total 472,500

III. Election meetings:

A. Joint Public Election Meetings:

1. First District:

a. 34 for each of the two candidate teams - 67 meetings.

b. Average attendance per speech - 500; total - 33,500.

2. Second District:

a. 34 for each of the two candidate teams - 68 meetings.

b. Average attendance per speech - 500; total - 34,000.

3. Third District:

a. 32 for each of the two candidate teams - 62 meetings.

b. Average attendance per speech - 200; total - 12,400.

4. Grand total of 197 meetings, with an attendance of 79,900.

B. Privately Sponsored Election Speeches:

1. 30 speeches for each of the 35 candidates: total - 1050.

2. Average attendance per speech - 50; Total - 525,000.

IV. Local Publicity:

A. Public Gazette:

1. History of Candidates - 500,000 sheets distributed to households throughout the prefecture.

2. Qualification Examinations - 500,000 sheets distributed.

3. Table of names of Candidates - 500,000 sheets distributed.

4. Notice for Election - 500,000 sheets distributed.

5. Notice for Popular Review - 500,000 sheets distributed.

B. Publication in Newspapers:

1. News publication:

a. Revised Election Law.

b. Law for Popular Review.

c. Public notice for joint public Election Meeting.

d. Introduction of Candidates.

2. Paid Advertisements:

a. Concerning candidates.

(1) Each Candidate - 1 time.

(2) Each party - 1 time.

b. General Election publicity - one time in each of seven newspapers.

C. Broadcasting by Radio:

1. General publicity - four times by Election Administration Committee.

2. Spot Broadcasting - average of four times per day.

3. Broadcasting of history, political opinion by candidates. Three times for each of 35 candidates.

4. Broadcasting of introduction of candidates - 10 times for each of the 35 candidates.

D. Advertisement:

1. Joint Public Election meetings - 6,000 sheets posted on bulletin boards of city, town and village.

2. Privately Sponsored Election Speeches - 9,000 sheets posted on bulletin boards of city, town and village.

3. Military Government Team statements - 3,500 sheets posted on bulletin boards of city, town and village.

E. Placards: An average of two placards displayed in each city.

F. Posters: Displayed on city, town and village bulletin boards, 3,000 sheets.

G. Leaflets: Scattered with motor-car in the East and West zones of the prefecture.

H. Suspending Curtains: 200 placed on the face of high buildings in the prefecture.

S-H-I-Z-U-O-K-A C-I-T-Y

SURVEILLANCE OF ELECTION

1. Name of Prefecture-SHIZUOKA (SHIZUOKA CITY)

2. Number of Registered Voters.
   (Men 54,991
   (Women 60,440
   (Total 115,431

3. Number Actually Voting.
   (Men 45,876
   (Women 42,992

4. Number Persons Claiming Registration but not Registered. None.
   (Total 88,568

5. Number of Surveillance Teams 1

6. Number of Polling Places 32

7. Number of Polling Places Visited 32

8. Number of Ballot Counting Stations 1

9. Number of Ballot Counting Stations Visited 1

10. Report significant political trends.

Marked Communistic gain was noted in Shizuoka City.

Communist Votes - 1947: 3,155

Communist Votes - 1949: 12,425

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H-A-M-A-M-A-T-S-U C-I-T-Y

SURVEILLANCE OF ELECTION

1. Name of Prefecture SHIZUOKA (HAMAMATSU CITY)

2. Number of Registered Voters. (Men 32,140 (Women 36,574 (Total 68,714

3. Number Actually Voting. (Men 28,823 (Women 27,973 (Total 56,496

4. Number Persons Claiming Registration but not Registered. None.

5. Number of Surveillance Teams 1

6. Number of Polling Places 21

7. Number of Polling Places Visited 21

8. Number of Ballot Counting Stations 1

9. Number of Ballot Counting Stations Visited 1

10. Report significant political trends.

Marked Communistic gain was noted in Hamamatsu City.

Communist Votes - 1947: 1,385

Communist Votes - 1949: 3,152

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HEADQUARTERS
SHIZUOKA MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
APO 1007

14 January 1949

SUBJECT: "Report on General Elections"

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

1. Reference is made to the following:

a. Part 8, TWX, Eighth Army, DX 99914 MGA, 27 December 1948.

b. Letter, this headquarters, 30 December 1948, Subject: "Report on General Elections".

2. In accordance with reference a, above, the following report is submitted:

a. Number of Candidates to date: 35

b. Names of Candidates: See attached list

c. Major Parties: Democratic Liberal
Nippon Socialist
Japanese Communist
Peoples Cooperative Party

d. Campaign issues to date: There are no real issues in this campaign. Each candidate is promising an honest administration, more rice, less taxes, and better conditions for everybody - if he is elected.

e. General Activities:

(1) There seems to be little interest shown by the general public in the election campaign. Crowds seldom reach over 150 persons, even at the "competitive" speech meetings arranged by the Prefectural Election Board. One meeting at Shizuoka City (220,000 population) had a total of 23 persons and 6 speakers; at Kanaya-shi (13,500 population) about 40 persons and 6 speakers; at Yoshida-mura (12,000 population) about 115 persons and 6 speakers. In many instances the people come to listen to only one of the speakers and then leave.

Individual persons questioned by our teams are cognizant of the fact that there will be an election but also they seem to know of only a few candidates and it may be that they will vote for the same candidate as before. These election laws seem to favor the person in office and with the lack of interest and the fact that this is planting time here, assures a headstart for the incumbents. As for scandal, it appears to be helping at least one candidate. A Mr. Goshima, recently convicted in a large blackmarket case and fined 1,000,000 yen, is campaigning as "One Million Yen Case Goshima". He is running on the plea that there are too many laws in Japan. He seems to get a good reception at political meetings.

He won too!

(2) Few people understand the reason for the Supreme Court vote. Those that do seem to feel it is too early to vote on the judges, because the judges have handed down no important decisions on which the people can base their vote. In other words the voters will be hiring their top judges for ten years without any basis for hire.

3. Reports from the field indicate that the two campaign surveillance teams sent us from the 138th AAA Group and the 229th Ordnance, respectively, are doing an excellent job. In fact, much better than had been anticipated.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

Andrew E. Farrell

ANDREW E. FARRELL
Major, Cav
Adjutant

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List of Candidates ~~(3)~~

List of Candidates - 14 January 1949 Shizuoka-ken Local Affairs Section

Additional Candidates not Included in Report of 30 December 1948:

Election District No. 1 (Shizuoka, Shimizu, Shimada Cities
Ihara, Abe, Shida, Haibara and Ogasa-guns)

NAME	SEX	DATE OF BIRTH	PARTY	OCCUPATION	ADDRESS
Mizuno Hikojiro	M	31 Jan 1894 (54)	Non Part.	Farmer	#616, Sakura, Sakura-mura, Ogasa-gun
Furukawa Daiko	M	1 May 1871 (79)	Non Part.	Buddhist Priest	#418, Seikenji-ku Okitsu-machi, Ihara-gun

Election District No. 2 (Numazu, Mishima, Atami, Fujinomiya, Ito and Yoshiwara
Citites; Kamo, Tagata, Sunto and Fuji-guns)

Furugori Toshiro	M	1 Jan 1908 (40)	Dem. Lib.	Farmer	#89, Ukishima-mura, Sunto-gun
Akaike Yoshio	M	21 Apr 1899 (51)	Non Part.	Farmer	#967, Awakura, Fujine-mura, Fuji-gun

Election District No. 3 (Hamamatsu, Iwata Cities
Shuchi, Iwata, Hamana and Inasa-guns)

Kato Chushichiro	M	20 May 1912 (36)	Nippon Soc.	President, Hamamatsu Tea Foreign Trade Company, Ltd.	#141, Kamiikegawa-cho, Hamamatsu City

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HEADQUARTERS
SHIZUOKA MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
APO 1007

30 December 1948

SUBJECT: "Report on General Elections"

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

1. Reference is made to part 8, TWX, Eighth Army, DX 99914 MGA, 27 December 1948.

2. In accordance with reference above, the following report is submitted:

a. Number of Candidates to date: 30

b. Names of Candidates: See attached list

c. Major Parties: Democratic Liberal
Nippon Socialist
Japanese Communist

d. Campaign issues to date: Not defined

e. General Activities: Filing for office

3. Due to "End of Year" and "New Year" celebrations, little political activity, other than the filing for office, may be expected prior to 4 January 1949. Last day for filing is 13 January and more candidates are expected to file before that date.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

Marvin A. Ross
MARVIN A. ROSS
Major, FA
Adjutant

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2. Report No. 2 (3)
3. Report No. 3 (3)

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Report No. 1 - 27 December 1948 Shizuoka-ken Local Affairs Section

"Report of the Election for the Members of the House of Representatives to be held on 23 January 1949"

1. Date of publication 27 December 1948

2. Date of election 23 January 1949

3. Name of Candidates (As of 27 December 1948) are as follows:
(Deadline of report in their candidacy - 13 January 1949)

Election District No. 1 (Shizuoka, Shimizu, Shimada Cities
Ihara, Abe, Shida, Haibara and Ogasa-guns)

NAME	SEX	DATE OF BIRTH	PARTY	OCCUPATION	ADDRESS
SUGIYAMA Koshin	M	28 Sept 1900 (49 years)	Dem. Lib.	Company Staff	12, Maruyama-cho Shizuoka-shi
HASEGAWA Masataka	M	23 Jan 1901 (48 years)	Dem. Lib.	Fishery-Tajiri Wada-mura	813-1, Kita, Shida-gun
SUNAMA Ichiro	M	29 Jan 1902 (47 years)	Jap. Comm.	Political Party Staff	80, Moto-oiwake, Shimizu City
KATO Shizuo	M	25 Apr 1911 (38 years)	Soc. Dem.	Iron Works, Marine Prods, Sawmill	787-2, Yaizu, Yaizu-cho Shida-gun
IKEGAYA Nobuichi	M	29 Nov 1899 (50 years)	Soc. Dem.	Lawyer	117-1, Nishikusabuka-cho, Shizuoka City
KANDA Hiroshi	M	25 Dec 1903 (46 years)	Dem Lib.	Pres. Riken Denka Industry Co,Ltd.	120, Nishichiyoda-cho, Shizuoka City
GOSHIMA Hideji	M	27 Mar 1908 (41 years)	Dem. Lib.	Company Staff	2158, Kanaya-Kawara, Kanaya-cho, Haibara-gun

Election District No. 2 (Numazu, Mishima, Atami, Fujinomiya, Ito and Yoshiwara Cities; Kamo, Tagata, Sunto and Fuji-guns)

NAME	SEX	DATE OF BIRTH	PARTY	OCCUPATION	ADDRESS
ISHII Nobuo	M	23 Sept 1916 (34 years)	Jap. Comm.	Committee member of Jap. Comm. Shizuoka-ken	4,2-chome, Kamara-cho, Ihara-gun
HATAKEYAMA Tsurukichi	M	18 Jan 1895 (54 years)	Dem. Lib.	Hotel Proprietor	101, Atami, Atami City
MIYAHATA Yasushi	M	22 Aug 1900 (49 years)	Dem. Lib.	Accountant, Tax agent	265-10, Kuzawa, Takaoka-cho, Fuji-gun
ENDO Saburo	M	15 Apr 1904 (45 years)	Dem Lib.	None	1861, Hongo-cho Kami-Kanuki, Numazu City

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"Report of the Election for the Members of the House of Representatives to be held on 23 January 1949" (Cont)

Election District No. 3 (Hamamatsu, Iwata Cities
Shuchi, Iwata, Hamana and Inasa-guns)

NAME	SEX	DATE OF BIRTH	PARTY	OCCUPATION	ADDRESS
ADACHI Tokuro	M	22 July 1910 (39 years)	Dem. Lib.	Shizuoka-ken Agri. Mutual Aid Society, Insurance, President	2099, Yamashina, Yamashina-cho, Shuchi-gun
KAWAI Akitake	M	30 Sept 1906 (43 years)	Soc. Dem.	Kyodo Sangyo Co., Ltd., Advisor	114, Matsue-cho Hamamatsu City
TAKEYAMA Yutaro	M	25 Apr 1901 (48 years)	Peop. Coop.	Farmer	443-3, Nakaizumi, Iwata City
TSUBOI Kamezo	M	16 Dec 1900 (49 years)	Peop. Coop.	Farmer	500, Oro, Akasa-mura, Hamana-gun
OKADA Shizue	F	10 Jan 1909 (40 years)	Neutral	Doctor	774, Mikkabi-cho, Inasa-gun
SUZUKI Satoichiro	M	8 Aug 1892 (57 years)	Dem. Lib.	Standing Mgr. Fuji Tax Co. Ltd.	9322, Shinohara, Shinohara-cho Hamana-gun

Report No. 2 - 28 December 1948 Shizuoka-ken Local Affairs Section

"Report of the Election for the Members of the House of Representatives to be held on 23 January 1949"

Election District No. 1

NAME	SEX	DATE OF BIRTH	PARTY	OCCUPATION	ADDRESS
SATO Torajiro	M	20 Jan 1902 (47 years)	Dem. Lib.	President, Construction Ind.	312, Kijima, Fujikawa cho, Ihara gun
OKANO Shigezo	M	4 June 1894 (55 years)	Dem.	Trader	225, Minamishinaya, Aoshima-cho, Shida-gun
NISHIMURA Naomi	M	8 Oct 1905 (44 years)	Dem. Lib.	None	2, Nishimon-cho Shizuoka City

Election District No. 2

KATSUMATA Seiichi	M	12 Feb 1908 (41 years)	Soc. Dem.	Author	1671, Nishi 1-chome, Magome-cho, Ota-ku, Tokyo-to
KATO Kazuo	M	12 Oct 1900 (49 years)	Dem Lib.	Company Staff	126, Gendoji, Fujinomiya City
KOMATSU Yuji	M	18 Dec 1893 (56 years)	Dem.	Marine Product	1433, Shimotaga, Atami City

Election District No. 3

KINBARA Shunji	M	1 Jan 1894 (55 years)	Dem. Lib.	Lawyer	2903, Urakawa-cho Iwata gun
YAMAZAKI Mitsuo	M	1 May 1904 (45 years)	Jap. Comm.	Farmer	309, Mikatagahara Hamana gun
OKAMOTO Takashi	M	3 Aug 1904 (45 years)	Dem.	Accountant	362, Nagori-cho, Hamamatsu City
NAKAMURA Kohachi	M	18 Dec 1898 (51 years)	Dem. Lib.	None	4912, Ufumi, Ubumi-cho, Hamana-gun
TADA Masakazu	M	25 Jan 1911 (38 years)	Nippon 3rd Dem. League	Nippon Soto College, Principal Chairman, Cent. Executive Comm. Nippon 3rd Dem. League.	18-2, Daisen, Oaza, Nirayama-mura Tagata-gun

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Report No. 3 - 29 December 1948 Shizuoka-ken Local Affairs Section

"Report of the Election for the Members of the House of Representatives to be held on 23 January 1949"

Election District No. 1

NAME	SEX	DATE OF BIRTH	PARTY	OCCUPATION	ADDRESS
AOSHIMA Yasutaro	M	9 Sept 1909 (40 years)	Peop. Coop	Company Staff	364, Ojika, Shizuoka City

Election District No. 2

YAMAZAKI Michiko (Real name - FUJIHARA Michiko)	F	26 May 1900 (49 years)	Nippon Soc.	None	52, Senjusuehir-cho Adachi Ward Tokyo-to

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HEADQUARTERS
TOCHIGI MILITARY GOVERNMENT TEAM
Utsunomiya, Tochigi Prefecture, Japan
APO 201

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MG 091 (D)

28 February 1949

SUBJECT: Japanese Local By-Elections

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

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Reference Letter your headquarters, subject as above, dtd 11 February 1949, a negative report is submitted.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

William F. James Jr.

WILLIAM F. JAMES, JR.
Captain, CMP
Asst Adjutant

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