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ELECTION RESULTS

On behalf of the Elections Committee, I have the pleasure to announce the results of the election recently held. The following members were elected as indicated:

Two-year terms of office, 1988 and 1989

Chairman	A. Z. Freeman
Vice Chairman	Ted Wysocky
Secretary	Gary Murtha
Treasurer	Ron Hartmann

Three-year terms of office, 1988, 1989 and 1990

Board Members	Gordon Bailey
	Arnold Frenzel
	Keith Hostler
	Bill Miller

Ballots were counted and checked by the Committee and are now in the files of the JSS/US.

(signed)
Alan Harvey, Chairman
Elections Committee

Thanks are due to the members of the Elections Committee for a job well done. They performed their duties efficiently, especially considering the unusual situation in which they found themselves. The Society is grateful for their work.

(signed)
A. Z. Freeman, Chairman

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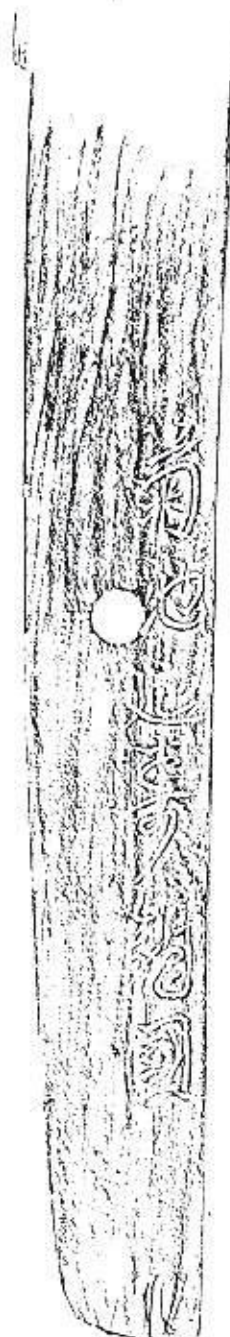
GENDAITO cont'd

The 27" blade exhibits nice, true lines but its steel *wooled* condition prohibited any study of its forging or tempering. Unfortunately, the owner would not sell the sword--his son was to receive it--so it will most likely never see proper restoration and preservation, destined to become just another *wall hanger*.

AN UNUSUAL BRAZILIAN MADE SWORD -

This smith appears unrecorded but is said by the owner, Mr. Morya, to have emigrated to Brazil in 1934. Family name Azuma, he lived in Pereira Barreto, earning a living by making quality agricultural implements. The Japanese community commissioned this sword for theatrical use in 1946 when he was age 70. He also made the tsuba which contains a well written poem which confirms he was one of the many Brazilian-Japanese who did not believe Japan had lost the war. It contains an exaltation of the Japanese soul which is quite inappropriate for 1946. Apparently he was also assisted by his son, now in his seventies. Although the sword has a good shape, its construction is disappointing with very distinct *nioiguchi* (*habuchi*).

Courtesy of Chico Coutinho and Rich Fuller



KIKU- 菊
CHI. 地
EN- 延
JU. 需
TATSU. 龍
KUNI. 國