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Summary Information

Repository:	Burke Library at Union Theological Seminary
Creator:	Missionary Research Library (New York, N.Y.)
Title:	Missionary Research Library collection of Dai Kokumin (Great Nation) issues
ID:	4492622
Date [inclusive]:	1916 -- 1917
Physical Description:	0.25 linear feet 0.25 linear feet; 1 box
Language of the Material:	English , Japanese .
Abstract:	This collection compiled by the Missionary Research Library contains 4 issues from 1916 of Dai Kokumin, an anti-Christian, Japanese nationalist publication, as well as a bibliographic card and clipping.

Preferred Citation

Item description, MRL 7: Missionary Research Library collection of Dai Kokumin (Great Nation) issues, box #, folder #, The Burke Library at Union Theological Seminary, Columbia University in the City of New York.

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Biographical / Historical

Dai Kokumin (Great Nation) was published anonymously between August and November, 1916. Its platform was 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.

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Biographical / Historical

The Missionary Research Library was created by John R. Mott in 1914 after the World Missionary Conference, held in Edinburgh, Scotland in 1910. It was created to be a resource for missionaries and to document the missionary movement, and was initially funded by John D. Rockefeller. It was located at the Madison Avenue headquarters of the Foreign Missionary Conference of North America. By the 1920s, funding was becoming scarcer; therefore it was moved to the Brown Tower of the Union Theological Seminary, New York City in 1929. The Library was an important center of information and research. Active missionaries would consult the material of the Missionary Research Library while on furlough. Much of the Library's success was due to the director and librarian, Charles H. Fahs. Upon his retirement in 1948, the MRL's financial difficulties continued until it was finally integrated as one with the Burke Library's collections in 1967. In 2004, the Burke Library was fully integrated with the Columbia University Library System.

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Scope and Contents

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Arrangement

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Revision Description

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Conditions Governing Access

The collection is open for research.

Onsite storage.

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Formerly part of the independent Missionary Research Library (MRL), these records were accessioned by the Burke Library at the time of the MRL's closure in 1976.

Processing Information

Materials were placed in new acid-free folders and boxes. The finding aid was created by Gregory Adam Scott in 2009, reviewed and updated by Sarah Davis in 2014 and by Rebecca Nieto in 2016 with the support of the Henry Luce Foundation, and edited by Leah Edelman in 2024.

Conditions Governing Use

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Controlled Access Headings

- Christianity -- Controversial literature -- Periodicals
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Burke Library record group:

Missionary Research Library Archives: MRL7, Japan

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Title/Description	Instances	
Bibliographic card, circa 1916 -- 1917	box 1	folder 1
Mission Field clipping, 1917	box 1	folder 2
Dai Kokumin issues, 1916	box 1	folder 4-6

Language of the Material: Japanese.

Scope and Contents

August 1916, [Vol.7 no.82]; September 1916, [Vol.7 No.83]; October 1916, [Vol.7 No.84]; November 1916, [Vol.7, No.85]

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