

Gordon W. Prange

Gordon W. Prange was born in Pomeroy, Iowa on July 16, 1910. He studied at the University of Iowa, receiving his Ph.D. in 1937. That same year, he began his teaching career as a professor of history at the University of Maryland.

In 1942, he was granted a leave of absence from the University to embark on a wartime career as an officer in the United States Navy. He was sent to Japan in 1945 as a member of the American Occupation Forces. He completed his Navy service soon thereafter, but continued in Japan as a civilian from 1946 to 1951 as chief of General Douglas MacArthur's 100-person historical staff.

When censorship of the Japanese media by Allied Forces was lifted in 1949 and the Civil Censorship Detachment disestablished, Professor Prange, recognizing the historical significance of the CCD material, arranged for its shipment to the University of Maryland. The materials arrived at the University in 1950. On September 15, 1978, the Board of Regents of the University of Maryland passed a motion to name the collection the "Gordon W. Prange Collection: The Allied Presence in Japan, 1945-1952."

Professor Prange continued to teach at the University of Maryland until several months before his death on May 15, 1980. He is still remembered by alumni as one of the University's truly great teachers, and is well known today for major works on the war in the Pacific, particularly *Tora! Tora! Tora!*

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The Gordon W. Prange Collection

The Gordon W. Prange Collection is the most comprehensive collection in the world of print publications issued in Japan during the immediate post-World War II years, 1945-1949. The Collection comprises virtually everything published on all subjects during this period - books, pamphlets, newspapers, periodicals, news agency photographs, posters, maps and related archival materials. The Collection includes:

- 18,047 newspaper titles
- 71,000 book and pamphlet titles
- 13,799 magazine titles
- 10,000 news agency photographs
- 90 posters
- 640 maps

The contents of the Prange Collection once constituted the files of the Civil Censorship Detachment (CCD), an operating unit of the Supreme Commander of the Allied Powers. (SCAP) Press, Pictorial and Broadcast Division. Between 1945 and 1949, the CCD was responsible for reviewing all Japanese publications to identify violations of the Code for the Japanese Press. When violations were identified by CCD examiners, censorship action was taken. The Collection contains approximately 600,000 pages of censorship documents.

In addition to Japanese publications, the Collection also includes significant English-language materials from the postwar period. The Charles L. Kades Papers, The Justin Williams papers, the British Commonwealth Occupation News (BCON) and Allied Translator and Interpreter Section (ATIS) reports are but a few examples.

Program

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Presenters:
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**Occupation Period Magazine Database and
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Professor Kazuhiko Yokote
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