

The Journey of Ibrahim

Crossing National Borders

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Introduction:

Who was Abdurresid Ibrahim?



Born in Tobolsk, western Siberia within the borders of the Russian Empire on April 23, 1857;

Died in Tokyo on August 31, 1944.

Passionate Pan-Islamist who traveled widely around Eurasia, working in Russia, the Ottoman Empire and Japan, in particular.

Abdūrreşid İbrahim, Hisao Komatsu trans., 1991,
“Japanese, Islamic-Russian watched Meiji-Japan”,
Daisann-shokan



The man who connected Japan to the Muslim world.

Ibrahim in Russia and the Ottoman Empire (1)

- Pilgrimage and study abroad in Medina: 1880-1884
- Office of The Quids, Ufa, Spiritual Assembly of the Muslim Law: 1892-1894
- The Islamist criticizing Russia's Muslim policy:

Muslims in Russia, Cairo, 1900.



Габдеррәшид Ибраһимов
(1857-1944)

Hisao Komatu, 2008, "Ibrahim
Journey to Japan", Tosui Shobo, pp29
fig.5

Ibrahim in Russia and the Ottoman Empire (2)

The Russian Revolution in 1905 and Development of Muslim Journalism

1. Taraqqiparvarlar (Reformist) Journalist: *The Ülfet*, newspaper.



From *The World of Islam, Vol. 1*, important works by Ibrahim, Istanbul, 1911

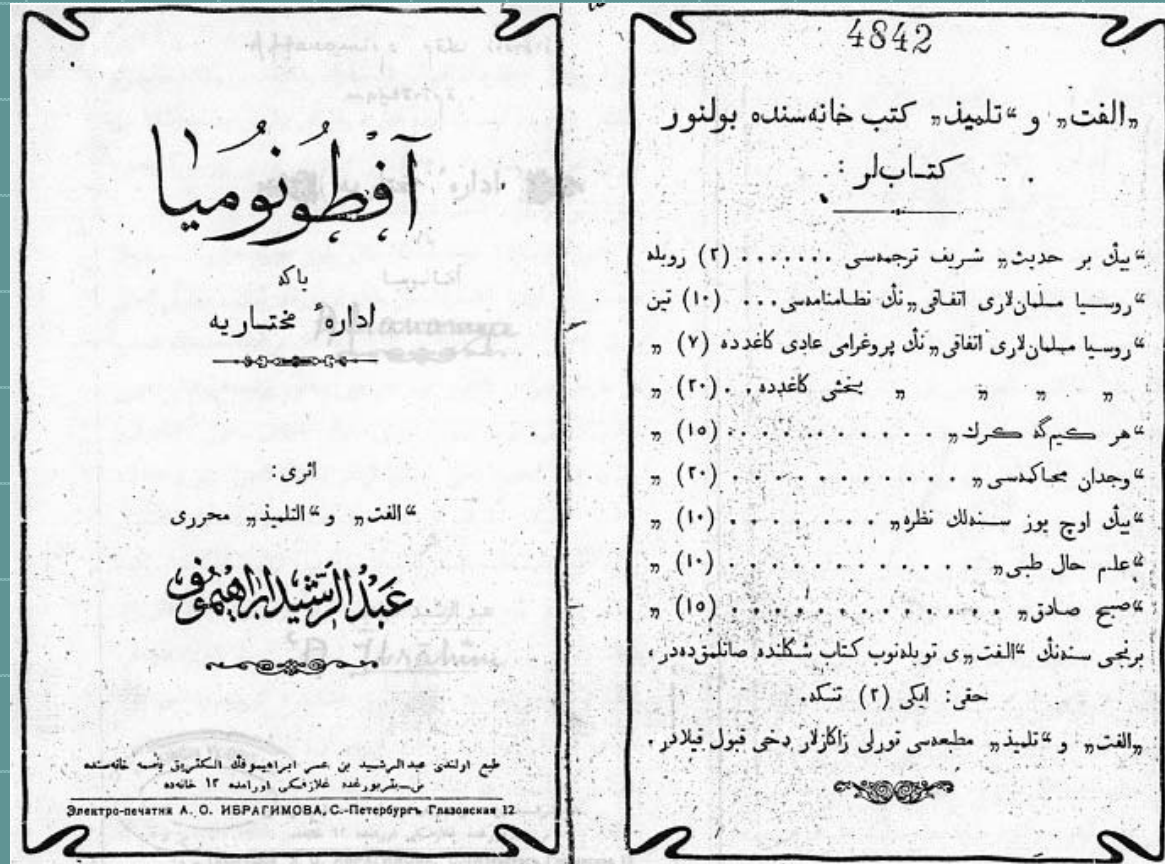
Ibrahim in Russia and the Ottoman Empire (3)

2. Leader of the Russian Muslims' National Movement after the Revolution in 1905

Russian Muslims' Conference



Muslim League -Ittifaq al- Muslimin



Ibrahim's Vision of Russian Muslims' Autonomy

Aftonomiya yake idare-i muhtariye, Sankt-Peterburg, 1907

Ibrahim Visits Japan (1)

Inspired by Japan's victory in the Russo-Japanese War (1904-1905):

January, 1909 – June, 1909

1. Detailed observation of Japan and Japanese people: from the people to the ministers
2. Factors of Japan's rapid developments
3. Upholding of the Japanese virtue and her “racial spirit”

4. Introduction to the Japanese situation for Muslim readers



From *Travels around the World*: Ibrahim's work, †

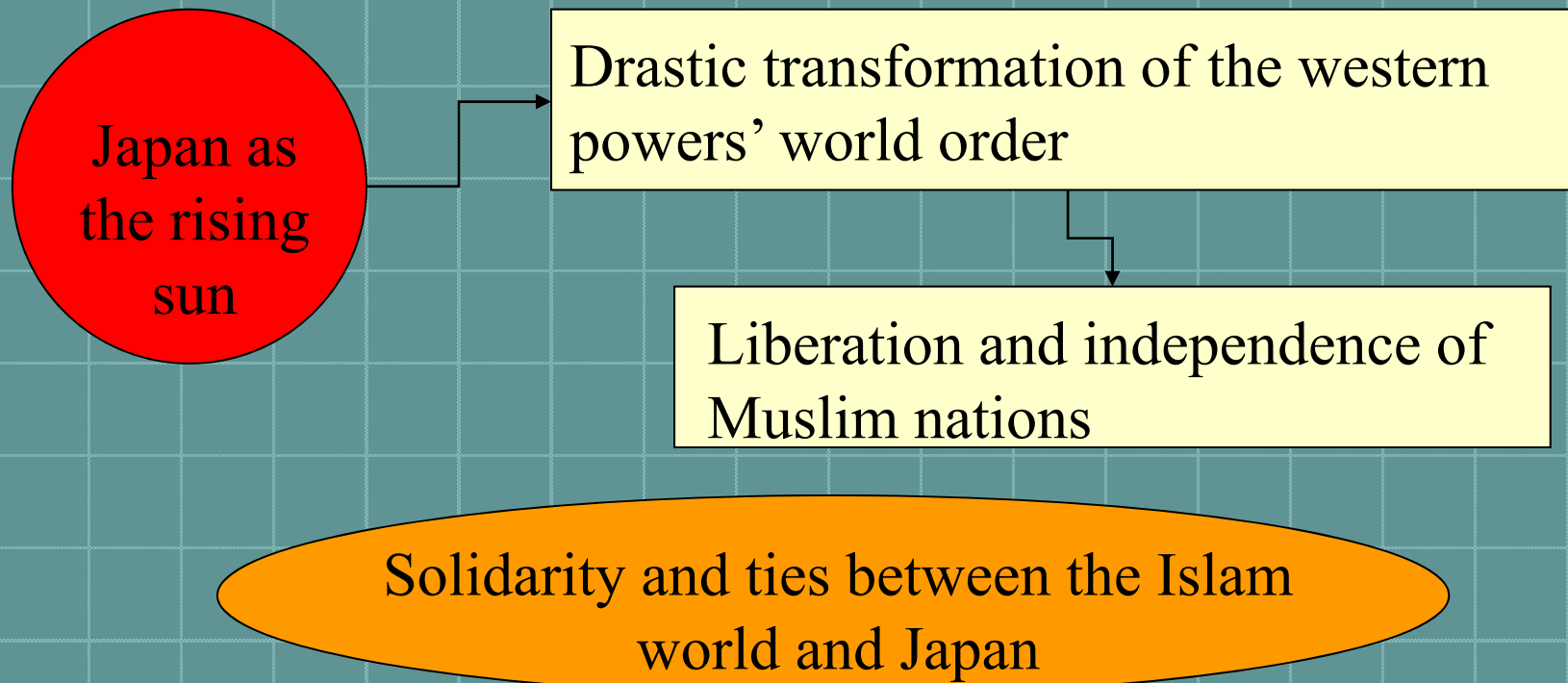
Kazan, 1909

Hisao Komatu, 2008, "Ibrahim Journey to Japan", Tosui Shobo, pp66, fig 11

Ibrahim Visits Japan (2)

Ibrahim's Grand Vision

The situation of the Islam world under subordination



Ibrahim Visits Japan (3)

Asianism in Japan

Integration of the Asian nations against
Western domination

Kokuryu-kai (Black Dragon Society): Mitsuru Tohyama
(1855-1944) and Ryohei Uchida (1874-1936)

Russo-Japanese War (1904-1905)

Japan's annexation of the Korean Peninsula (1910): Hirobumi Itoh

Support for the Chinese Revolution: The Double Ten, 1911

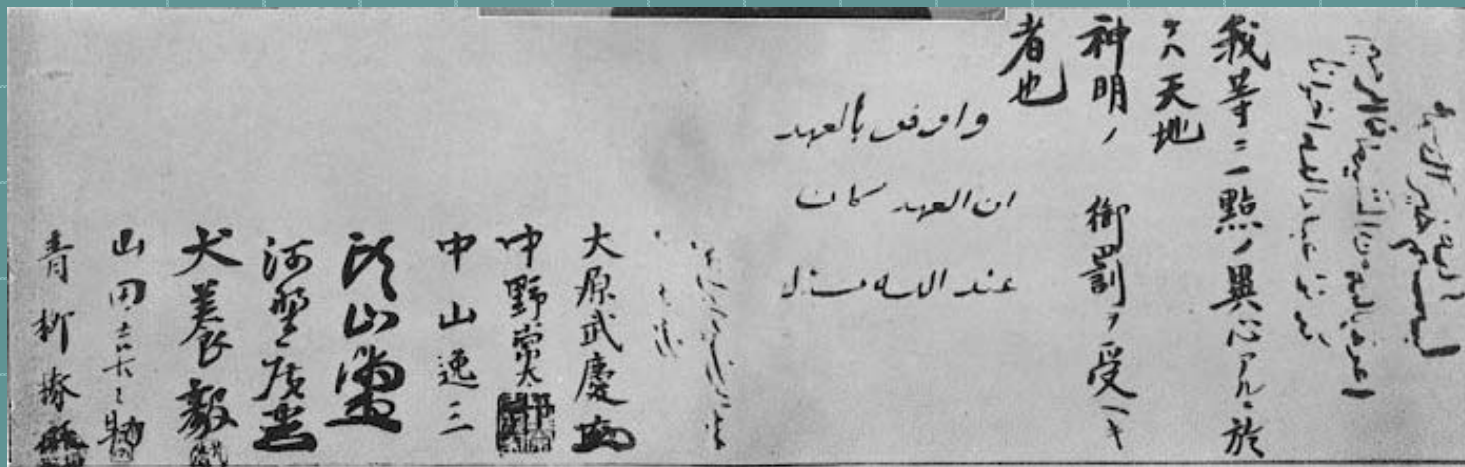


✚ Hisao Komatu, 2008, "Ibrahim Journey to Japan", Tosui Shobo, pp76, fig12

Ibrahim Visits Japan (4)

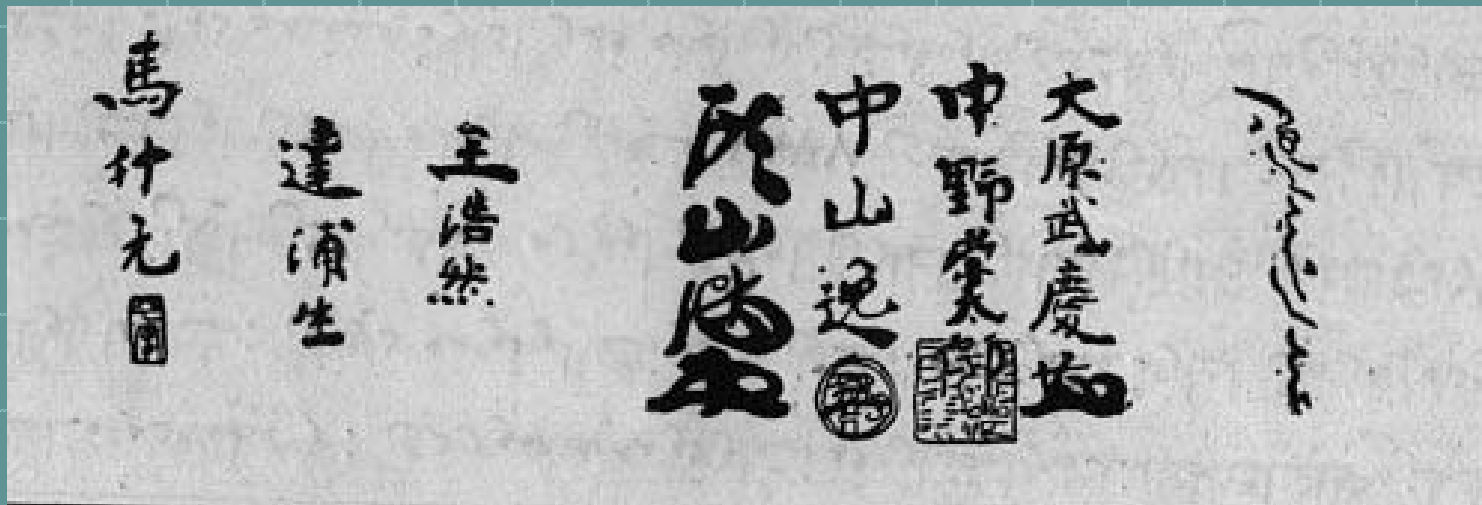
The Society for the Asian Cause

1. Set up by volunteers on June 7, 1909
2. Asianists and the Department of the Army General Staff



The Islam World and Japan, Han Wakabayashi, 1937

3. Leaders of the Chinese Muslims (Huizu)



From *The World of Islam*, important works by Ibrahim, Istanbul, 1911

4. Geopolitically important Islam world

Imperial Japanese Army and Ibrahim: Diary of Taro Utsunomiya

May 8, 1909: Takeyoshi Ohara brought me a memorandum of intent to discuss and recommended Ibrahim's anti-Christian league, so I gave him my opinion. However, I won't meet with Ibrahim immediately, but wait for the right moment.

June 6, 1909: Summoned (two infantry division officers) today, to give Takeyoshi Ohara 300-yen for holding Ibrahim, a Tartar exile from Kazan, Russia.

March 14, 1910: Though his personality and background are unknown, if it should be possible...some day, he could be used as a tool to manage other Muslims

From *Imperial Japanese Army and Its Asian Policy 1: Diary of Army General Taro Utsunomiya*, edited by Research group of Utsunomiya Taro documents, Iwanami Shoten, Publishers, 2007

5. Public Relations Activities toward the Islam World

« آسیاخی قای » جمعیتی، « مشرق اعظم » رفیقہ مزی نشرہ موقیتندن
 دولایی، تبریک ایده رکه مقاصد نجیہ سنہ ایریشہ بیلمه سیچون جناب اللہہ
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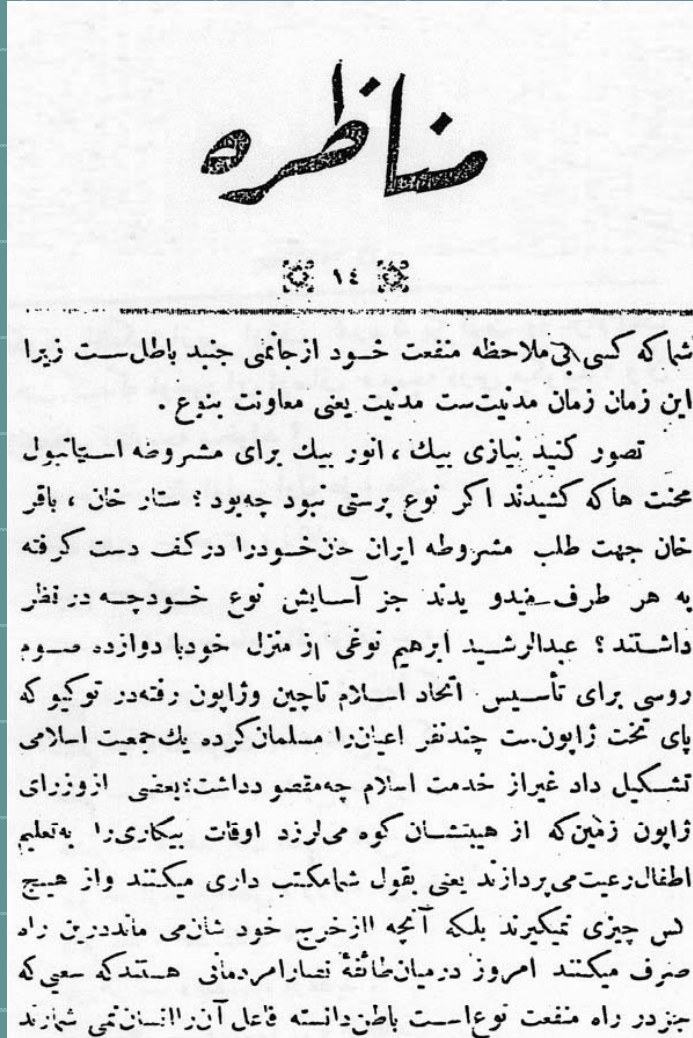
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Ibrahim in Wars and Revolutions (1)



Pan-Islamist journalist

*The World of Islam: Penetration of
Islam in Japan, 1910*



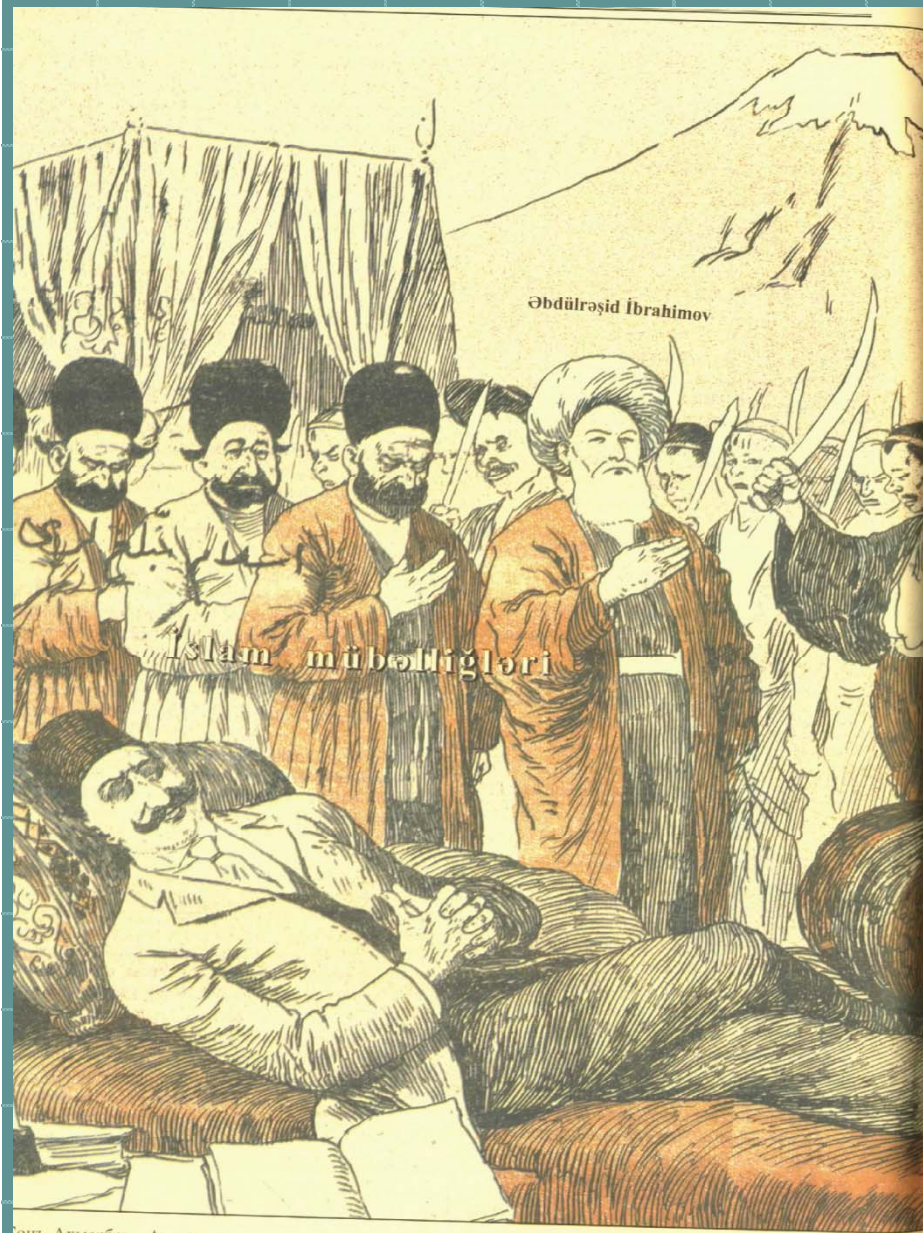
Abdurauf Fitrat (1886-1938)

Taraqqiparvarlar (Reformist)
in Central Asia

From *Argumentation*, Fitrat, Istanbul, 1911

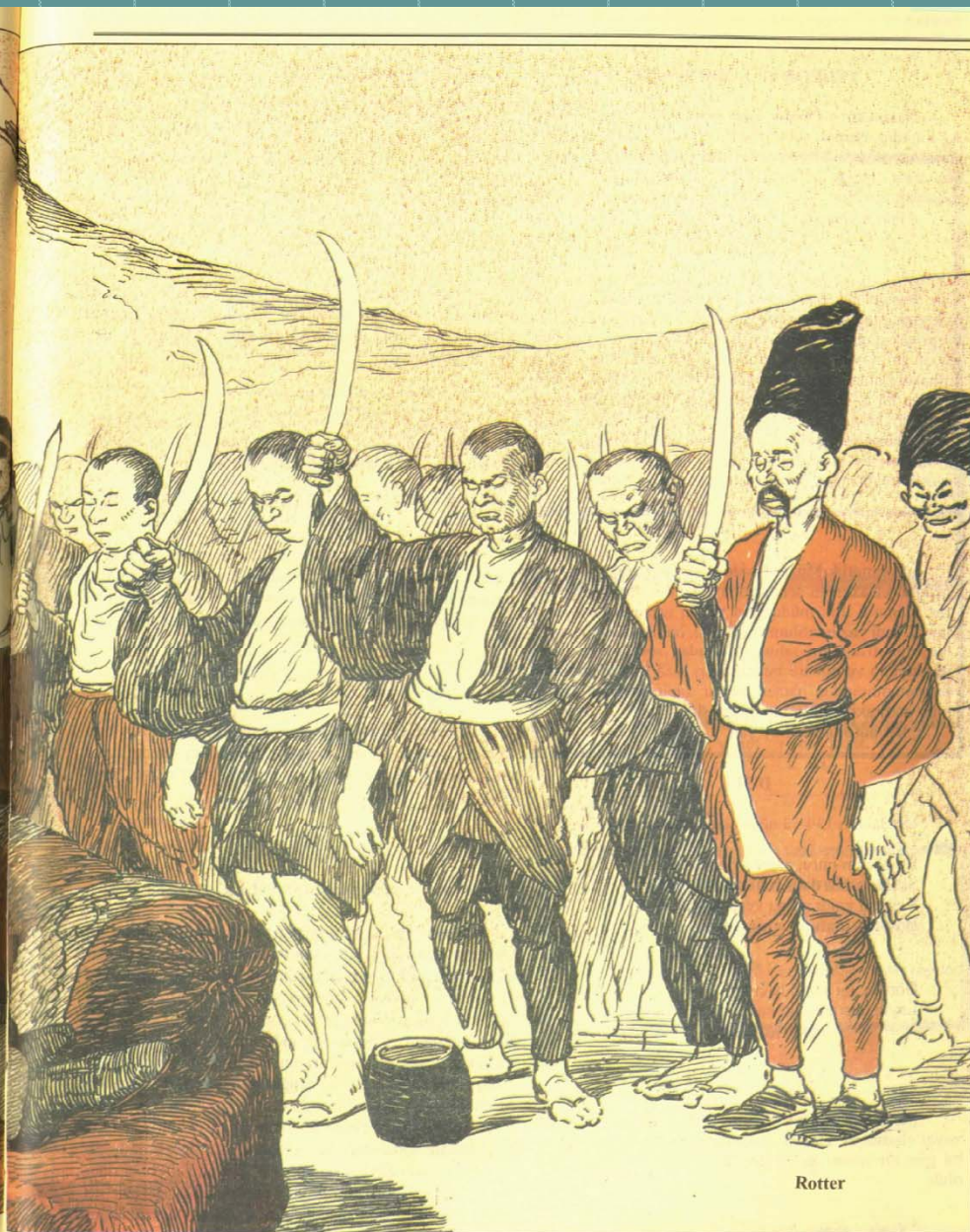


Mulla Nasreddin, No. 14, the 4th year, weekly magazine
issued on April 5, 1909



Топъ Ахмедбека Агаева.

Əhməd bəy Ağayevin yuxusu.



Япония исламу қабул едәндән сонра

Будущая Япония по принятию ислама.

Ibrahim in Wars and Revolutions (2)

- Joined the army in the Turco-Italian War (1911);

Raised the morale of the Ottoman army officers and soldiers at the North African front;

Criticized Japanese diplomacy in the editorial for the *Daito* magazine.

- World War I: Joined the army and engaged in the intelligence activities;

Organized the Asian battalion in Berlin.

Ibrahim in Wars and Revolutions (3)

1. Ibrahim in Soviet Russia: 1918-1923; Siberia, Volga-Ural and Moscow
2. Ataturk's Republic of Turkey: 1923-1933; Pan-Islamist deprived of the opportunity to work.
3. Contact with the Japanese military attaché in Ankara.

Ibrahim Visits Japan Again

October 12, 1933-August 17, 1944

1. Imam at the completed Tokyo Mosque, May 12, 1938



(經讀の翁ムヒラブイ老長) 葬教回の君平逸中田鐘天故

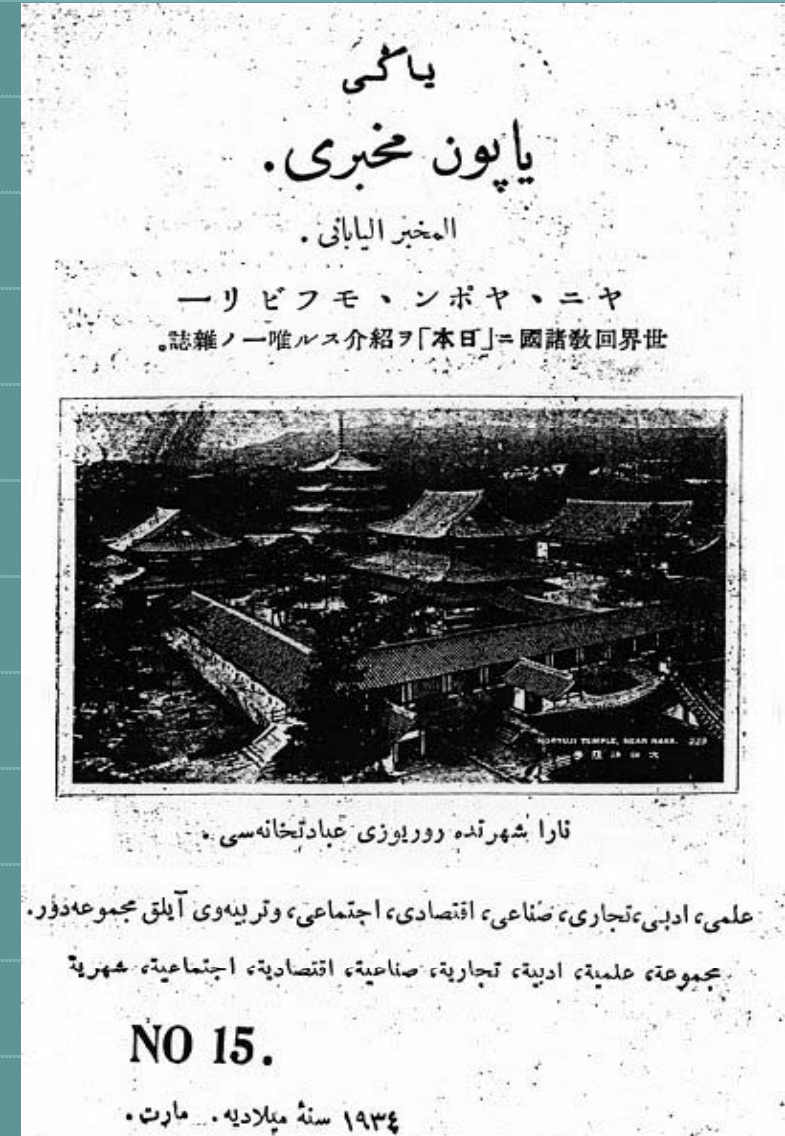
The Islam World and Japan, Han Wakabayashi, 1937

2. Editorial Contribution to *Yanā Yapon Mōxbire* (*Shin-Nihon Tsuho*)

Al Jihad (or Holy War): November, 1933

The united front with Japanese needed
in the upcoming war;

This Jihad is the duty of every Muslim.





Waseda University,
Greater Japan Muslim League



Greater Japan Muslim League (1938)

Appeared in “*The Muslims in Tokyo*,” a promotion movie for the southern quarter during the war (1944).

Conclusion

1. *The Islam World, in two volumes*, important works by Ibrahim:
A cross-section of the Islamic world in the early 20th century;
One of the Muslims' images about Japan and Japanese
2. The source of studies on Ibrahim and Islam in Japan:
Toshihiko Izutsu and Ibrahim; Musa Bigiev
3. Development of Japanese policy for Islam: Assignments for future studies