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57. Speaker of Town and Village Assembly Association, and President of Town and Village Assembly Association, SAGA Prefecture.
58. Town and Village Association, Kyoto.
59. Chairman of Town and Village Assembly Association, FUKUOKA Prefecture.
60. President, Town and Village Association, HOKKAIDO.
61. Gen. Funenon, Chairman of Town and Village Assembly Speakers' Association, KYOGO Prefecture.

Sincerely yours,

(signed)
 COURTNEY WHITNEY
 Brigadier General, U. S. Army
 Chief, Government Section

61 Enclosures

Mr. Motake Sato
 President, House of Councillors
 Tokyo, Japan

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HOUSE OF COUNCILLORS LOCAL ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE
VOTE ON LOCAL TAX BILL -- 1 May 1950

	<u>Total</u>	<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>	<u>Abst.</u>	<u>Chrm.</u>
LIBERAL	3	3			
GREEN BREEZE	5	2	1	1	1
DEMOCRAT	3		3		
SOCIAL DEMOCRAT	3		3		
THIRD CLUB	1		1		
	15	5	8	1	1

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1200 hours
1 May 1950

MEMORANDUM FOR GENERAL WHITNEY

The Green Breeze Society caucus scheduled for this morning to decide its position on the Local Tax Bill opened with 28 of its 70 members in attendance. Since more than half of these were in opposition, because of their association with agricultural and transportation interests, the proponents of the measure succeeded in postponing the meeting at least until after the Local Administration Committee takes a vote on the bill. This information came from Mr. NODA (GB), Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee, who favors passage of the bill.

Mr. SAKURAUCHI (D) stated just before noon that 9 of 36 Democrats in the House will be absent when the final vote is taken. It is his opinion that the remaining 27 Democrats will be on hand and cast their votes against it.

Debate has just begun on the bill in the Local Administration Committee. Since Mr. SHIMAMURA (GB), a committeeman who opposes the measure is not present for the debate, it is believed that the measure will be voted down 5 - 8 instead of 5 - 9.

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1700 hours
30 April 1950

MEMO FOR GENERAL WHITNEY

A few straws in the wind suggest that the H. C. vote in plenary session, scheduled for tomorrow afternoon, may conceivably be favorable to the Local Tax Bill, notwithstanding a negative vote of 5 - 9 in the Local Administration Committee, which Chairman OKAMOTO anticipates.

The Liberal Party has sent telegrams to all of its H. C. members instructing them to be on hand for the final vote. The results of this drive may determine the final outcome.

This afternoon, Councillor TAMAKI (GB), a three-year member who is head of Wakayama City Chamber of Commerce, admitted that he had finally decided to be on hand and vote for the measure in plenary session, because of the number of petitions received by various members from local entities advocating passage of the bill.

Councillor INAGAKI (D), until recently a member of the YOSHIDA Cabinet, and perhaps SAKURAUCHI (D), chairman of the Finance Committee, are expected to influence an indefinite number of their party members, all of whom are technically committed to oppose passage of the bill, to be absent when the final vote is taken. This technique was used successfully in connection with the budget.

At 1640 hours today, interpellations on the Local Tax Bill were concluded by the H. C. committee "in a friendly atmosphere." This may indicate that the final debate and vote in the committee tomorrow morning will be carried out in an orderly fashion.

Before noon tomorrow the Green Breeze Society will meet for the purpose of deciding its stand on the bill. Rules permit a quorum (half or more of the membership) of the Society to bind all members by a two-thirds vote. If the Society should thus be bound, those members still in opposition could express it only by being absent for the final vote. Like the Liberals, the Green Breeze Society has also dispatched telegrams instructing its members to return to Tokyo, if they are out campaigning, or to remain here until the session ends.

The total number of H. C. members present yesterday for the vote on the fairly important Position Classification Bill was 95, the remaining 143 members (present membership of H.C. is 238) being engaged in outside business or political affairs. How many of these absentees of the "proper persuasion" can be rounded up for the final vote on the Local Tax Bill may well decide the issue.

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Tokyo, Japan

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Mr. Naotake Sato,
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We see no need to stress here that a failure to pass the bill will be a matter of very grave concern in the operation of local public bodies all of which are depending on the said law for a long-cherished stabilization of local finances.

Under the circumstances, we, representing unanimous wishes of National Associations of Towns and Villages and of Chairmen of Town and Village Assemblies, have to place our humble petition to you to be so good as to use your good offices to enable the passage of the bill for the sake of a betterment of towns and villages of the country.

We are, Dear General,

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