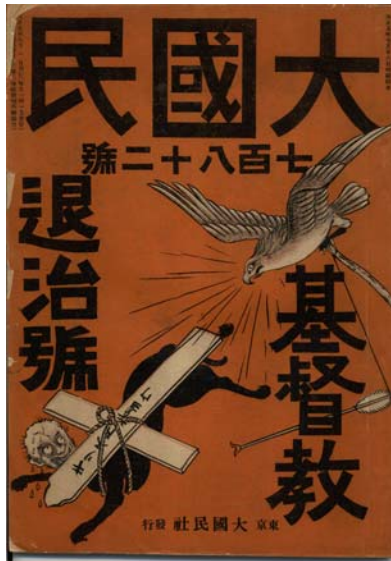


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Missionary Research Library Archives: Section 7

Finding Aid for

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



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MRL7: Dai Kokumin

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**Summary Information**

Creator: Unknown - periodical collection  
Title: *Dai Kokumin (Great Nation)* 大國民  
Inclusive dates: August - November, 1916  
Bulk 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  
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3041 Broadway  
New York, NY 10027  
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**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 phone, fax or email [archives@uts.columbia.edu](mailto:archives@uts.columbia.edu), as far in advance as possible.
- 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*, series #, box #, and folder #r, The Burke Library Archives (Columbia University Libraries) at Union Theological Seminary, New York.

**Description**

*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 by the following terms: Anti-Christian Rhetoric in Japan, Japanese Nationalism and Anti-foreign Rhetoric in Japan.

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

**Processing**

Materials were placed in new acid-free folders and boxes

**Contents list**

Series	Box	Folder	Contents
1	1	1	Bibliographic Card
1	1	2	<i>Mission Field</i> Clipping, 1917
1	1	3	<i>Dai Kokumin</i> , August, 1916, No. 782, Translation of Table of Contents
1	1	4	<i>Dai Kokumin</i> , September, 1916, No. 783, Translation of Table of Contents
1	1	5	<i>Dai Kokumin</i> , October, 1916, No. 784, Translation of Table of Contents
1	1	6	<i>Dai Kokumin</i> , November, 1916, Vol. 7, No. 85, Translation of Table of Contents