明治「敗者」史觀與殖民地台灣——以北白川宮征台論述為中心*

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摘要

至目前為止,台灣文學研究對日本領台五十年間的日本領台史觀可說是 沿用明治維新之後薩長兩藩所主導的「勝者」史觀,也因為如此,面對當時統 治者「日本」的認識不僅平板同時一元化,也因此在後殖民研究論述上過度單 純化日本近代的「國族主義」。本文將由「敗者」史觀重新探討北白川宮能久 親王在明治維新史的定位,對照日本的台灣殖民事始一即病歿於台灣征途當中 的北白川宮能久親王其在台生成的傳說與形象。除了從1895年隨北白川宮能 久親王征討台灣的森鷗外其所撰寫的傳記《能久親王事蹟》探討北白川宮能久 親王形象的生成與史觀差異二者之間的關係外,也將從《臺灣日日新報》連載 的講談〈北白河宮殿下〉(1911.04.03-1911.12.30)探討殖民地台灣如何從 「敗者史觀」建構北白川宮形象。

關鍵詞:北白川宮能久親王、《臺灣日日新報》、森鷗外、大逆事件

^{*} 在此謹向二位提供寶貴意見的匿名審查人致上謝忱。本稿未盡之課題,將留待後續發展。另,本文乃執行國科會專題研究計畫「日本的台灣殖民事始與「國民文學」書寫——以日據時期北白川宮能久親王形象建構與明治維新「敗者」史觀為中心」(101-2410-H-004-147-MY2)之部分研究成果。

The Prince Kitashirakawa and Colonial Taiwan:

From the Historical Views of Defeated Figures in the Meiji Period

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Abstract

The Prince Kitashirakawa, uncle of the Meiji Emperor, died during the pacification of Taiwan in 1895 when Taiwan became the first colony of Japan. Afterward, he became a spiritual icon for Japanese colonial rulers in Taiwan. At first glance, it is not suspicious that the Prince's sacrifice for Japan's new colony earned him recognition as a national hero. However, biographies and related materials about the Prince Kitashirakawa, both in modern and colonial Taiwan, indicate that he had been involved in political struggles between the Satsuma and Choushu regimes and the late Tokugawa regime's imperial court, and had been supported by feudal domains in the northeast during the War of Boshin.

This paper will examine the discourse on the Prince Kitashirakawa in colonial Taiwan to expose how colonial Taiwan, as the periphery of the Japanese empire, challenged the core of Japan through questioning the legitimacy of Japan's emperor.

Keywords: The Prince Kitashirakawa, Taiwan Daily News, Mori Ogai, The High Treason Incident.