

Information Provision Operations of OWI in China

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This paper explores the Office of War Information's (OWI) information provision operations in China during the Sino-Japanese War. While OWI is known for propaganda activities like psychological warfare, this study highlights its role in supplying news materials to Chinese media. Facing difficulties in accessing international news, Chinese media relied on OWI's English and translated Chinese newsletters, which they could publish without attribution. However, these newsletters bypassed Chinese government censorship, which allowed unfavorable news to spread, leading to sharp conflicts between China and the United States over press control.