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Christian Servicemen's Center



Covers and Features

The features this week in the Torii Teller cover subjects many miles apart. But both deal with a matter close to everyone's heart; off-duty recreation.

First, for the center spread and covers, I. S. O.'s PFC Jerry Ellis took a day off from the sports beat and teamed with I.S.O. photographer PFC Alex Wasinski to bring readers the story of Iwakuni's Christian Servicemen's Center.

Then one of the section's other writers, Cpl. J. J. McPhillips sat down and talked with local school teacher Sandra Seto and, using her experiences and photographs, came up with the one page "Two on a Tour of Kyushu" feature.

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Editorial

The Rudiments of Leadership

A leader is the result of years of experience, maturity and responsibility. A man can be trained in the rudiments of leadership but it is up to the individual to develop them. Key to the matter is that the leader is a rugged individual. Some are loved, some are envied. There's no in between. There never has been a leader who was "tolerated."

The trend today is to make the word "leadership" as common and repugnant as the term "togetherness" was years ago. You can't pick up a paper without seeing the word "leadership" used at least ten times

Viewpoint

The Monkeys'

Three monkeys sat in a coconut tree
Discussing things as they are said
to be.

Said one to the others, "Now listen
you two,

There's a certain rumor that can't
be true,

That man descends from our noble
race--

The very idea is a disgrace.
No monkey ever deserted his wife,
Starved her babies and ruined her life,
And you've never known a mother
monk,

To leave her babies with others to
bunk,

Or pass them on from one to another
'til they scarcely know who is their
mother.

And another thing you'll never see--
A monk build a fence 'round a
coconut tree

And let the coconuts go to waste,
Forbidding all other monks just a
taste;

Why, if I'd put a fence around the
tree,

Starvation would force you to steal
from me.

Here's another thing a monk won't
do--

Go out at night and get on a stew,
Or use a gun or club or knife.

To take some other monkey's life.

Yes, Man descended--the ornery cuss--

But, brother, he didn't descend from
us!

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per page. Pick up a paper or magazine from a few years ago. Then it was only used as an accolade. Now it is used as a smokescreen encompassing many ordinary men.

A leader is not ordinary! Nor can he be categorized. Have you ever seen two leaders, any leaders, alike in any shape or form? Their only common denomination was individualism, and each one had a different trait for which he was admired or envied.

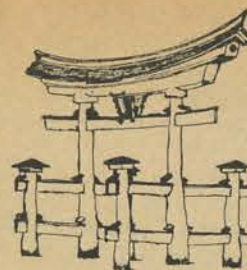
What makes a leader stand out? First, of course, is his rugged individualism. Second is his willingness to accept responsibility. Next, his determination to take a chance. And most important, his awareness of his subsequent insecurity for having decided on that chance.

In our present day, more emphasis is being given to security and future. It is easy to assume the new opiate for the masses is security. However, bold, imaginative action and a display of natural talents in personal self-expression during his daily actions puts security where it belongs in a leader's life: behind him. Defensive thinking and bold decisions do not go together. We cannot expect true leadership from those who choose not to dare, and take the easier solution. Leadership describes a quality of individuals, not of a group or society. And yet, leadership inescapably involves insecurity.

You might ask, "What, a leader feel insecure? Ridiculous." But try to grasp this. By taking chances -- and he must -- he risks everything. By swiftly analyzing the situation he sees only one golden opportunity and, based on his individualism, takes it. By ignoring this opportunity he becomes only another mortal. And a rather common one.

Leadership is the loneliest thing in the world. If you don't have any spark, imagination, guts and adult awareness -- be a follower. Another leader will always be there when we need him.

SgtMaj. J. H. Spotanski



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News Review

LOCAL

New S&S Bookshop

A new Pacific Stars and Stripes bookshop was officially opened at 11:30 am Sept. 1 by Col. George D. Wolverton, station commander.

As part of its opening celebration, the store is featuring an eight day sale which ends today. During the discount days, many books are being sold at prices slashed up to 60 per cent. There will also be a drawing today for \$100 in free prizes. Coupons for entering the drawing maybe obtained at the bookshop.

During a brief ribbon cutting ceremony, the colonel expressed his appreciation for the service which the bookshop renders local servicemen and wished the management good luck in their new building and location.

Stars and Stripes' new store is located diagonally across the street from the station's southside barber shop. The old shop was located above the bowling alley for more than six years.

According to the S&S Iwakuni District Manager, Yuklo Oshima, "the new store offers our customers greater shopping comfort and convenience. It is air conditioned, and located within a block of the Exchange store complex."

FEN's Open House

More than 200 Japanese guests attended Far East Network's 5th Annual Open House Aug. 29, when the local station hosted the public from 10 am until 3 pm.

A special bus transported the visitors from the gate to the studio where they were taken on guided tours of FEN's broadcasting facilities.

Staff announcers explained the operation of a radio station as they guided guests through the announcer's control rooms, the library of records and the engineer's technical control room.

Many were given an opportunity to make a recording and then listen to the play-back to see how their voices would sound if aired.

Though most of the visitors were

from the Iwakuni area, one group made a four hour drive from Shinjo to meet their favorite announcer and observe the station's operations.



AT THE HARA SANATORIUM
Break in building a playground

Sanatorium Gets Playground

In response to a request from students of Hara Branch School at the Hara Sanatorium, a plot was cleared and leveled for a playground last month by Marine Air Base Squadron-17.

A bulldozer was transported Aug. 24 to the sanatorium, which is located in a hilly area near Hatsuokaichi Town, Hiroshima Prefecture. The next day, Sgt. Horace L. Smith, LCpl. Lyle R. Taufest and PFC James C. Thomas began the four day clearing project.

The school's 60 children decided to call on the Marines for help after other attempts to clear the land failed. As a last resort, the students held a meeting to plan their next course of action. It was then that they decided to write the letter.

Miss Suzumi Niimi, 15, student leader of the school, wrote to the station commander here requesting assistance in the form of a bulldozer. She explained

that the parents had undertaken the job by hand, but because of large rocks and roots they were unable to clear a suitable area.

The job had also proved to be too much for a road grader from the prefecture's civil engineering office.

The Marines were guests of honor Aug. 28 at a party given by the children. According to Sgt. Smith, they were treated royally during their four days at the Sanatorium, and in the evenings the residents of Hatsuokaichi Town invited them into their homes.

VMA-121's Children

For many members of Marine Attack Squadron 121, weekends mean a visit to see "their" children.

Of course, the children do not actually belong to the Marines; the youngsters are residents of the Ako Bono Orphanage on Nasakajima island.

Assistance to the orphanage has been provided by the squadron since its arrival at MCAS Iwakuni in April. During the past few months its personnel have donated radios, a television set, record player, tables and chairs. The men are presently helping to construct showers for the children.

Weekends at the isolated orphanage have become fun-filled liberty hours for members of the attack squadron.

Early Saturday mornings, the Marines, and their weekly cargo of clothing, books, food and other presents, embark from the MCAS dock for the two hour boat trip to Nasakajima.

Saturday evenings are the highpoint of the visits. Marines take over the cooking chores and whip up typical American dishes of fried chicken, hamburgers and hot dogs; throw a Mexican cook-out complete with tortillas and enchiladas.

During the past few month the island's villagers and the squadron's members have become quite friendly. After the children have been put to bed, the adults gather at the orphanage for a Saturday night get-together. It has become one of the island's main social events.

On Sunday afternoons, the servicemen



IWAKUNI'S CHRISTIAN SERVICEMEN'S CENTER, A PLACE TO . . .

Iwakuni's Christian

Would you like a fast game of ping pong? Maybe you enjoy old time singalongs and sitting around drinking coffee? Or is just a nice quiet corner to write a letter what you want? Companionship, or a corner to read, solitude or sports. They are all there and free for the asking at Iwakuni's Christian Servicemen's Center.

Facilities at the Center include a reading and writing room with two typewriters and a library with a varied selection of over 200 books. Adjacent to the reading and writing room is a spacious and comfortable lounge where local servicemen of all religious denominations and races while away many leisure hours playing pinnochie, chess, checkers, and other games.

Among the chosen favorites are two Japanese games known as Shogi and Go. Shogi is the Oriental version of chess, while Go is similar to checkers and is played with black and white stones.

In the rear of the lounge is another room that is the constant site of fast and furious activity for hours on end. Here many novices are introduced to ping pong by the local "pro's" and many tournaments, both singles and doubles, are held.

Filling out the Center's first floor is the refreshment counter which offers tea, coffee, candies, peanuts and, on weekends, assorted pastries which are

donated by the Officers Wives Club.

The upper floor of the two story building is known as the Japanese room. Consisting of numerous sliding doors, it may serve a large variety of purposes. When used as one room on special occasions, it holds such get-togethers as Sukiyaki dinners and informal discussion periods.

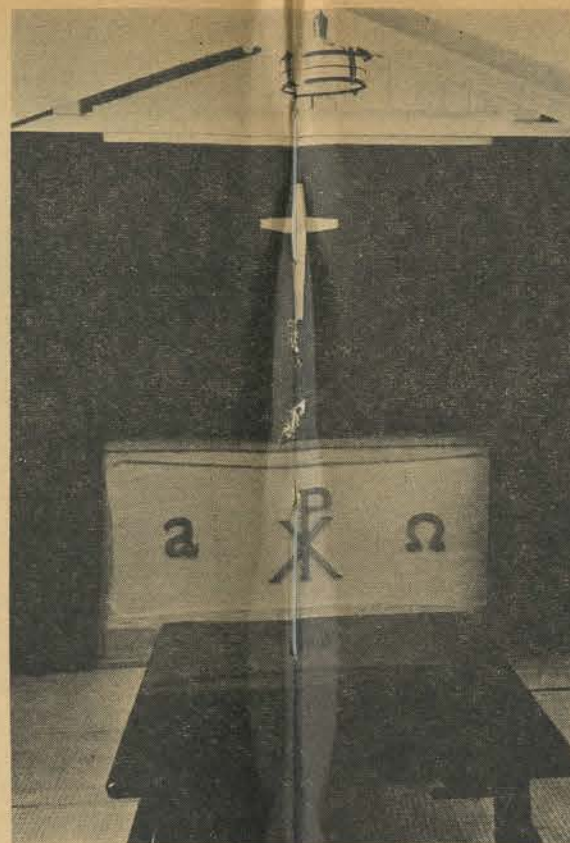
When used as four separate rooms, it has a TV room, a slide room equipped with projector and screen, a tape room with stereo equipment and a small chapel for meditation and individual worship.

Both floors are fully air conditioned with adequate space for numerous servicemen.

The Center also provides other interesting activities. For instance, tours are conducted quite frequently, free of charge, to various spots of interest throughout Japan. Previous tours have been made to Miyajima, Hiroshima, and several famous caves and shrines.

One of the newer events, which is rapidly becoming quite popular, is the "Home Visitation Program." It is operated with the cooperation of the local Japanese Christian churches.

They furnish names of Japanese families who would enjoy having a serviceman visit at their home. The Center makes arrangements for the



WORSHIP PRIVATELY . . .



RELAX, READ OR JUST TO SIT AND TALK WITH FRIENDS . . .

Servicemen's Center

serviceman. While visiting, he has the opportunity to learn and observe local customs and traditions through the aid of a furnished interpreter. Visits take place on Sunday afternoons as often as arrangements permit.

Also being inaugurated into the Center's system is the "Evening at Home." It is conducted at the director's home one evening a week on an informal basis. During this "Evening at Home," acquaintances are made, Japanese traditions and customs are discussed, conversations on various topics are held and American folk songs and Biblical hymns are sung. During the course of the evening dessert is served.

Several years ago, Chaplain Paul Raynor, then Iwakuni's base chaplain, appealed to various branch organizations in the Far East, asking them to initiate a Christian center in the Iwakuni area.

Following several letters and a study of the situation, the Kichi Mondai Inkai (Base Problems Committee), swayed by the enthusiasm of the chaplains and commanding officer, gave its unanimous approval to begin negotiations to establish the Center.

The site was selected, a former Dai Ichi taxi stand, and construction was started.

The Christian Servicemen's Center was built at a cost of \$10,000 and dedicated on June 15, 1961.

It is now operated on funds furnished by the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States, which has some 33 different denominations contributing. The Center operates on a fully expended budget of \$14,000 per year and serves some 28,000 servicemen annually. About 4,000 per month use the facilities during the summer while approximately 2,500 per month visit during the winter.

The Christian Servicemen's Center is one of various branches of the Committee on Ministry to Service Personnel in the Far East and is operated under the direction of the Rev. Karl Karpa. Assisting him is a salaried staff of one assistant director, two hostesses and two Japanese youths.

Rev. Karpa is a graduate of Eastern Baptist College and Seminary. The director, a native of Brooklyn, served as a pastor in Pennsylvania for three years prior to entering the Navy Chaplain Corps, where he was assigned to the 1st MAW.

Upon his release from active duty, he was accepted for service with the Committee and assigned directly to Japan. Prior to being designated as director of the Christian Servicemen's Center here, he served as head of the Yokohama Servicemen's Guides, then later worked on the development of the new Japan Christian Hospitality Center in Yokosuka.



TO FIND A MAGAZINE . . .



TO WRITE A LETTER HOME.