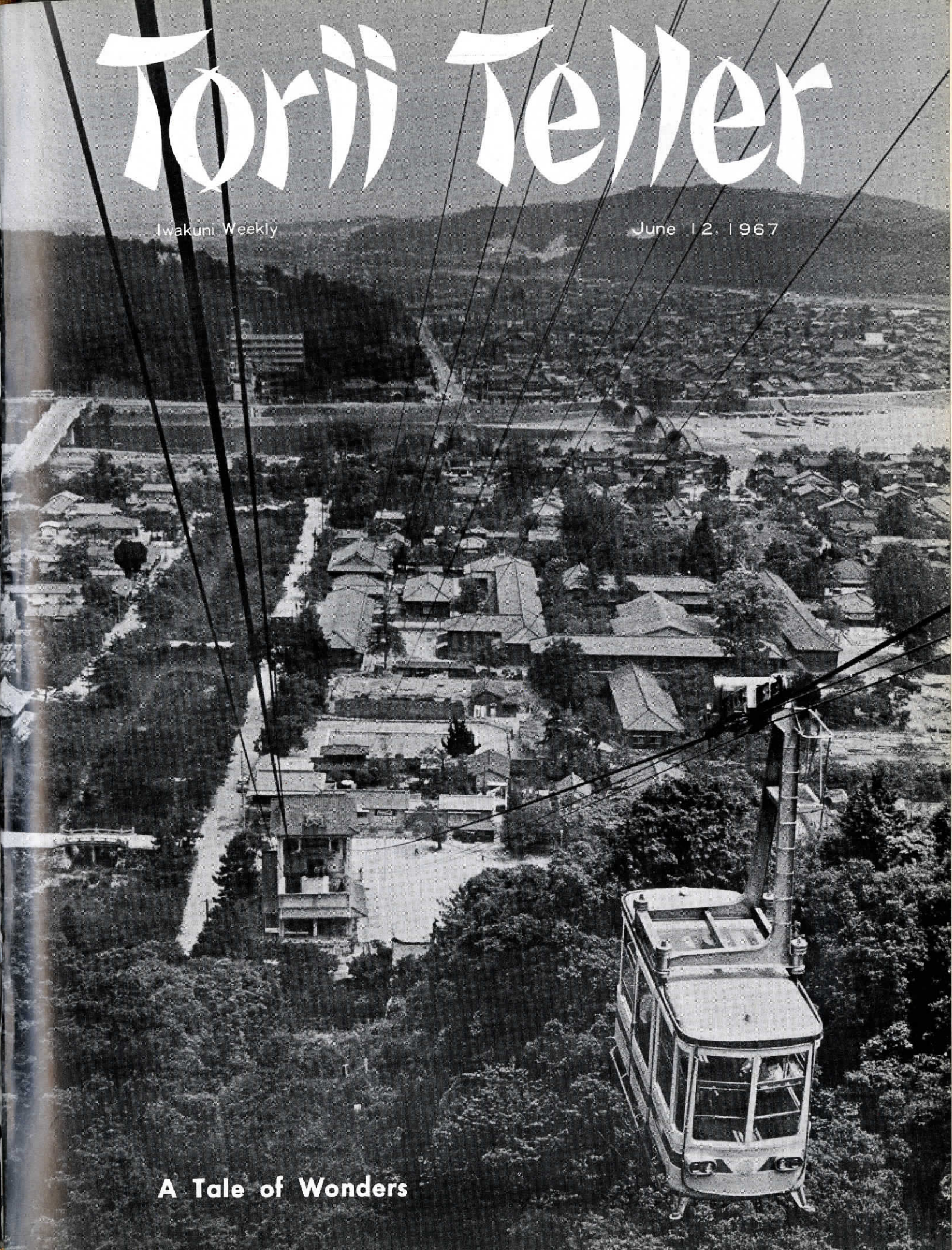


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A Tale of Wonders

Not Quite Enough

Marine Corps lieutenant colonels with four years in grade — instead of the five required before — will be eligible for selection to colonel by the board meeting July 25.

President Johnson, by executive order, has suspended the five-year-in-grade requirement, because the Corps didn't have quite enough under it to fill its requirement for 186 new colonels in the coming fiscal year.

The selection zone actually dips 25 members into this new four-year-in-grade group. The change will make about 200 more eligible.

These will be eligible for below-the-zone selection, though no more than five percent of the total can be below the zone. The four year requirement for consideration for colonel is the same as the Navy time in grade for commander to captain.

War Statistics

Here are a few figures on the war in Vietnam released by U.S. military officials in Saigon.

Military strength:

U.S., 350,000; other free-world forces, 52,000; Viet Cong, 279,000.

Breakdown of Communist strength:

North Vietnamese Army, 45,600; Viet Cong main force, 30,400; Viet Cong local force, 32,500; combat support, 18,700; militia, 112,800; political cadres, 39,200.

Total Communist battalions:

North Vietnamese Army, 86; Viet Cong main force, 63; Viet Cong local force, 31.

Accepted infiltration, actual figures are probably higher:

January 1966, 4000; February, 8000; March, 10,000; April, 1000; May, 6000; June, 13,000; July, 3000; August, 2000; September over 1000; October over 7000.

Personnel killed last year:

U.S., first quarter 1966, 1266; second quarter 1266; third quarter 1272.

South Vietnam (by quarters) 3407; 3091; 2723.

Other free-world forces (by quarters) 196, 102, 118.

Viet Cong (by quarters), 13,740; 13,338; 15,452. These are body-count figures. Actual Communist figures probably higher.

Those formerly under Communist control (Chieu Hoi) who have rallied to government side:

During all of 1965, 11,950; up to November 1966, 16,398.



GIRL 'FRIDAYS'

Many jobs to do

A Tale of Wonders

(See Covers)

"Thank you for your patience," the expressionless young lady said. "I hope I haven't kept you waiting too long."

The expressionless young lady was Miss Etsuko Mikami one of seven attractive girls who act as guides for the ascent and descent on the Iwakuni Castle Ropeway.

Headed by Akira Nishimoto, the ropeway is one of four activities under the Iwakuni City Tourist Bureau. Kintai Bridge, Iwakuni Castle and Cormorant Fishing are the other three activities controlled by the bureau.

Mr. Nishimoto holds the responsibility of managing the ropeway and related concessions. At present, there are 23 employees under his management. Activities at the ropeway are handled by two sections, the business or administrative section and the engineering or maintenance section.

Business Sections. Eighteen of the 23 employees work for the business section; most of them performing activities which do not bring them in contact with the public. The ropeway's public relation contacts are the seven lovely lasses mentioned before.

As Etsuko recites her message with the expressionless mechanics of a robot, the rider who watches her rather than the scenery may gather the impression that Etsuko is oblivious of all that occurs near her, but a conversation with her makes another impression.

She, like the other girls, is a high school graduate. She is the younger of two daughters of Satoru and Sumako Mikami. Of her work, she says,

"I find no monotony in the work I do because I am happy to see the impression I make on the passengers when I tell them of my native town."

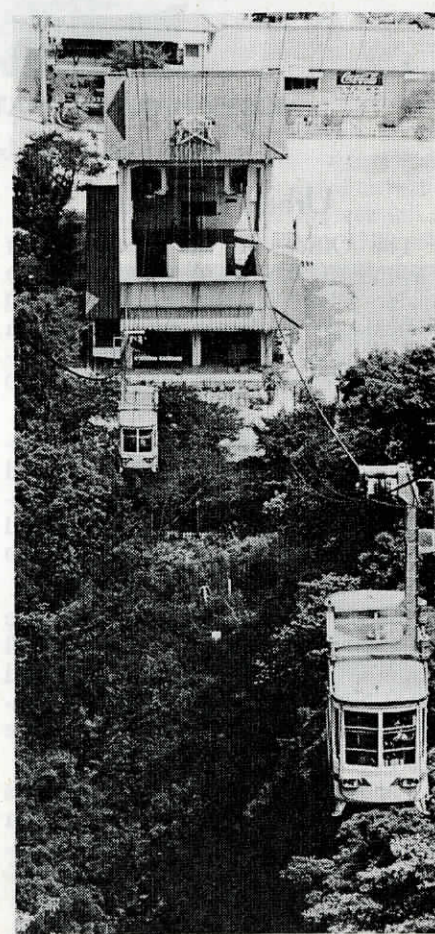
The remainder of Etsuko's ascending speech (for the hundreds aboard the air station who have made the journey without benefit of interpretation) is:

For the ascent. "Iwakuni Castle Ropeway is 412 meters long and will take you to the hilltop in about two minutes and 48 seconds. It is capable of transporting 450 passengers an hour. 'Safety' is our motto.

"Iwakuni began to see its first prosperous development some 360 years ago when Lord Hiroiye Kikkawa was transferred, right after the battle of Segigahara, to Iwakuni from the Tonda Castle in the State of Izumo, present Shimane Prefecture.

"Iwakuni, with a population of 110,000 at the present, is still enjoying its prosperity as a tourist and industrial town.

"With its Kintai Bridge, one of the most renowned bridges in this country; with many other historical sites; with variety of scenic beauties woven by Mother Nature such as springtime cherry blossoms, summertime cormorant fishing, tinted maple tree



450 PER HOUR

A view from the top

brocade in fall and winter snow landscape; Iwakuni is now drawing more than 1.6 million tourists a year.

"The Nishiki River you see below hides in its ripples the tales of the Battle of Itsukushima Island and the bloodshed between the provinces of Bocho and Tokugawa Shogunates. But despite these turbulences, it has kept flowing placid as ever.

"The cormorant fishing under the night skies in summer nearby the Kintai Bridge, illuminated by the torches as the fishing artists handle with dexterity the cords on the quiet waters of the Nishiki River, is indeed a glamorous sight to behold, a beautiful picture scroll unfolded before your very eyes.

"We now are approaching the hill-top station. It will take about five minutes for you to walk to the castle from this station. In the castle you will see displayed many swords, armors and helmets and many other historical treasures. I feel certain you will find it most educational, both as a castle and as a museum. From its observation platform located 240 meters above sea level you will be able to command an excellent view of Iwakuni. Its beautiful scene has become quite famous, both domestic and abroad."

Hoping the travelers had a pleasant journey, Etsuko stands smiling by the gently swaying gondola and prepares to welcome the travelers for the return trip. She will make two round trips in the gondola and will rest for several trips, performing perhaps some administrative duties.

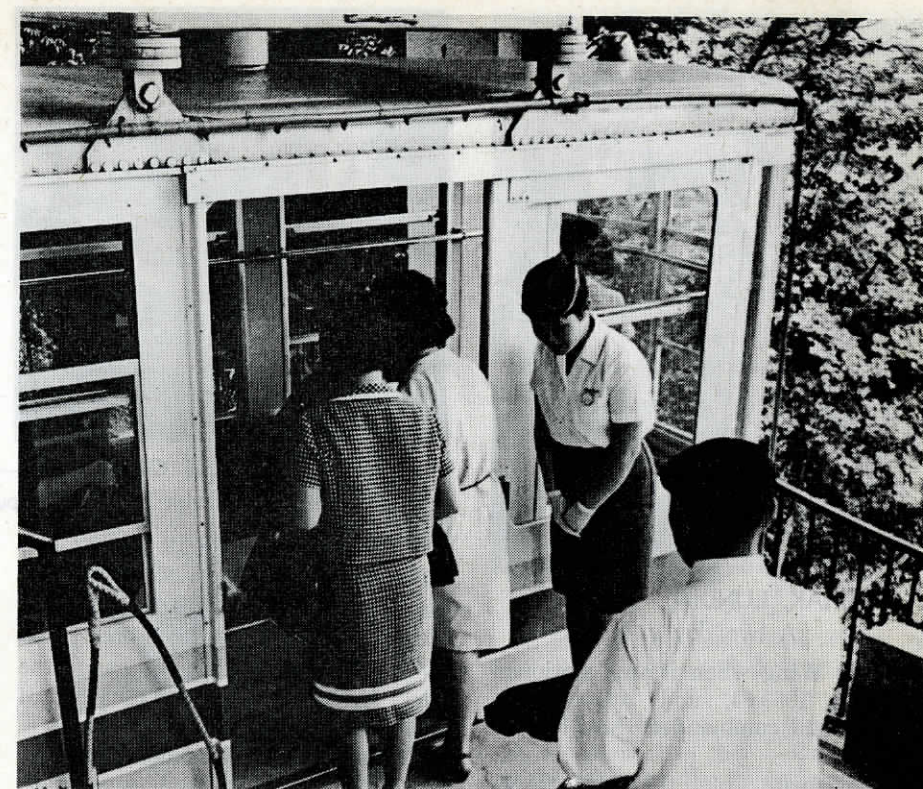
In two overlapping shifts, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm and 11 am to 7 pm, the guides can expect to make 15 round trips on a busy day. In addition to administrative duties, the girls perform duties in the ticket sales office.

Etsuko has been a guide since her graduation from Iwakuni High School in March. She, like the other guides, attended a two-week apprenticeship training course prior to her employment as a full-time guide. In addition to instruction on the details of the job, the guides are schooled on emergency steps in the unlikely advent of a breakdown and in measures to take in the case of passengers who become ill.

Always Remember. Etsuko's descending message is no less poetic and informative as her ascending message.

"Please watch your surroundings with care," she says, "so that you will always remember this day.

"In front of you is Iwakuni Airport. The islands dotting the Seto Inland Sea were designated a National Park



WELCOME ABOARD

Etsuko — smiles, assurance and information

because of their exquisite beauty. The islands you see directly before your eyes are called Hashira Jima. They form a part of Iwakuni City. The one on the left is Kabuto Jima, located on the border line of Yamaguchi and Hiroshima Prefectures.

"Rising on our left is Iwakunisan or Iwakuni mountain range. In the days of old, its narrow precipitous winding path was invariably used by travelers coming to this area. The path is so full of lurking dangers that a poem depicting its perils for the unsuspecting travelers was printed in the 4th chapter of the Manyoshu (a Japanese poetry classic), "When crossing Iwa-

kunisan of Suo, make certain you have bade farewell to all, so dangerous are its paths."

"The bridge on your right is the world renowned Kintai-Kyo or Bashi. It was built by the feudal lord Hiro-yoshi Kikkawa in 1673 and for 277 years it spanned the Nishiki River in its original shape, but it was destroyed beyond repair by a typhoon which played havoc in 1950. The present bridge was reconstructed in March 1953 at a cost of 120 million yen (\$333,333.33). The technique utilized in its reconstruction is worthy of praise and is a work of art no one in Iwakuni should hesitate to boast.

"Directly below you is Kikko Park, formerly belonging to Lord Kikkawa but presently open to the general public, within its compound are Kin-unkaku Shrine, Yokoji Temple and numerous historical sites as well as a moat and several ponds with Mt. Shiroyama lurking in the background. This park with its splendor can be enjoyed by all during any season of the year."

The names of the other young ladies who each day tell of the wonders of Iwakuni are: Yasuko Shirahama, Kuniko Yamaoka, Kihoko Kawano, Kasuko Sugano, Keiko Yamagata and Sachiko Yoshioka. Sorry, no additional information is available.

(Next week's Torii will contain the story of the ropeway and its engineering maintenance section.)



AKIRO NISHIMOTO

He's responsible



KIMAK, LUNDIN, THARIN
A two day visit

Aircraft Wing when it was stationed here in 1963-64, and before, as a colonel, had commanded MAG-11 in 1956-57.

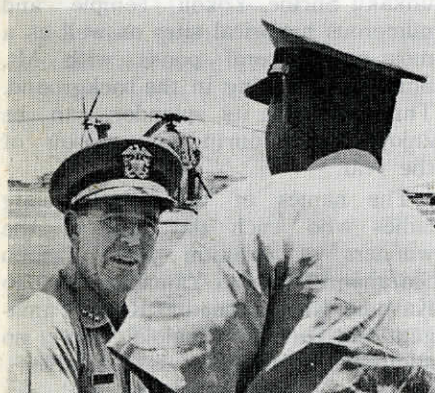
A graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy in 1934, he was designated a Naval aviator in 1937, and upon the outbreak of World War II, was one of the senior Marine pilots defending Wake Island in December 1941. He was interned by the Japanese during the remainder of World War II.

Informal Visit

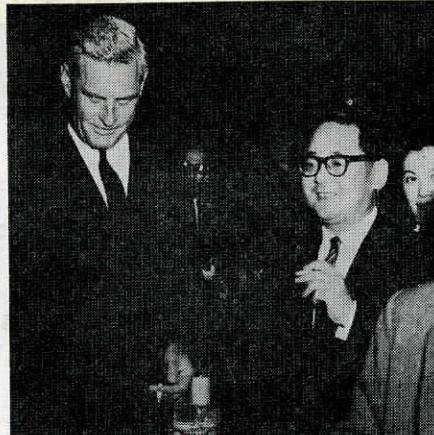
Vice Admiral John J. Hyland, Commander of the 7th Fleet, paid an informal visit to MCAS Iwakuni Thursday afternoon.

Just a few days earlier, Adm. Hyland made a statement to the press (Star & Stripes, June 8), saying that the current crisis in the Middle East could have the effect on transfer of ships from the 6th Fleet in the Mediterranean to the 7th Fleet. He said that though this was possible, he didn't expect it to happen.

Speaking from his flagship, the Providence, anchored in Naha port,



HYLAND & MILLER
Dropped in to say hello



THARIN GUEST OF PARTY — TOURS BASE WITH LUNDIN
Talks with Iwakuni's Deputy Mayor Ito at reception

Okinawa, the Admiral, in answer to a Japanese newsman's question concerning joint exercises with the Japanese Maritime Self Defense Force, said that there was no plan to change the area for the exercises because of recent harassment by Russian ships.

He described the incident as "an intrusion, aggressive and annoying." But he said it would not effect future operations in the area.

While visiting Iwakuni, Adm. Hyland was briefed by Col. W. M. Lundin, Station CO; Capt. J.X. Miller, ExO of FAW-6; and MAG-15 CO, Col. Charles Kimak. He attended a cocktail party in his honor Thursday evening, departing Iwakuni Friday afternoon.

Kyoto Tour

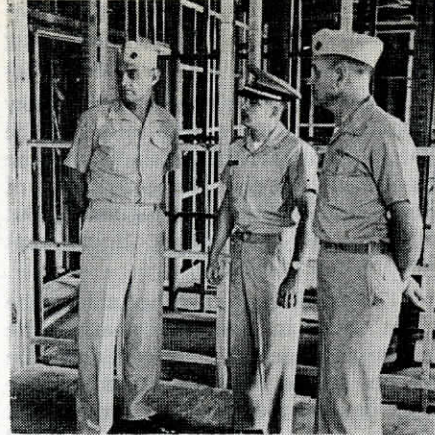
Special Services is conducting a tour to Kyoto on July 15-20. The fee will be \$60 per person if 20 or more people sign up or \$68 if fewer than 20 people sign up. The tour will be cancelled if fewer than 15 persons show interest.

The fee includes transportation to and from Kyoto in a chartered, air-conditioned bus with reclining seats, four nights in a hotel, a total of eight meals and admission prices to various attractions.

The highlight of this tour will be the Gion Festival which is held every July, and is one of the three greatest festivals in Japan. Persons taking the tour will have reserved seats to observe the main part of the festival.

The tour will also include Kyoto's Old Imperial Palace, Kinkakuji Temple, Ryuanji Temple, Nijo Castle, a kimono show, and the Takarazuka Show, as well as many other attractions.

For additional information, visit the Special Services Tour Bureau at Bldg. 144 or call ext. 2375.



Summer Worship

The below schedule of divine services will be in effect as of Sunday, June 18. (* Indicates a change of existing time schedules. + Indicates a change of time and place from the existing schedule.)

Protestant

Southside Chapel, Bldg. 163.
* Sunday Worship 10 am
+ Sunday School 10 am
Tuesday Bible Class 7:30 pm
* Friday Choir Practice 6:30 pm
Northside Chapel, Bldg. 1466
Sunday Worship 10:30 am and 7 pm
Sunday Bible Class 9 am
Wednesday Fellowship Hour 7 pm
Friday Choir Rehearsal 6:30 pm

Roman Catholic

Southside Chapel, Bldg. 163
Daily Mass 11:40 am
Daily Confessions 11:15 am
Saturday Confessions 6 and 7 pm
* Sunday Mass 8 and 11:30 am
Tuesday Religious Classes 6 pm
Northside Chapel, Bldg. 1466
Daily Mass 11:30 am
Daily Confessions 11 am
Sunday Mass 9 am
Sunday Confessions 8:30 am

Jewish

Southside Chapel, Bldg. 163
Friday Services 8 pm

Latter Day Saints

Southside Chapel, Bldg. 163
* Sunday Services 10 am

Episcopal

Southside Chapel, Bldg. 163
Communion Services (third Sunday of month) 7 pm

Seventh Day Adventist

Northside Chapel, Bldg. 1466
Saturday Services 9 am

Christian Science

Southside Chapel
Wednesday Services 7 pm

Sports

AMD Leads Pack

AMD continued unbeaten and remained at the top of the standings in last week's play in the air station's intramural softball circuit.

AMD played just once before press time, and beat Base Operations, last week's co-leader, 9-6.

Ops slumped after jumping off to a 5-0 early-season mark, and also lost to MATCU-60 last week, 4-2.

MATCU-60 climbed into second place with an 8-1 record, owning wins over PMO (4-1), Public Works (4-3), MABS-15's Team Two (10-7), NBC Weapons (10-4), MABS-15's Team One (9-8), H&HS (19-5) and Weapons Dept. (24-2). Their only loss came at the hands of VP-4 (10-9).

MABS-15's Team One returned to their early season winning ways and ended the week with a tie for third with Ops.

Standings

(Through June 7)

	W	L	PCT.
AMD	6	0	1.000
MATCU-60	8	1	.889
Base Operations	5	2	.714
MABS-15 (1)	5	2	.714
VP-4	4	3	.571
Navy Supply	4	4	.500
MABS-15 (2)	3	4	.429
NBC-Weapons	3	5	.375
Public Works	2	4	.333
H&MS-15	2	4	.333
H&HS	2	5	.286
PMO	2	7	.222
Weapons Dept.	1	7	.125

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Today — Public Works vs. MABS-15 (1) at field 2. NBC Weapons vs. Base Operations at field 4.

Tuesday — MATCU-60 vs. H&HS at field 2. VP-4 vs. PMO at field 4.

Wednesday — Navy Supply vs. Weapons Dept. at field 2. AMD vs. Public Works at field 4.

Thursday — NBC Weapons vs. H&MS-15 at field 2. MABS-15 (1) vs. AMD at field 4.

Friday — Base Operations vs. Navy Supply at field 2. MABS-15 (2) vs. VP-4 at field 4.

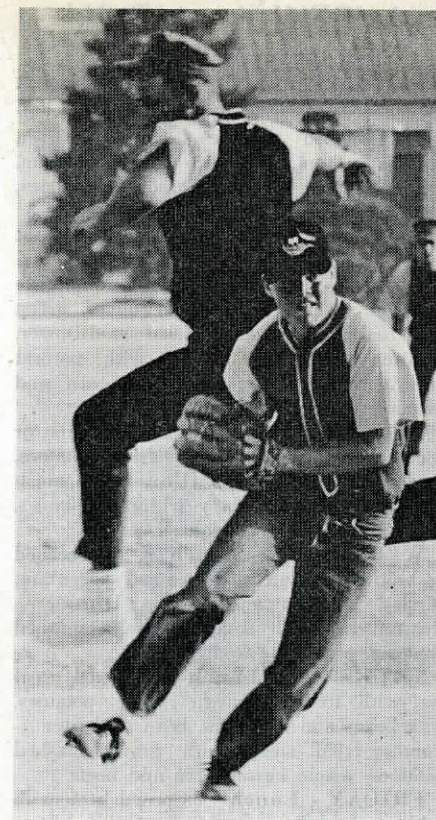
Saturday — PMO vs. H&MS-15 at field 2.

Home teams are listed last; all weekday games will start at 5 pm. Saturday's games will begin at 1 pm.

Jones, Hellinger Win

Capt. James A. Jones, FAW-6 Commander, sizzled over the air station links in 32-under-par for the 108-hole First Annual Commodore's Cup Golf Tournament completed recently, and took top individual honors while leading his team to a title.

The Captain teamed with LCdr. Richard Hellinger to win six games



H&HS ROMPS

No bread: Don't get ahead

spread out over a period of weeks. The pair won three of the games, including the last one, in sudden-death on the 19th hole.

LCdr. Charles Riley and LCdr. Winsor Baker finished second in the seven-team field.

Squash-ers Sought

What's your racket — squash? If so, contact Capt. R.J. Curtis at ext. 3343 for information on possible competition. The air station has three squash courts, currently in use as handball courts.

Lions Tourney Set

Service personnel here can enter the Lions Club Invitational Golf Tournament scheduled June 17.

In addition to personnel here, members of three area Lions Clubs will compete.

Registration will continue through June 16 at the air station clubhouse. Entry fee is \$2.

The 18-hole event will be scored on a full-handicap medal play basis and will start at noon. At the conclusion of the event scheduled for 5 pm, trophy presentations will be made at the slipway.

For more details, contact Capt. J.A. Hadley at ext. 2484.

Netters Wanted...

A tennis elimination tournament is scheduled here June 26-28 at the Special Services courts.

Winners in both singles and doubles will represent the air station at the 1967 ComNavForJapan Tournament at Yokosuka, July 1-4.

Names should be submitted to Special Services, ext. 2605, no later than June 15.

...Officials, Too

Qualified tennis officials are needed for the upcoming season. Contact Cpl. Al Keiss at ext. 2605 for information.

QUIZ

1. How many teams are there in the new American Basketball Association?
2. What was the last year that a nation other than the United States or Canada won the Davis Tennis Cup?
3. Who are the five active jockeys who have won 3,000 races?
4. Who is the only American auto racing driver to win the Le Mans 24-hours of Endurance three times?

ANSWERS

1. Eleven. The teams are New York, Pittsburgh, Indianapolis, Minneapolis, Kansas City, Mo.; Houston, Oakland, Dallas, Anaheim, Calif.; and Louisville.
2. England won the cup in 1936.
3. They are Bobby Ussery, Willie Shoemaker, Bill Hartack, Steve Brooks and Avellino Gomez.
4. Phil Hill won it in 1958, 1961 and 1962.

MAG-15 Bowling

10th Week Standings

Team	W	L	AVG.
Power Plants	29	11	783
Group S-3/4	27	13	743
TAFDS	23	17	732
Group Supply #2	23	17	696
NBC Weapons	22	18	701
Group Supply #1	21.5	18.5	732
Utilities	21.5	18.5	691
Maintenance Control	20	20	750
MATCU-60	20	20	698
MABS-15 Admin #2	20	20	646
Group Admin	19	21	704
Motor Transport	18	22	684
H&MS-15 Admin	17	23	679
Communications	16	24	724
MABS-15 Admin #1	11.5	28.5	625
H&MS-15 Ordnance	11.5	28.5	595

Hi-Team Series:

Week — Power Plants	— 2482
Season — Maintenance Control	— 2549
Hi-Team Game:	
Week — Power Plants	— 897
Season — Maintenance Control	— 901