

## **Media Representation of the Japanese Emperor under the United States Occupation of Okinawa**

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Emperor Hirohito announced Japanese surrender through his radio message on August 15, 1945 but the Okinawan people knew the fact only through a U.S. supported mimeograph as the Battle of Okinawa had destroyed all local media institutions. This paper analyzed how postwar Okinawan newspapers depicted the image of Hirohito during the period of the U.S. administration of Okinawa from 1945 to 1972 and discussed how the U.S. wartime directive prohibiting the speech regarding the Japanese Emperor affected the freedom of the press.