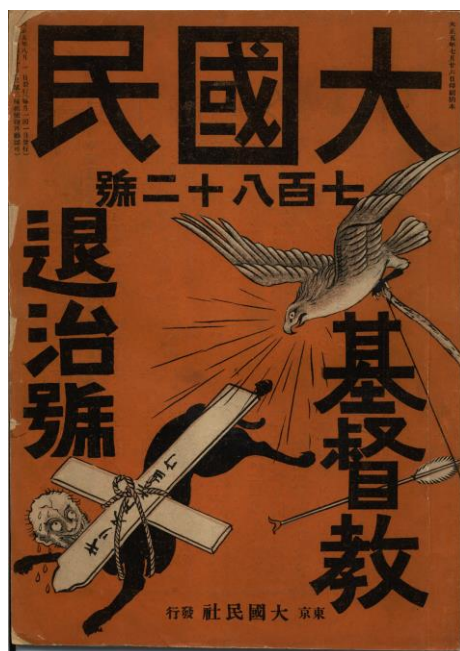


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Missionary Research Library Archives: Section 7

Finding Aid for

***Dai Kokumin (Great Nation)* 大國民 Records, 1916**



Cover of magazine no. 782. Credit to: MRL 7: *Dai Kokumin*, box 1, folder 3,
The Burke Library at Union Theological Seminary, Columbia University in the City of New York.

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Summary Information

Creator: Mission Research Library Archives
Title: *Dai Kokumin (Great Nation)* 大國民
Dates: August - November, 1916
Abstract: Four issues of *Dai Kokumin*, 1916, an Anti-Christian, Japanese Nationalist
Publication.
Size: 1 box, 0.25 linear feet
Storage: Onsite storage
Repository: The Burke Library
Union Theological Seminary
3041 Broadway
New York, NY 10027
Email: burkearchives@library.columbia.edu

Administrative Information

- Provenance:** Originally part of the independent Missionary Research Library, these records were moved with the MRL to the Brown Memorial Tower of Union Theological Seminary in 1929. In 1976 the records were accessioned to the Burke Library archives with the closure of the MRL.
- Access:** Archival papers are available to registered readers for consultation by appointment only. Please contact archives staff by email to burkearchives@library.columbia.edu, or by postal mail to The Burke Library address on page 1, as far in advance as possible. [Burke Library Staff](#) is available for inquiries or to request a consultation on archival or special collections research.
- Access Restrictions:** The collection is unrestricted to readers. Certain materials however are in a fragile condition, and this may necessitate restriction in handling and copying.
- Preferred Citation:** Item description, MRL 7: *Dai Kokumin* Records, box # and folder #, The Burke Library at Union Theological Seminary, Columbia University in the City of New York.

History

Dai Kokumin (*Great Nation*) was published anonymously between August and November, 1916. Its platform is the extermination of Christianity in Japan. The caricatures on the covers had been sent to American newspapers but had been rejected. It was published by the press of the *Kokumin shimbun* 國民新聞, an influential newspaper published by Tokutomi Sohō 徳富蘇峰, 1863 -1957. Tokutomi was a close confidant of state officials, and his publications were viewed as government mouthpieces.

The issues are numbered 782 - 785, implying that the periodical had been published for 65 years before its initial appearance. Yet it was first registered with the post office on June 15, 1916. Contributors included the minister of education, presidents of universities and university professors, high-ranking military officers, commercial leaders, nobility, and legal officials.

Each issue has a typewritten translation into English of the table of contents pasted in to the front of the issue.

Collection Scope and Content Note

These are apparently unique issues of a Japanese journal title which can be described as: Anti-Christian Rhetoric in Japan, Japanese Nationalism, and Anti-foreign Rhetoric in Japan.

Processing

Materials were placed in new acid-free folders and boxes. In 2014, the collection and finding aid were updated as part of the Henry Luce Foundation grant.

Further Sources

Waseda University Libraries has two volumes with similar titles but they are not of this periodical.

The Burke Library contains many other materials related to information in this collection. Please see the [Burke Library Archives website](#) for more.

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1	5	<i>Dai Kokumin</i> , October 1916, [Vol.7 No.84]
1	6	<i>Dai Kokumin</i> , November 1916, [Vol.7, No.85]