

The Influence of Ghana-led Anti-nuclear Weapons Campaigns on Japanese Peace Movements in the Early 1960s

～ An Analysis through Experiences of Three Japanese ～

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During the era of decolonization, Kwame Nkrumah, the first Prime Minister of newly independent Ghana, hosted several international conferences calling for the abolition of nuclear weapons. Tomi Kora, a former female councilor in the Japanese House of Councilors, attended the Conference on Positive Action for Peace and Security in Africa in 1960. Additionally, Shinzo Hamai, then mayor of Hiroshima City, and Ichiro Moritaki, then chairperson of the Japan Confederation of Atomic and Hydrogen Bomb Sufferers Organizations, along with Tomi Kora participated in the Accra Assembly for World Without the Bomb in 1962. Their experiences in Ghana were recorded in the newsletters of peace movement organizations and newspaper articles published in Japan at the time. However, previous research on the history of peace movements and Japanese-African relations has not discussed these documents. Therefore, this paper elucidates the impacts of Ghana-led anti-nuclear weapons campaigns in the early 1960s on Japanese peace movements.