

## **A Sociopolitical Analysis on *Urajio-Nippo* (Daily Vladivostok) from 1917 to 1930**

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This paper examines the community newspaper *Urajio-Nippo*, which provided information on daily life and news about Russia and Japan for Japanese citizens in Vladivostok from 1917 to 1930. The analysis is conducted from three perspectives: its characteristics as a news media outlet, a discourse analysis, and its relationship with the military and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. By investigating the newspaper's organization and editorial staff, this paper clarifies how *Urajio-Nippo* functioned as more than just a community news source. After the Japanese army retreated from Siberia in 1921, *Urajio-Nippo* expressed strong opinions regarding the withdrawal of Japanese army forces. I analyzed how *Urajio-Nippo* served as a central platform for public opinion and concluded that it also functioned as a propaganda medium.