

MONGOLIA

Date of Elections: June 19, 1977

Purpose of Elections

Elections were held for all the members of Parliament on the normal expiry of their term of office.

Characteristics of Parliament

The unicameral Parliament of Mongolia, the Great People's Hural, consists of 336 members elected for 4 years.

Electoral System

All citizens aged 18 and over have the right to vote, with the exception of the insane and persons serving a sentence pursuant to court decree.

Electoral lists are established at the level of *somons* (counties) and *horins* (subdivisions of towns), and made public 30 days prior to election day.

Persons meeting the same requirements as voters may be elected to **all** organs of State power.

Public organizations or communities of working people, trade unions, youth organizations, agricultural co-operatives and cultural associations are all entitled to put forward candidates to Parliament.

While there exists in the country only one political party — the Mongolian People's Revolutionary Party — non-party candidates may also run. Any number of candidates may compete within a constituency.

Each election district returns one deputy, who is elected by absolute majority. A second ballot is held within two weeks should it occur that no candidate has obtained the necessary majority.

By-elections are held to fill parliamentary vacancies which occur between general elections.

General Political Considerations and Conduct of the Elections

For the **1977** general elections, a total of 1,515 polling stations were set up throughout Mongolia. The election boards consisted of 12,814 representa-

tives of Party, State and public organizations. Included among these were 7,706 members of and candidates for the Mongolian People's Revolutionary Party (MPRP), 5,108 non-Party people, and 1,785 members of the Mongolian Revolutionary Youth League (MRYL).

All 354 candidates nominated were elected. Among them were 328 members of and candidates for the MPRP and 26 non-Party people. These returns were interpreted as demonstrating the people's determination to implement successfully the great tasks in the socialist construction advanced by the XVIIth MPRP Congress.

The newly-elected Parliament held its first session on June 27. Mr. N. Luv-sanchoultem was elected President of the Great People's Hural. Mr. Jambyn Batmonh is Chairman of the Council of Ministers.

Statistics

1. Results of the Elections

Number of registered voters	694,855
Voters	99.9 %

2. Distribution of Deputies according to Professional Category

Representatives of the intelligentsia and govern- ment employees	152
Members of agricultural co-operatives	104
Workers	98
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3. Distribution of Deputies according to Sex

Men	272
Women	<u>82</u>
	354