

# National Japan Bowl 2022

## Overview of the Gordon W. Prange Collection

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- Japanese publications between 1945 to 1949.
- File copies of Civil Censorship Detachment (CCD), a censorship unit
- Holdings include almost every subject
- Holdings include: books, magazines, newspapers, posters, color slides, photographs, oral histories, ephemera, and much more.

- C o m p r e h e n s i v e n e s s o f s u b j e c t s
- C o m p r e h e n s i v e n e s s o f f o r m a t s
- C e n s o r s h i p

# Comprehensiveness of subjects



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Handwritten Japanese text on a piece of paper, possibly a note or a letter. The text is written in vertical columns.

lastic for the occupation when they saw "it was not to be vindictive and that American authorities were there to help."  
**Takes Over in 1946**  
When Col. Delnore arrived in Nagasaki Sept. 18, 1946, he found only a company of American soldiers present. It departed in November and after that time, there was no military personnel besides those who made up the military headquarters.  
Never, during the next two and one-half years, did he ever feel uneasy because no troops were present, nor did he ever request some to be sent in for special duty.

**Lauds Reforms**  
The reforms which have already been effected by the military government were described by Col. Delnore as "notable."  
He pointed to the land reform, which broke up the large estates and permitted each farmer to own a plot of land, as the most "significant and successful" undertaking carried out by the Americans. The program was completed between December, 1946, and December, 1948.  
An important change in government was the "local autonomy law," the Worcester army officer emphasized. Previously, Japan was a "complete bureaucracy" with all instructions coming from the national government and local governments serving only to expedite the national.

national police.  
Col. Delnore noted the national food collection policy failed when it was administered by the Japanese in 1946. Since then, under American supervision it has been successful.  
**Attitude Toward Russia**  
Of the Russian-American tensions, he said: "There is no feeling of alarm among Americans about Russia over there. Most of the news of Russia comes from America."  
Among the Japanese, he said, there was a feeling of anxiety about Russia in some circles. In Japan itself there is "Communist activity among labor unions and the Communist party made a few gains during the recent election." However, he declined to say it indicated a trend.  
Until 1932, Americans were the favored nation in Japan as they are again today, Col. Delnore continued. They like everything American.

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a reserve officer in 1935. In 1940, he was called to active service.  
After a six weeks' leave in Worcester, Col. Delnore will report to Headquarters Army Field Forces, Ft. Monroe, Va.

# Censorship

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS  
UNITED STATES ARMY FORCES, PACIFIC  
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2  
Civil Censorship Detachment

To RYOBO

21 Sept 1945

CODE FOR JAPANESE PRESS

In accordance with the Supreme Allied Commander's objective of establishing freedom of the press in Japan, a Press Code for Japan has been issued. This PRESS CODE, rather than being one of restrictions of the Press, is one which is designed to educate the Press of the Japanese in the responsibilities and meaning of a free press. Emphasis is placed on the truth of news and the elimination of propaganda. This Press Code will cover, in addition, all publications printed in Japan.

This is the Press Code for Japan;

1. News must adhere strictly to the truth.
2. Nothing should be printed which might, directly or indirectly, disturb the public tranquility.
3. There shall be no false or destructive criticism of the Allied Powers.
4. There shall be no destructive criticism of the Allied Occupation and nothing which might invite mistrust or resentment of those troops.
5. There shall be no mention or discussion of Allied troops movements unless such movements have been officially released.
6. News stories must be factually written and completely devoid of editorial opinion.
7. News stories shall not be colored to conform with any propaganda line.
8. Minor details of a news story must not be over-emphasized or stressed or develop any propaganda line.
9. No news story shall be distorted by the omission of pertinent facts or details.
10. In the make-up of the newspaper no news story shall be given undue prominence for the purpose of establishing or developing any propaganda line.

# Censorship

## Key Log Categories, June 1946 (Civil Censorship Detachment)

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1. Criticism of SCAP
2. Criticism of Military Tribunal
3. Criticism of SCAP Writing the Constitution
4. References to Censorship
5. Criticism of United States
6. Criticism of Russia
7. Criticism of Great Britain
8. Criticism of Koreans
9. Criticism of China
10. Criticism of Other Allies
11. General Criticism of Allies
12. Criticism of Japanese Treatment in Manchuria
13. Criticism of Allies' Pre-War Policies
14. Third World War Comments
15. Russia vs Western Powers Comments
16. Defense of War Propaganda
17. Divine Descent Nation Propaganda
18. Militaristic Propaganda
19. Nationalistic Propaganda
20. Glorification of Feudal Ideals
21. Greater East Asia Propaganda
22. General Propaganda
23. Justification or Defense of War Criminals
24. Fraternalization
25. Black Market Activities
26. Criticism of Occupation Forces
27. Overplaying Starvation
28. Incitement to Violence & Unrest
29. Untrue Statements
30. Inappropriate Reference to SCAP
31. Premature Disclosure

# SCAP / GHQ 's Agenda – Democratization of Japan

*"...[SCAP/GHQ policies] focused on the 'Three D's':  
demilitarization, democratization, and decentralization of  
wealth and power."*

Nancy Stalker, *Japan: History and Culture from Classical to Cool*

(2018)

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