FAQs

on the Gordon W. Prange Collection

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Outlines

• Historical Value of the Prange Collection

• Preservation, Search, and Access
Why the Prange Collection?

• To complement the NDL’s postwar collection

• No national repository system from August 1945 to May 1948 (Enactment of the National Diet Library Law)

• Issue years of the Prange materials: Oct. 1945-November 1949
Why from Oct. 1945 to Nov. 1949?

• First four years of the Allied Occupation of Japan

Censorship operation for all civilian communication (personal correspondence, telephone calls, radio broadcasts, films, and publications)

• The Civil Censorship Detachment (CCD): Military Intelligence Unit (G-2) of the SCAP

• Japanese publishers submitted two copies of proposed publications to the CCD for review

• The CCD Library – the origin of the Prange Collection
Why UMD?

• Dr. Gordon W. Prange (1910-80)
  UMD Faculty/SCAP commander

• Arranged the CCD library holdings to be archived at UMD after the dissolution of the censorship operation in November 1949
Preservation, Search, and Access

Magazines: Microfiched (1992-95)
Zassaku Plus

20th Century Media Information Database

• Held by UMD, Harvard, Michigan, UCLA/NDL and Nichibunken
Possibility of Digitization?

• Long-term vision
• Preservation completed
• Other materials yet to be preserved
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Censored Newspaper Articles (CNAs)
CNAs continued
Search and Access: the Prange Website

How to use materials in the Gordon W. Prange Collection

This guide shows you how to search and access the materials housed in the Gordon W. Prange Collection.

Books

Books in the Prange Collection

There are approximately 71,000 book titles in the Prange Collection. In 2005, the UMD Libraries, in partnership with the National Diet Library of Japan, began a project to digitize the entire monograph collection. The children's books constituted phase one of the project; they have all been digitized. For guidance on searching and accessing the children's books, please go to this page.

The following books are currently being digitized and may not be requested for use (as of February 2018): Education Books with the Call numbers 141-0001~153-0025, 159-0001~171-0016, 175-0001~179-0034, 375-0001~388-0043

How to SEARCH the Censored Books

Online Catalog: The censored books can be located by doing an Advanced Search in the UMD Libraries Online Catalog. In the "search for words in..." field, select "notes" in the dropdown menu, and enter "(bleep)" (censored) or "[redacted]" (fragment). Then limit the search by either selecting "Prange Collection" in the "location" field or "Prange" in the "named collection" field. (Not all censored materials are catalogued.)

Inventories: Click on the links below for inventories of censored books and fragments of books. These inventories also include manuscripts and galley proofs, whether they were censored or not.

- Inventory of Censored Books
- Inventory of Censored Education Books
- Inventory of Fragments of Books
- Inventory of Fragments of Education Books
Possibility of Open Access?

• Possibility of Notice and Takedown Policy

• Prange and the Departmental Structure (SCUA)

• Full Integration = Libraries’ Technical Support Services
Open Access Materials

NOW online!
Nochi iin sosenkyo
Kenka issei ni nezumi o torou

Title: Kenka issei ni nezumi o torou
Location: Tottori
3-gatsu 8-ka kokusai fujin de o warera no te ni

3月8日 国際婦人デーをやかんの手に!!
Let us Have International Women’s Day

Oppose to:
Withdraw of Physiological Leave
Shutout of Woman’s Job
Discapsible for Working Mothers
Public Nursery

Woman’s Emancipation is based on your Self-awakening.
All Communication Labor Union
Title: Shogakko Shakaika Kakezu
Publisher: Shin nihon kyoizai kabushiki-gaisha
Location: Japan
Wall Newspapers and Posters (261 items)

• Political/Social Activism

• Public Health

• Supplementary Instructional Materials

And more...
Is this all about the Prange Collection?

To be continued to the next presentation!