

Re-examination of the “Russian Spy” Allegations Against Seigo Nakano: The 51st Imperial Diet of 1926 and Siberia and Manchuria

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This article examines the meaning and context of the term “Russian spy” that has been in use since the Russo-Japanese War and it was directed at Nakano in the Imperial Diet in 1926. This was likely influenced by Nakano’s views on Russia and China as an Asianist. Author also examines Nakano’s ties to Russia from the perspectives of media history and the history of Japan-Russia relations, distinguishing between historical facts and allegations. In this paper, I would like to re-examine the significance of the allegations that Nakano was a “Russian spy,” as reflected in parliamentary transcripts, newspaper articles, and official documents.