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**Friendship Day
Draws 104,000**

MCX Offers Special Ordering

The Marine Corps Exchange now offers living room and dining room furniture from Taipei to customers through the special order department.

However, the Exchange will not special order furniture that is normally stocked.

Because of the limited amount of warehouse space, special orders cannot be converted to layaway. Once the furniture arrives it must be paid for and picked up.

AA Ready Anytime

Alcoholics Anonymous meets in Bldg. 1109 Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8 to 9:30 p.m. for members only. Meetings open to the public are held Saturdays, 8 to 9:30 p.m. If you have a problem or need someone who understands, call 5260, anytime.



Sick and tired of waking up "sick and tired"? Call 5260 anytime.

EOD Clearing Target Island

The Explosive Ordnance Disposal Team will conduct burning and detonation operations on Himeko Jima (Target Island) from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., May 15-19 and May 30-31. All personnel should stay clear of Target Island during that time.

Staff NCO Wives' Meeting

The Staff NCO Wives' Club will hold its monthly business meeting at 7 p.m., May 17, in the Bldg. 360 Conference Room. The evening meeting has been arranged so working wives can attend. An annual election of officers will take place, and all club members are urged to attend. For more information, call Kathleen at ext. 4920.

The lead time from the placement of an order until it arrives is estimated to be six to eight weeks. Customers should plan accordingly.

Note from Red Cross

The American Red Cross here has been asked on occasion to investigate or report on the character or reputation of an individual. However, the Red Cross is strictly prohibited from conducting such investigations, according to local director George Kaffenberg.

This information may be included in reports related to personal and family problems only when the information is directly related to an immediate problem. Workers must quote sources when possible and are prohibited from expressing personal opinions of one's character.

Mother-Daughter Banquet

A Mother-Daughter Banquet will be held at 6 p.m., May 20, in the Chapel Annex. The program will be presented by women from the Japanese community. Reservations are required and tickets are available at the Chaplains' Office, Bldg. 360. Adults are \$2.50 and children \$1. The deadline is May 14. If you have no daughter, why not "adopt" one for this occasion?

First Aid Class Scheduled

A First Aid class certified by the American Red Cross will be given by Station Training at 7:30 a.m. tomorrow. For further information on the eight-hour class, call GySgt. Holskey at ext. 3475.

Visit Beppu Memorial Day

Special Services is sponsoring a three-day sight-seeing tour to the city of Beppu during the Memorial Day weekend. Cost of the trip is \$60, and includes hotels, transportation and the tour. For further information on the trip, contact the Travel Bureau at ext. 4050.

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Cover

A Japanese youngster checks out an AV-8A Harrier attack jet of Marine Attack Squadron (VMA)-513, one of many American and Japanese aircraft displayed May 5 on the MAG-12 ramp during Iwakuni's sixth annual open house and Friendship Day. The young lad was one of 104,000 visitors who came aboard the Air Station to participate in a day of fun and friendship. While the aircraft displays proved to be real crowd-pleasers, an exhibition by the Blue Impulse aerobatic team also captured much attention.

104,000 Visit and Enjoy Friendship Day

Friendship was the key that unlocked the Air Station's gates May 5 as more than 104,000 Japanese visitors took part in MCAS Iwakuni's sixth annual open house and Friendship Day.

When the gates opened an hour earlier than planned, in order to accommodate the growing crowd, 8,050 privately owned vehicles, 68 buses, 7,912 motorcycles and bicycles and 60,000 pedestrians began swarming aboard the Air Station.

Unlike last year's event, which was hampered by rain, crowds were greeted by warm spring weather.

Music played a big part in this year's festivities as the 1st Marine Air Wing and Kure JMSDF bands performed concerts. FEN set up a live broadcast booth near the Main Exchange providing disco music, free posters and albums. FEN Tokyo personality Hiroko Kubota provided the Japanese half of the bi-lingual show and also narrated the Blue Impulse demonstration.

Children's Day, a Japanese national holiday, also fell on Friday and happy youngsters could be found everywhere. As in past years, the two 20,000-gallon fuel bladders filled with air was a favorite source of entertainment.

The big crowd pleasers, however, were the 24 U.S. and Japanese aircraft displayed on the MAG-12 flight line and

the performance by the Blue Impulse aerobatic team.

According to PMO, everything went well, with the exception of 51 youngsters who became separated from their parents and later happily reunited, and four minor traffic accidents.



Two WTS-17 Marines, LCpls. G.B. Sheets and H.T. Ford make friends with a couple of Japanese girls during Friendship Day activities here last Friday.

Flower Festival:

1st MAW Band Helps Hiroshima Celebrate

More than 600 thousand people gathered in Hiroshima May 3 to enjoy a typical spring day and celebrate the 2nd Annual Hiroshima Flower

Festival.

The festival, part of Japan's "Golden Week" celebrations, took on a Mardi Gras atmosphere complete with marching bands, floats, marchers in costumes and flower festival queens from as far away as the United States.

Cherry Blossom Queens Janice Shea, Tacoma, Wa., and Kehaulani Kau, Honolulu, represented the U.S. and proved to be favorites of the crowd. Included in the line of march was the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing Band from MCAS, Iwakuni. Another favorite of spectators was Jesse Kuhaula (Takamiyama), America's only Japanese sumo wrestler, who was accompanied by former Miss Hawaii Haunani AhSing.

Miss Shea, who along with Miss Kau is currently on a good will tour of the Far East, commented on her warm reception in Hiroshima. "This is by far the warmest welcome we've had on the tour," she said. "The people of Hiroshima are really wonderful."



Former Miss Hawaii, Haunani AhSing, and American sumo wrestler Jesse Kahuala (Takamiyama) ride down Peace Blvd. at Hiroshima.

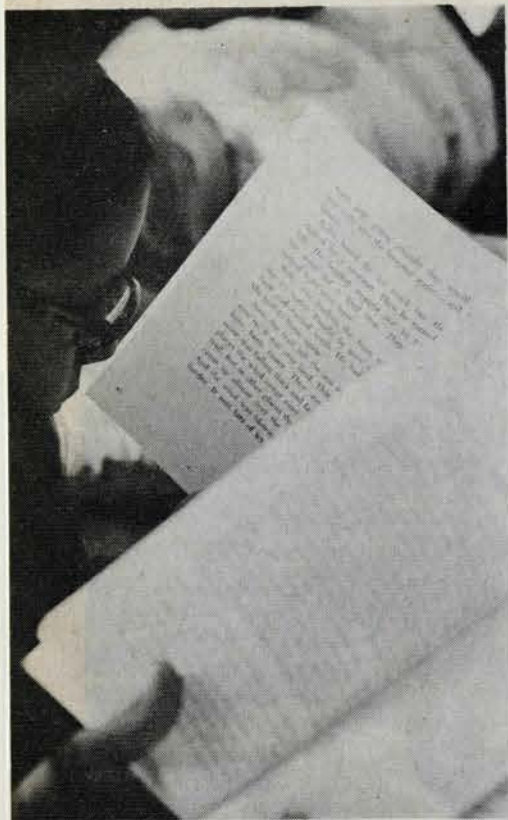
JMSDF Hits Decade Here

The Japanese Maritime Self Defense Force, Iwakuni, celebrated 10 years here during May 4 ceremonies on the JMSDF flight line.

American visitors included Brig-Gen. John V. Cox, Assistant Wing Commander, 1st MAW, and Col Robert D. Miller, CO, MCAS.



Cpl. Mike Terreba



M.C. Perry School teachers (above) display their "booker" shirts. Suzane LaFleur (top left) gets into a book, Irma Venegas (top right) takes a comfortable position as she starts the marathon, and Joann Carl (right) takes a closer look at pictures.



Photos by LCpl. Myra Herrera

The Great Readin' Marathon

By LCpl. Myra Herrera

Students at M.C. Perry School recently put their word power to the test and participated in a reading marathon. The one-day endurance contest, which took place in the multipurpose room, celebrated National Library Week.

More than 100 youngsters in grades two through six began the day-long paper chase — 70 students finished. The following day the upper grades took part.

The reading marathon was the brainstorm of school librarian Mary DeHoff. "It was done primarily to stir student interest in using the library and encourage reading," DeHoff explained. "At first I thought a lot of students would get bored and drop out, but they didn't. They showed me, and themselves, they could do it."



GySgt. M. L. Littlejohn

Ines Gardea, WES-17, a participant in the 10-mile run, last Saturday, heads for the finish line.

Murakami Wins 10-mile Run

By SSgt. L. P. Cabal, Jr.

Fumio Murakami, 30, an Iwakuni High School teacher, scampered across the finish line in 53:13 to lead a field of 20 runners in the 10-mile run sponsored by Special Services, last Saturday.

Katsumi Suyama of the Japanese Maritime Self Defense Force (JMSDF), winner of the 5-mile run held April 22, placed second with 56:04. Robert C. Shellum, WES-17, was the third runner in, reaching the finish line at 56:14.

Certificate awards for the event were presented according to age and sex of the participants. Suyama picked up the first place certificate in the 25-year-old and under category. He was followed by Kazuyuki Mori, JMSDF, 57:00 and Frank Durtche, VMA-214, 57:58.

Katsutoshi Hosokawa, JMSDF, finished third behind Murakami and Shellum in the 26 to 35-year-old bracket.

In the 36-year-old and over division, Kenichi Ota, a former employee at the Provost Marshal Office, took first place with a 1:02:47 time. M. C. Perry School teacher Tom Stanley, came in at 1:03:12 for second place, while Robert Rosenau, H&HS, clocked a 1:07:42 to finish third.

Bernadette Lishko, H&HS, was the only woman to enter the 10-mile run. She completed the event in 1:16:47 to earn the first place certificate in the women's category.

The 10-mile run was conducted to prepare participants for the MCAS, Iwakuni Invitational Marathon, slated for May 29.

The next event in the series of preparatory runs is a 15-mile race set for 8 a.m., May 20. For further information and registration see GySgt. Ray E. Rogers at the Station gym or call ext. 4605.

R-ball Tournament

The 1978 COMNAVFORJAPAN Women's Racquetball Championship Tournament, hosted by Commander Fleet Activities, Yokosuka, will take place May 17-18.

Tournament play will be in singles competition only and will be governed by International Racquetball Association (IRA) rules. In the double elimination tourney, the best two out of three games will constitute a match.

Participants who bring their own equipment must insure their racquets conform to IRA specifications and are equipped with a safety thong.

For further information and registration for the tournament, contact 1stLt. Fred Morrone, Station Athletic Officer, at ext. 4605.

Intramural Softball Standings

Western			Eastern		
Team	W	L	Team	W	L
WES-17 Util	2	0	MABS-12	2	0
H&MS-12 GS	1	0	VMFA-251	1	0
MABS-15	1	0	MWWU-1	1	0
Med/Dent	1	1	Disbursing	1	1
VMA-121	1	1	H&GMS-17 "A"	1	1
MATCU 60/62	1	1	3d FSSG	0	1
WTS-17	0	2	Wing Band	0	2
Post Office	0	2	M. C. Perry	0	2
Northern			Southern		
Team	W	L	Team	W	L
PMO	2	0	Navy/Seabees	2	0
H&MS-15 GS	1	0	H&MS-15	2	0
MWHS-1	1	1	H&MS-15 Avi.	1	0
Crash Crew	1	1	H&HS SpecServ	1	1
GEMD	1	1	H&GMS-17 "B"	1	1
6th FASC	1	1	H&MS-12	0	1
VMA-214	0	1	Logistics	0	2
WES-17	0	2	NAESU	0	2

Team standings as of 11 a.m., May 11.