

# MISSION: SHANGHAI

## A NICK GRANT ADVENTURE

In January, 1936, Lieutenant Commander Toshio Miyazaki, Imperial Japanese Naval Intelligence and member of the secret **Black Dragon Society**, receives a new mission - steal the secret codes that keep US Naval communications safe from other countries. He's pleased, as the mission provides a chance to even the score with Nick Grant.

Meanwhile, Nick is preparing to move his parents and sister to Rio de Janeiro. He hopes they'll be out of reach of Miyazaki and the **Black Dragons**. In Rio he's reunited with his old boss, Bill Grooch. **Pan American Airways** sent Grooch to help the Grants get settled, but his real job is to enlist Nick in a new mission for US Naval Intelligence.

After the duo returns to the US, Miyazaki strikes and steals the naval codes. Nick and Grooch give chase flying a new **Sikorsky S-43** amphibian with a mad plan. Race Miyazaki to China and confront him using Nick as bait. Then Grooch will spring a trap to recover the stolen codes. All Nick has to do is survive the encounter with the merciless **Black Dragon**. Nick has sworn revenge against Miyazaki for murdering his friends Mac and Roger Tanaka. Nick is willing to risk all to settle the score.

## Praise for Earlier Work

*"Flying Boats and Spies nails it! I have sailed those waters, lived some of Nick Grant's adventures, and shared the very skies he flew. Jamie Dodson got it all right with a page-turning story that took me back to my youth and Pacific adventures that others only dream about. Grab this book before someone else does. And bring shark repellent... you'll forget it's not you in the book."*

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The **Black Dragon Society** was a prominent paramilitary, ultranationalist right-wing group in Japan.

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The **Black Dragons** assisted Japanese spies - even those who were not members. They helped run successful operations in China, Manchuria, Siberia and North and South America. They also established contacts throughout the Muslim world. The Central Asia contacts were maintained through out World War II.

**The Black Dragons**, or *Kokuryukai*, supported Pan-Asianism, and lent financial support to revolutionaries such as Sun Yat-sen, and Emilio Aguinaldo. They also formed close contact and even alliances with Buddhist sects throughout Asia.

During the 1930s, the **Black Dragons** evolved into more of a mainstream political organization, and publicly attacked liberal and leftist thought. Although it never had more than one hundred members at any one, the close ties of its membership to leading members of the government, military and powerful business leaders gave it a power and influence far greater than most other ultranationalist groups.

Initially directed only against Russia, in the 1930s, the **Black Dragons** expanded its activities around the world, and stationed agents in such diverse places as Ethiopia, Turkey, Morocco, throughout southeast Asia and South America, as well as Europe and the United States.



## The Pacific Espionage War: Imperial Japan vs. the U.S.

In 1933 Japan invaded Manchuria and routed the poorly trained and equipped Chinese forces. The League of Nations condemned Japan's naked aggression. The U.S. provided vital assistance to the Chinese in the form of war materials, training, and money. However, it took a month to transport the critical support to China by ship.

In 1935, **Pan American Airways** Flying Clippers cut the transit time to five days. Their subsidiary, **China National Aviation Corps** (CNAC), completed the air route to the front lines in days.

Japan dispatched spies and saboteurs to disrupt the clippers, acquire the advanced US technology, and steal US Navy encryption codes. It was Japan's opening gambit in the planned war with



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