Abstract

This paper reveals Japanese Perceptions of the Singapore Naval Base in the 1920s, in the period before the Anglo-Japanese relations deteriorated. In this period, contrary to the general view that Militarism and Imperialism incited Japan to the War, the public perception of the British Singapore Naval Base was harsh than the Navy’s perception. The Navy substantially “approved” the Singapore Naval Base in the Washington Conference 1921/22 on the condition that Britain agreed to the Japanese proposal which Japan proposed to prevent American naval bases in Guam and Philippines. However, for the Japanese public, unknown Navy’s secret approval for the Singapore Naval Base, the construction of the Singapore Naval Base was a betrayal of the former ally. Britain presented a plan to construct the Singapore Naval Base right after the abrogation of the Anglo-Japanese Alliance.

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