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PREFECTURAL REPORT ON SURVEILLANCE OF NATIONAL ELECTION
House of Representatives

25 April 47

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| 1. Name of Prefecture (To, Do, Fu or Ken) | <u>Mie Ken</u> |
| 2. Number of registered voters | (Men <u>363,336</u>
(Women <u>413,078</u>
(Total <u>776,414</u> |
| 3. Persons actually voting for House of Representatives candidates | (Men <u>279,044</u>
(Women <u>261,230</u>
(Total <u>540,274</u> |
| 4. Does not pertain. | |
| 5. Number persons claiming franchise but not permitted to vote | (Men <u>None</u>
(Women <u>None</u>
(Total <u>None</u> |
| 6. Number of surveillance teams on election day | <u>24</u> |
| 7. Number of polling places | <u>908</u> |
| 8. Number of polling places visited | <u>508</u> |
| 9. Number of ballot counting stations | <u>314</u> |
| 10. Number of ballot counting stations visited | <u>96</u> |
| 11. Were candidates' purge questionnaires available at Election Administration Committee's offices and at Screening Committee's offices in all cases? | <u>Yes</u> |
| 12. Individual surveillance teams investigated the availability of candidates purge questionnaires at both the Election Administration Committee's offices and the Screening Committee's offices. In all cases they were available. This fact was publicized extensively in the newspapers since March. | |
| 13. Due to shortage of paper the candidates' purge questionnaires were kept on file in the Committees' offices and this fact was publicized in the papers and printed notifications posted. The public at large did not make extensive use of their right to examine said questionnaires. | |

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14. Number of seats in House of Representatives from this Prefecture 9

Number of candidates by Parties:

Liberals	<u>5</u>
Democrats	<u>9</u>
Socialists	<u>5</u>
Communists	<u>2</u>
Farmers Party	<u>1</u>
New Japan Constitution	<u>1</u>
Number of Independents	<u>6</u>

Number actually elected by Parties:

Liberals	<u>2</u>
Democrats	<u>4</u>
Socialists	<u>1</u>
Communists	<u>0</u>
Farmers Party	<u>0</u>
New Japan Constitution	<u>1</u>
Number of Independents elected	<u>1</u>

Total number of votes cast for each Party:

Liberals	<u>87,001</u>
Democrats	<u>174,950</u>
Socialists	<u>96,711</u>
Communists	<u>22,088</u>
Farmers Party	<u>3,104</u>
New Japan Constitution	<u>38,837</u>
Total number of votes cast for Independents	<u>109,958</u>

15. Does not pertain.

16. Any women elected: House of Representatives None.

17. Number of pre-election campaign meetings held throughout prefecture by each Party:

Liberals	<u> </u>)	Attendance unknown.
Democrats	<u> </u>)	
Socialists	<u> </u>)	
Communists	<u> </u>)	
Farmers Party	<u> </u>)	
New Japan Constitution	<u> </u>)	
Independents	<u> </u>)	

18. Were there an adequate number of polling places Yes

19. Are four (4) election bulletins enclosed with this report Yes

20. Number of pre-election meetings held by M.G.

With Election Administration Committee	<u>None</u>	
With Officials	<u>4</u>	<u>12 attendance</u>

21. Extensive use of the newspapers constituted the medium for advertising this election. Candidates' posters, placards and handbills were evident in nearly every city, town and village. M.G. contributed releases to newspapers prior to 20 April 1947 which covered both the elections on the 20th and the 25th.

22. Number of violations reported None

23. Disposition of above violations:

Reported to Japanese officials	<u>None</u>
Reported to SCAP	<u>None</u>

24. Military Government Team's comments and evaluations:

- (a) Criticism regarding the activities of the occupation forces continued to be favorable.
- (b) Local election administration committees continue to show interest in their duties and responsibilities.
- (c) How may election laws be improved?

Suggestions previously forwarded.

- (d) Other suggestions: None.

PREFECTURAL REPORT ON SURVEILLANCE OF NATIONAL ELECTION
House of Councillors

26 April 47

1. Name of Prefecture (To, Do, Fu or Ken) Mie Ken
2. Number of registered voters

(Men	<u>363579</u>
(Women	<u>413181</u>
(Total	<u>776760</u>
3. Does not pertain.
4. Persons actually voting for House of Councillors candidates

(Men	<u>259217</u>
(Women	<u>232630</u>
(Total	<u>491847</u>
5. Number persons claiming franchise but not permitted to vote

(Men	<u>None</u>
(Women	<u>None</u>
(Total	<u>None</u>
6. Number of surveillance teams on election day 24
7. Number of polling places 908
8. Number of polling places visited 502
9. Number of ballot counting stations 314
10. Number of ballot counting stations visited 114
11. Were candidates' purge questionnaires available at Election Administration Committee's offices and at Screening Committee's offices in all cases? Yes
12. Individual surveillance teams investigated the availability of candidates purge questionnaires at both the Election Administration Committee's offices and the Screening Committee's offices. In all cases they were available. This fact was publicized extensively in the newspapers since March.
13. Due to shortage of paper the candidates' purge questionnaires were kept on file in the Committees' offices and this fact was publicized in the papers and printed notifications posted. The public at large did not make extensive use of their right to examine said questionnaires.
14. Does not pertain.

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15. Number seats in House of Councillors 2

Number candidates by Parties:

Gakudo Kai	<u>1</u>
Socialists	<u>1</u>
Liberals	<u>1</u>
Communists	<u>1</u>
Number of Independents	<u>2</u>

Number of candidates elected by Parties:

Gakudo Kai	<u>1</u>
Socialists	<u>None</u>
Liberals	<u>None</u>
Communists	<u>None</u>
Number of Independent	<u>1</u>

Total number of votes cast for each Party:

Gakudo Kai	<u>105078</u>
Socialists	<u>70090</u>
Liberals	<u>67625</u>
Communists	<u>18909</u>
Total number of votes cast for Independents	<u>190944</u>

16. Any women elected None

17. Number of pre-election campaign meetings held throughout prefecture by each Party:

Gakudo Kai	<u>17</u>
Socialists	<u>9</u>
Liberals	<u>11</u>
Communists	<u>7</u>
Independents	<u>19</u>

18. Were there an adequate number of polling places Yes

19. Are four election bulletins enclosed Yes

20. Number of pre-election meetings held by M.G.

With Election Administration Committee	<u>1</u>	<u>37 Att.</u>
With Officials	<u>3</u>	<u>5 Att.</u>

21. Ken officials were very cooperative in making use of newspaper releases furnished by M.G. Due to the paper shortage extensive advertising was somewhat curtailed although 100,000 leaflets were printed and distributed by U.S. planes over the seven major cities and two towns in this prefecture on 18 April 1947.

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22. Number of violations reported to you None

23. Disposition Negative

24. Military Government Teams comments and evaluations:

- (a) To date, criticisms regarding the activities of the occupation troops have been most favorable and complimentary. Our active interest in the election, the supplying 24 surveillance teams which covered over 50% of the total polling places in the prefecture and the distribution of 100,000 leaflets by U.S. Army planes on 18 April 1947 have impressed the populace no end.
- (b) The local administration committees have shown an active interest in their responsibilities and have been very cooperative in attending meetings called at the request of Military Government. In one instance the chairmen of every committee in each of two Gun (Iinan and Taki) were present in a joint meeting sponsored by the prefecture at M.G.'s request. Their interest in the establishment and maintenance of a free and positive expression of the will of the people through their questions and discussions was very evident.
- (c) How may election laws be improved? The present ballot requires the voter to write the name of the candidate on the ballot. Printed ballots which require a single character or mark alongside the choice of the voter might overcome the excessive amount of invalid votes due to the present system.
- (d) Other suggestions: Standardized booths should be compulsory. Some few improvizations noted did not guarantee the secrecy expected.

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