

James Asbury Power, Jr.'s World War II photograph album

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This is James Asbury Power, Jr.'s World War II photograph album. He was a member of the 3291 Signal Base Depot Company serving in Japan. Included in the album are photos of Camp Smith, New York; Tokyo, Yokohama, Yokuska, and Nikko, Japan; Roosevelt Park; Pacific Stars and Stripes—the First Year, Sept. 2, 1946; Order to Report for Induction; IRTC Handbook Camp Blanding, Florida; and a document thanking Power for his service.

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CEMENTING friendship at the 38th Parallel in Korea, this Red Cross worker pours coffee for American, Russian guards.



WINTER sports in April is featured at the Akakura rest hotel, high in the Japanese Alps, a favorite for snow-happy Yanks.



Inauguration of rest hotels and camps has done much to give the morale of overseas troops a boost

"This is the Army, Mr. Jones.
No private rooms or telephones
You've had your breakfast in bed before
But you won't have it there, anymore."

IRVING BERLIN
(From "This is the Army")

The Army has taken revenge on Irving Berlin. Ever since occupation troops arrived in Japan, the Army has done its best to make Mr. Berlin eat his lyrics—and they've succeeded to a somewhat spectacular point. Not only do GIs have private rooms, telephones and breakfast in bed, in one case they've had 14 different breakfasts from which to choose.

The whole idea has stemmed from the Army policy of giving GI Joe a week's vacation at one of the luxurious hotels in Japan. Back in October last year, the first few of these rest centers were opened to readjustment personnel who were preparing to leave for the states. The idea worked so well that the Army decided to make it a regular policy and open hotels for all occupation forces in Japan. At the present time, 32 hotels are operating and more are slated to open before 1947.

The daily and nightly recreations offered by these hotels include dancing, swimming, fishing, skating and a dozen more items. . . plus the all-important sight-seeing tours by the American Red Cross and the Army.

Approximately 2,500 soldiers are served weekly by the rest centers. Ultimate goal is to have three percent of all officers and men at resorts throughout Japan.

Take it back, Mr. Berlin?



SHIGA Heights Hotel, another favorite location for service-men on rest center TDY who like their winter sports fast.

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RIGHT into the bullseye, this pretty Red Cross instructor tells a new archery fan.



SWIMMING pools are as much a part of America as hot dogs and jive. Give a guy a pair of trunks and some water and he's happy. These are GIs at Roosevelt Pool.



AS AT all rest hotels throughout the theatre, cheerful, friendly Red Cross gals bend every effort to make the GIs feel relaxed. These are hostesses at the Fuji View Hotel.



SAILBOATING is tricky unless you know all the ropes.



"CHOW CALL" at one of the rest hotels near Mt. Fuji.



THESE trim, speedy inboards have been one of the inducements to the Zushi Nagisa Hotel, south of Yokohama. Fishing is an attraction at a number of camps and resorts.

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Slowly, skillfully, top military men in Japan and Korea have drawn and re-drawn the boundary lines on their maps showing occupation responsibility.

From a well-rounded composite of ground strength last Septem-

Reduction of occupation demands, extension of zones has allowed the return of many units; Remaining troops stretch responsibilities.

ber, GHQ has sent home un-needed units and molded its present forces into a smooth supervisory operation.

First Division to be sent home was the Americal which was relieved last October 22nd. The 27th Division (New York) was deactivated early in December, to be followed by the 41st.

In January, the 81st Division left Aomori, while early in February, the 33rd (Golden Cross) Division moved out of Kobe. The 98th held on at Osaka until late that month, while on Kyushu, the 32nd (Red Arrow) Division prepared for deactivation, March 1st.

On wintry March 15 on Hokkaido, the 77th Division staged its last official duties at the same time the 40th in Korea loaded aboard boats at Jinson, destination "home."

Late in March the powerful Fifth Fleet sailed from the Empire waters for the states, and at the same time the 97th Division was relieved at Kumagaya.

Last full-scale departure was the Second Marine Division which left Sasebo for San Diego, June 24th.

One major change was the inactivation of the Sixth Army, at Kyoto, the first of this year.

At present, American forces here comprise the Eighth Army, 24th Corp and AFWESPAC, under General Headquarters in Tokyo.



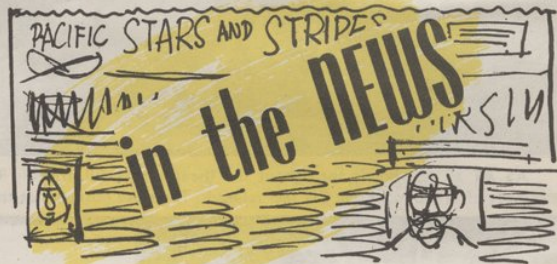
PAGE casts for GHQ's Pacific Stars and Stripes are here being prepared by Japanese pressmen at the Asahi plant in Tokyo.



Unit newspapers, publications keep GIs up to the minute on local, world news

If the American GI in Japan and Korea is not the best informed soldier in the world, it's his own fault. History's newest *Parade* has been made available to him through all its mediums.

Sparked by the efforts of the Army's Information and Education branch, nearly every unit of any consequence—no matter where it's located—can boast of some type of a news publication.



Ranging from small, two-page mimeo sheets to fat, well-balanced photo offset dailies, these publications keep their readers abreast of local, national and international news.

That they will be continued for the period of the occupation has been shown in a recent Eighth Army school, to give prospective new writers and editors the fundamentals of news preparation and presentation.

The chain of radio stations strung along the Armed Forces Radio Network in Japan and Korea is another step to keep service men right up to the minute. Three to five newscasts a day are regularly scheduled on virtually all outlets in the chain, as well as special feature broadcasts and commentaries beamed here from the states.

Although combat conditions prevented the stocking of libraries during the first few weeks of the occupation, Special Service and I & E offices have subsequently combined to provide well-filled libraries of the latest magazines, periodicals and other publications.

Group discussions, special new announcements and various other mediums are used to keep Joe right up to par on news of his nation . . . and even his own home town.

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WHEREVER possible, modern theatres have been taken over for Yank troops. This is the "New Stateside" in Kyoto.

FOOTLIGHTS

"Make sure that they're entertained" has been unwritten watchwords for every unit or individual performing before occupation forces since the GIs first landed in Japan.

Even during the shooting, professional and GI entertainers were trailing across military theatres adding their bit to relieve the load. The runs they started have continued right up into Japan.



SPECIAL treats have been the shows which combine both soldier and professional talent, such as this USO—Soldier featurette.



OUT-of-the-way places in Korea are reached by this Red Cross Clummobile. Isolated troops take fun seriously.



Professional and soldier shows bring drama, comedy to GI Joe

Probably the first to go into action was the cast of "Winged Pigeons," an all-soldier show which bounced around Japan playing on hastily-made stages in new areas. Late last September, Lippy Leo Durocher and Danny Kaye arrived, first non-GI entertainment unit into the country.

Since that time, a new show has hit here on the average of once every three weeks.

Less fortunate troops stationed in isolated places have had to wait a little longer for their entertainment. Special Service has been on hand however with movies and programs. The Red Cross has sent "Train Clubs" into these areas to help solve the problem.

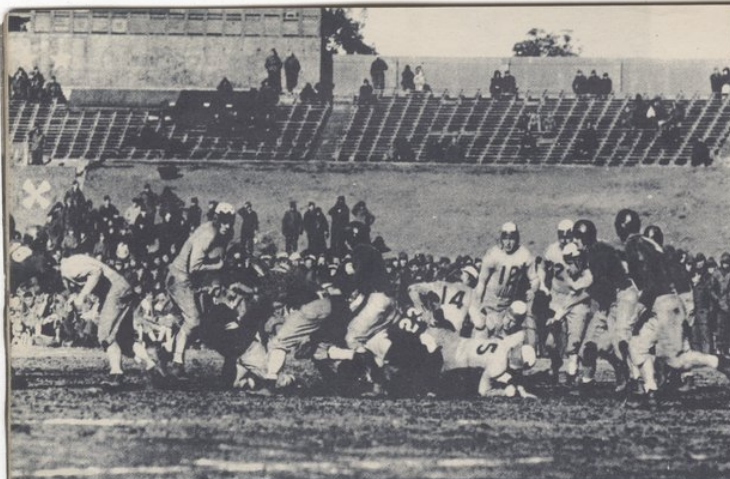
Even the Japanese have gone into the "footlight" business, opening night clubs and dance halls to offer a bit of stateside atmosphere.

That's the score with entertainment. Fun will follow the GIs wherever they go. They came to Japan a year ago, entertainment came right along too.



TYPICAL of Army Special Service-Sponsored plays, was "My Sister Eileen" which toured major units all over Japan.

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IN the fall, King Pigskin reigns and Yanks lost little time in paying homage. Here, 11th Airborners mix with 41st Div. gridders.



TRACK meets have drawn the appearance of many top stars, such as Lt. Uphaw Sams.



BASEBALL has been rated high on the occupational sports calendar. Nearly every unit has its own diamond, vividly supports its games.



Ample variety of
items available
on sports menu



HOOP artists have had plenty of opportunity to display their form as competition between units has been strong and enthusiastic.



OKINAWA also labeled basketball as a hot subject, sponsored top teams in its orbit.

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DEGREE of competition in close game is shown here.

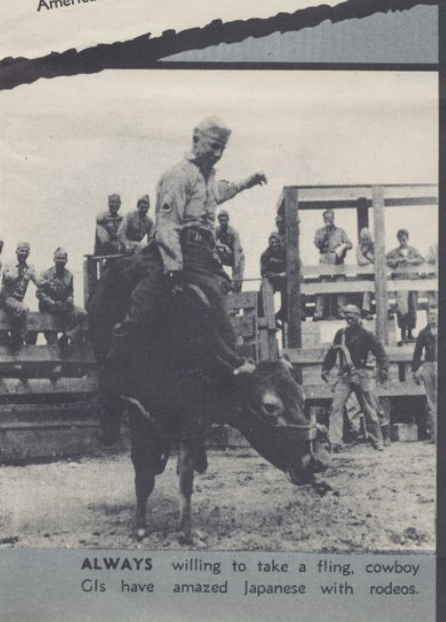


OVER the hurdle, smooth as velvet, and on his way, is this ambling high-stepper.

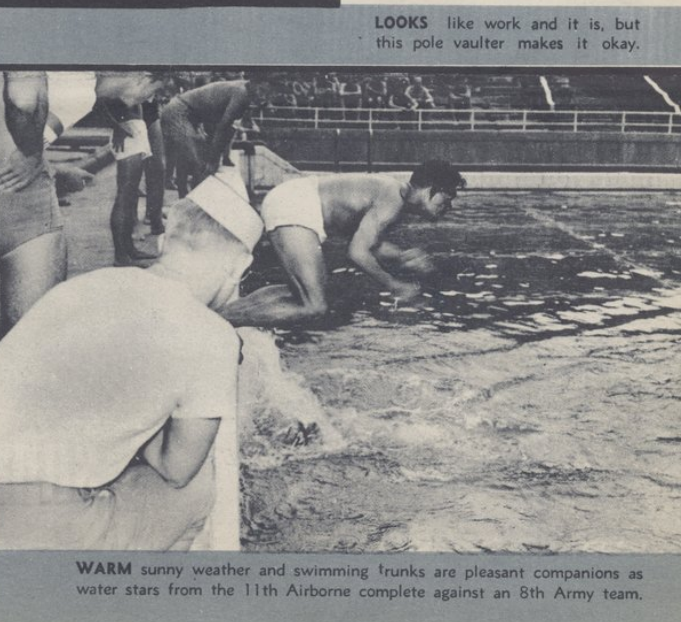
"On the fields of friendly strife are sown the seeds which, in other years, on other fields, will bear the fruits of victory." As the eventful days of late August and early September, 1945 faded into history, Army leaders became increasingly aware of the fact that friendly strife would serve as an "escape valve" for the tense energy stored by occupational troops. When, in mid-October, the War Department announced plans for the Army's All Pacific Olympics, the first phase of a far-flung sports schedule was underway. As the fall progressed, grid teams from every large unit in Japan started workouts, hopeful of the ultimate call for a Bowl game in Tokyo. Armistice Day brought the first American style rodeo with a lone baseball game at Osaka breaking into the sports news. Basketball and boxing came into focus in November, with a lone baseball game at Osaka breaking into the sports news. Top grid classic was on New Year's Day when 40,000 GIs scorned the cold to watch the 11th Airborne trim the 41st Jungleers, 25-12 for the championship of Japan. The football front gave way to hoop artists as the 41st Division came through to capture the Japanese basketball championship from the 11th Airborne and even the Divisional honors. At Osaka, six contestants in the Occupational Golf Eliminations played 72 holes to represent Japan in the finals at Manila. And, tennis champs spruced up for Olympic playoffs slated for the Mariannas. Twenty-eight champion swimmers headed for Honolulu and Olympic finals. Arrival of spring brought also the eagerly-awaited baseball bug, who promptly climbed on his pedestal and partitioned Japan into two divisional areas. All of the major occupational units, including the Navy and the Air Force are represented. While redeployment has cut large holes in the number of troops over the past year, interest in the sport picture in Japan has not dimmed. Wherever there are energetic Americans there will be competition. Location merely enhances the spirit of rivalry.



LOOKS like work and it is, but this pole vaulter makes it okay.



ALWAYS willing to take a fling, cowboy GIs have amazed Japanese with rodeos.



WARM sunny weather and swimming trunks are pleasant companions as water stars from the 11th Airborne complete against an 8th Army team.

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日本

Japan's beauty is ageless. Whether the austerity of Fuji. . .

...this is
Japan
日本



Land of Temples & religions

Although its people may regard their reconversion tasks as dismal, Japan still retains unmarred the traditional beauty and serenity which pre-war, drew thousands of visitors.

The ornate, gilded temples of Nikko . . . the pine-studded Hakone district with its sacred Fuji . . . unblemished Kyoto with its shrines, temples and myth . . . the precise, garden-like beauty of southern Kyushu . . . brilliant green rice paddies . . . quaint pagodas . . . rickshaws . . . all comprise the magnet of fascination, so avidly consumed by American servicemen in the Far East.



an honored memorial at Fukuoka. . .

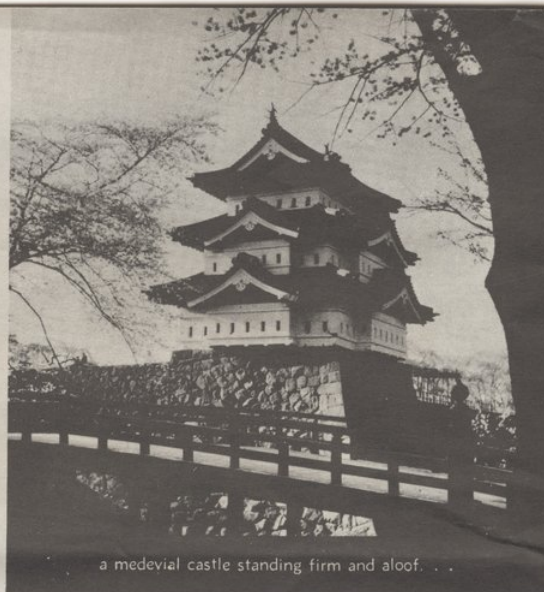


or a hallowed shrine at Nikko, her color will long remain in vivid memories.

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In Korea, picturesque farmers work the soil...

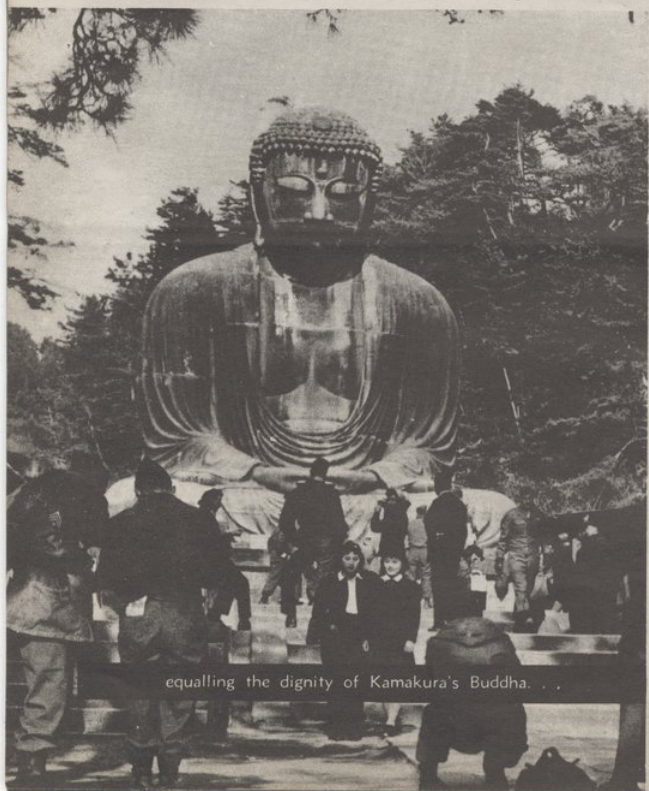


a medieval castle standing firm and aloof...

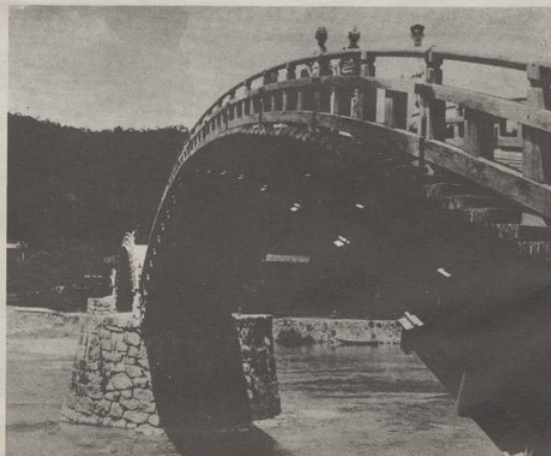
日本

War has not hurt
Japan's scenery

GREEN, ATTRACTIVE Japan, battered by a four year conflict, has made up her mind to be beautiful. The many hundreds of Japanese customs, which entranced pre-war tourists in Japan are again beckoning to a battle weary world. Already thousands of American soldiers, the best publicity agents Japan could hope for, have sent home testimonials of Nippon's beauty—snow white in winter and grassy green in spring. Japan is returning to a more peaceful occupation... of beauty.



equalling the dignity of Kamakura's Buddha...



and the timelessness of Iwakuni's 600 years.

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...IN CLOSING

It's

good to have played a role, however small, in history.
A year ago the skies over Atsugi throbbed with the engines of the first occupation planes and the beaches of Japan were noisy with the first of the landing craft.

In the year that has followed, the hand of history has been busy, writing of a people who felt not the con-
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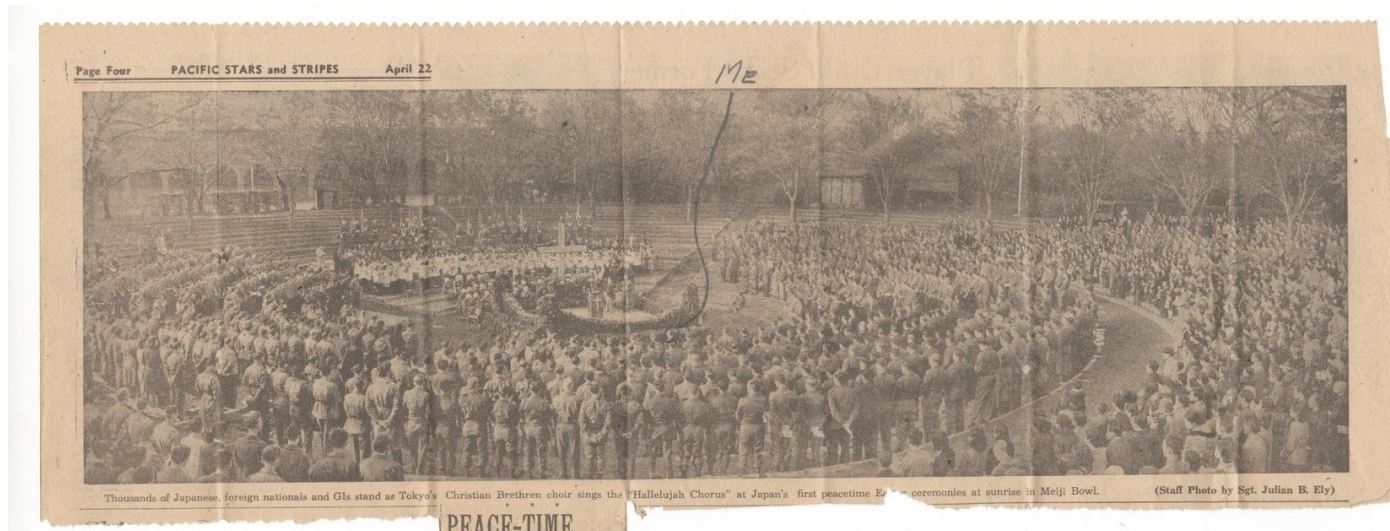
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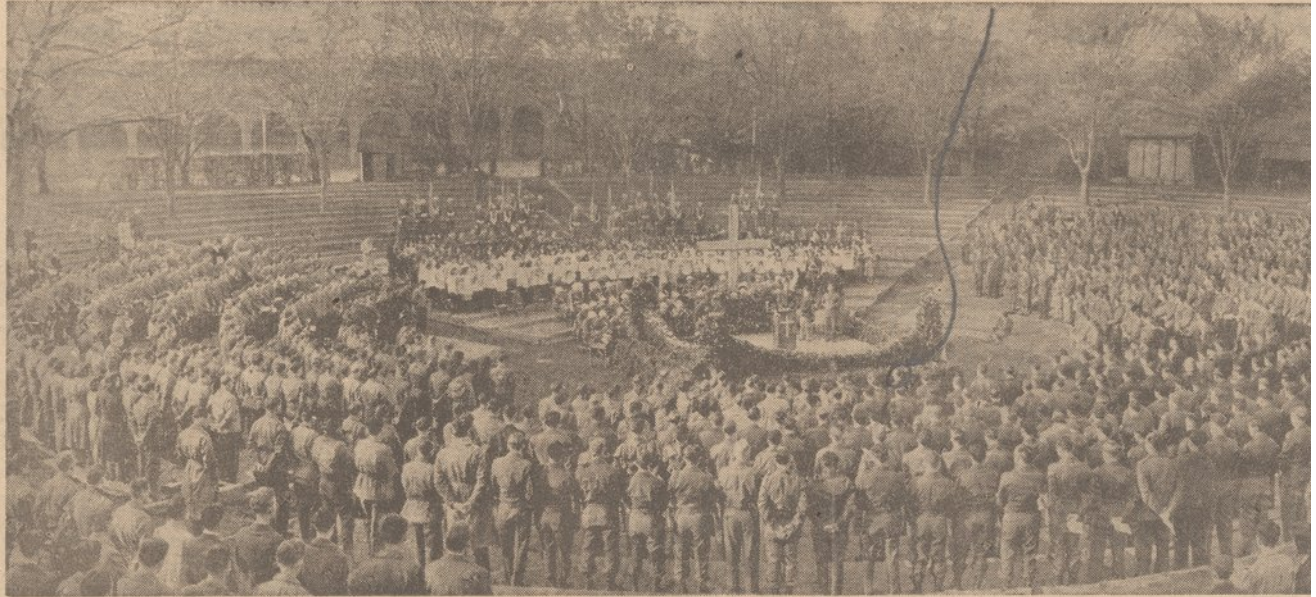
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Thousands of Japanese, foreign nationals and GIs stand as Tokyo's Christian Brethren choir sings the "Hallelujah Chorus" at Japan's first peacetime Easter ceremony.

PEACE-TIME EASTER MARKED OVER WORLD

In all parts of a world still suffering from the after-effects of war, the first peacetime Easter was celebrated Sunday.

In Tokyo, services were conducted in the Meiji Bowl by Chaplain Ivan L. Bennett. Instrumental music was by the First Cavalry Band. Solemn high mass at Hibiya was celebrated by the Most Reverend Paul Marella, archbishop of Dilecia and apostolic delegate to Japan, and the Most Reverend Peter Tatsuo Doi, archbishop of Tokyo.

Services at the Finance building were conducted by Chaplain Parker.

Some 35,000 pilgrims and visitors thronged the ancient thoroughfares of Jerusalem in the Holy Land to observe the ceremonies of resurrection.

By chance the Easter weeks of the Western and Oriental churches coincided this year. The two met in Jerusalem Holy Saturday, adding to the picturesque effect of the observances.

Russia celebrated the greatest Easter since the Revolution, according to churchmen, with church bells ringing out Easter tidings for the first time in two decades.

Hundreds of thousands were expected to pack Russian churches, including many Red Army officers and men.

German priests and ministers preached sermons and conducted services free from the shadow of Hitler's Gestapo.

In the United States, Americans across the nation held their services from sunrise through midday in many settings from cathedrals to mountain tops and simple country churches.

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MAKES BID FOR DERBY POST—"Assault," son of "Bold Venture," winner of the 1936 Kentucky Derby, became a leading contender for the Churchill Downs classic on May 4 with a four-length victory in the first division of the \$10,000 Experimental Handicap at Jamsil last week. The chestnut colt out-sprinted five other Derby candidates in the six furlongs race. Warren Mehrtens, who rode the winner, is in the saddle. (Acme Photo)

Assault Is Horse To Watch

Player Guild Seeks Former Big League Star As Head Union Feels Prestige Of A Ruth Or Speaker Would Help Its Cause

BOSTON (UP)—A former big league star such as Babe Ruth, Jimmy Fox or Tris Speaker will be asked to head the newly-formed American Baseball Guild which aims to unionize the nation's professional baseball players, it was disclosed Saturday.

Slow-spoken Robert (Bob) Murphy, labor relations adviser of the A.B.G., said that men such as those would be sought for the presidency "because they already have the respect of players, club executives and fans and because they would have knowledge of the wrongs that need righting."

"Management among the clubs has refused to recognize labor at this outset. But actually our organization would help the clubs as well as the players. For example we have just seen a lot of good players go over to the Mexican League. If they had been satisfied they naturally would have remained in the United States. By improving salaries, player conditions and contracts the guild would make the players satisfied. We would accomplish through arbitration what the players themselves now gain by jumping into Mexican baseball."

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comment and query

(All letters must be signed. If requested, the writer's name will not be disclosed. Only questions of general interest will be answered. No editorial replies can be made. Treat only one topic in a letter. Keep it under 200 words. State your location and the date. Additional signatures will be indicated only when they go against. Address: "Comment and Query Editor, Pacific Stars and Stripes, APO 366." Include "base-lease" or "letter-lease" when proper.)

Prevent Or Provoka?
The draft bill now before Congress is simply a very important one. Without a doubt, we all know that the draft should be extended. However, the reasons for extending it are of every importance to the world as well as ourselves. We must not give the impression to them that we are preparing for another war, but rather that we are merely trying to keep the peace.

Therefore, why should a high-ranking official, when the international situation is in such a delicate state, "art predicting future wars? If we are to give the impression of being a peace-loving nation, and U.N.O. I think there should be more let- all ways of expressing ourselves in the that we have every confidence in the ways that by making such erroneous statements. The world has its eyes on us, and any wrong moves may hinder instead of help us.

PFC DOUGLAS SMITH
Hokaido, April 12

Reward Wanted
In recent editions of Stars and Stripes, there have been several articles relating how this or that outfit had been commended and rewarded with the presentation of some kind of an award for inspiring work and completion of extra

cult and unpleasant than unning Tokyo? I believe one outfit has been left out—the MPs. They have met all kinds of difficulties and taken them in their stride, overcoming and bringing them to a speedy and efficient conclusion, making Tokyo a model occupational city. The MPs deserve a reward, so let's give it to them, and show our thanks and appreciation for their meritorious service, for their is not an easy or pleasant task, and they receive much unjust criticism.

NAME WITHHELD
APO 361, April 19

Laconically Speaking

"All men (including women) are created equal," according to Abe Lincoln. (Japanese too, according to our polites.) Being acoustical with the assumptions and laconism of the Miss Sharon Rogers and followers, persisting in fraternization with Japanese ladies, we think it is about time that this unvalued for criticism of the American Soldier should be discontinued for the benefit of some families who might want to carry on their future lives in the happiness we have been fighting for.

"Cl Jones" returning to the States for reclassification base their reputation as men, and are being asked silly questions about fraternization with Japanese women. Serious trouble may follow and create unhappiness for several parties concerned.

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The Athletics and the Browns swapped first sackers last October. McQuinn reported to the Athletics this spring, but Seibert failed to come to terms with the Browns. Seibert then announced his retirement from baseball and accepted a sports broadcasting job in St. Paul, Minn.

When Seibert failed to join the club, the Browns appealed to commissioner Chandler, seeking the return of McQuinn or a settlement of another player.

Marine Air Craft Nine Defeats Navy 6-3 At Yokosuka

YOKOSUKA—In a base stealing holiday playing heads up ball in the infield, the Marine Air Craft Group 31 defeated the Navy nine 6 to 3 at NOB Yokosuka Saturday. Both teams were out to test their strength in this pre-season warmup game, but the Marines stole the show with eight stolen bases. Both teams used three pitchers.

For the Navy it was Prastar until the Marines got four doubles and five runs in the second inning. Then Barnice took over in the third, followed by MacGiber in the ninth. Beavers and Prastar were on the receiving end for the Navy. For the Marines the battery was Killackey, Killackey and Sandberg with Conway and Casin behind the bat. Sandberg marked up 11 strikeouts and seven hits while his teammate Red Payne, former International League player, paced the Marines with two doubles and one single five times at bat.

The Marines and the Navy tangled again Wednesday at 2 o'clock at the

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MODEL DEPOT AREA *Before - After*



The 202nd Signal Depot Company, forward detachment of the 3291st Signal Depot, arrived in Yokohama in September, 1945, anticipating good conditions in one of the most modern cities of Japan. The men were sadly disappointed when they looked over the area that had been assigned to them. Located ten miles from nowhere on the Tokyo-Yokohama road, their depot site was situated in the middle of an intensely bombed factory district.

The picture on the left above indicates the "before" conditions, when the men arrived in September. That on the right shows the "after" conditions. Certainly, today, the Signal Depot area could easily be used as a model for other depots and companies. Through the efforts of the officers and enlisted men of the Signal Depot, they now have a new modern theater, a swank bar and beer garden, stateside latrines, and an orderly, attractive depot area.

The 3291st Signal Depot has a good baseball team which is in the midst of the Kitty League playoff against the 3247th Signal Maintenance Company. The Signal Depot also has an interesting unit newspaper, "Depot Dispatch", which is published weekly by T/4 Carlos Fernandez and T/4 D. Sawmiller under the supervision of Lt. L. E. Silverton.

RADIO School at Signal

Located at the former Japanese Sea Plane Base south of Yokohama on the Bay Road the 3247 Signal Base Maintenance Co. operates the only radio school in Japan. Selected students from all over Japan and Korea attend the 16 week course which covers thorough instruction on transmitters, receivers, and radios. Students have the opportunity to study and practice on the latest stateside equipment, and given many types of tests each week.

The school started as an experiment, however, its potentialities were realized immediately and even during the first course it was considered a successful venture. The present class of 45 members are in their 7th week of the course. Many of the men giving instructions at present were outstanding students in the previous course, replacing their instructors who were redeployed to the states for discharge.



Sect. of Radio Sch. in Trouble Shooting Lab.

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SPORTS



155 STA. Hosp. Win S. B. Tourney

The 155th Station Hospital won the 8th Army Special Service Double elimination softball tournament by downing a fighting 243rd Port Co. team 2 to 1 in eleven thrilling innings in a game played Wednesday Aug. 7th. The 155th scored a run in the third inning and tied up the Port boys in the fifth when Kowaski hit a triple and wild pitch brought him home a moment later. The game went on nig and tuck until the eleventh inning when the 155th started a bunting rally that brought in the run that decided this exciting contest. Battery for the Port Co. was T/5 Barber pitching and S/Sgt. Jessie catching.



T/5 Marti swinging at a fast one.



OUT AT FIRST BASE

YOBAS FORMING BOXING TEAM

YOBAS Special Service is forming a boxing team to take part in the 8th Army Invitational Boxing Tournament. Anyone under Yokohama Base who has had some previous boxing experience and would like to box on this team contact Lt. Barresi, Athletic Officer, at YOBAS Special Service Section for an application blank.

TREED LOSES 4-1

In the first game of the battalion level playoff in the International League the 3rd Military Railway Service defeated the Treed Area 4 to 1. The game, played Wednesday, August 7, in Lou Gehrig Stadium, was won by the Railroaders in the 2d inning when they scored three runs on four hits. It wasn't until the 4th inning that Lovell, the Treed first sacker, scored his team's only tally. Brown, pitching superb baseball, was never in any trouble holding the Treed nine in check all the way, allowing only one hit to Baleter, short stop. 3rd MRS scored their four runs on nine hits allowed by losing pitcher Cookmen. For the Railroaders Homa, Dore and Becker each blasted out two hits apiece to set pace.

One more win for the 3rd MRS will cinch the International League championship for them, while the Treed Area will have to win the next two games to stay in the running for

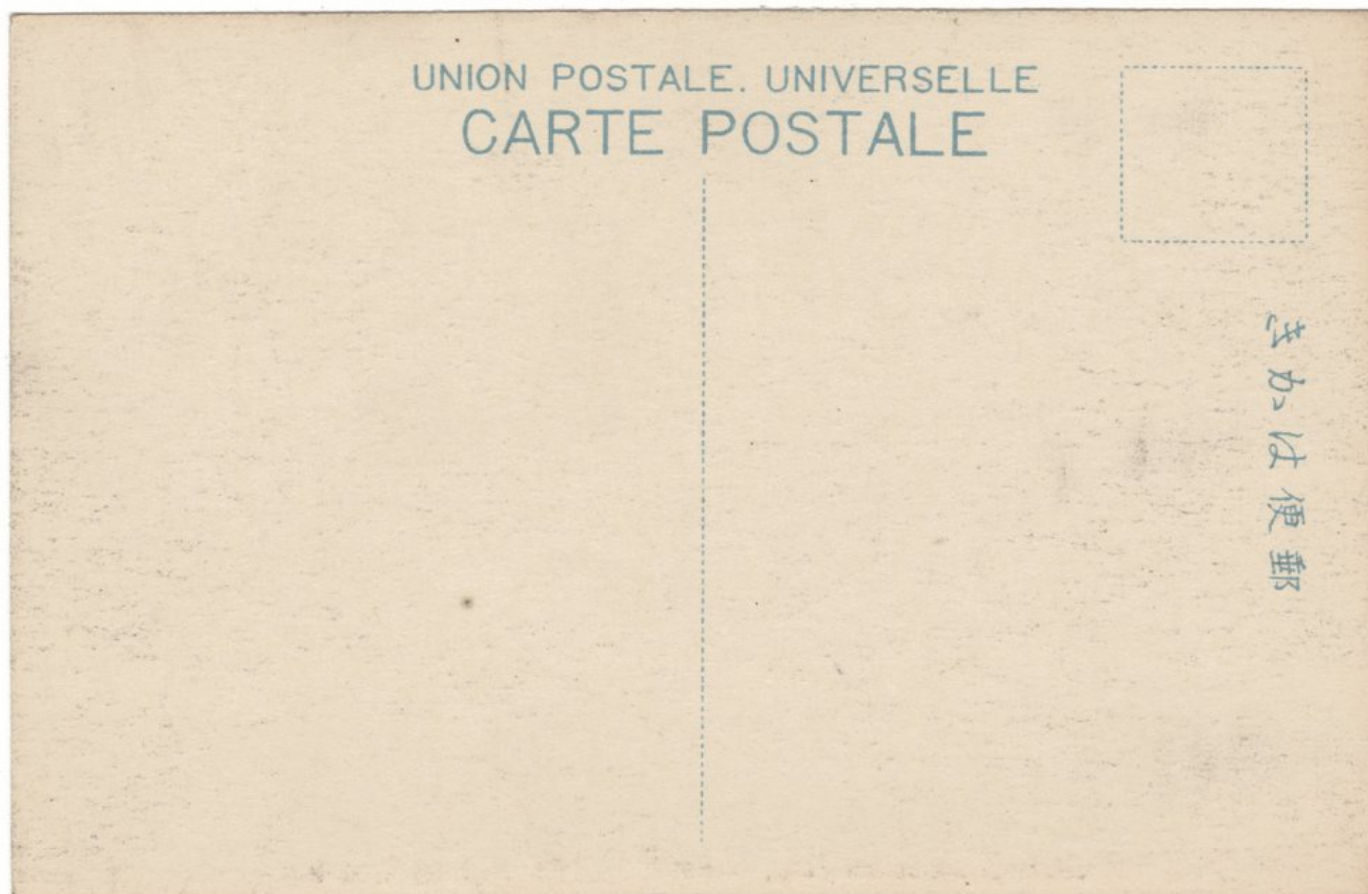


The new field house in Yokohama is located on the corner of Theatre Street across from the Octagon. Tentative plans are now being made for it to open sometime in the early part of September. The field house will consist of three basketball courts and three four wall handball courts and will be complete with all gymnastic equipment necessary to participate in these sports. Plans are also being made to have dances here in the future.

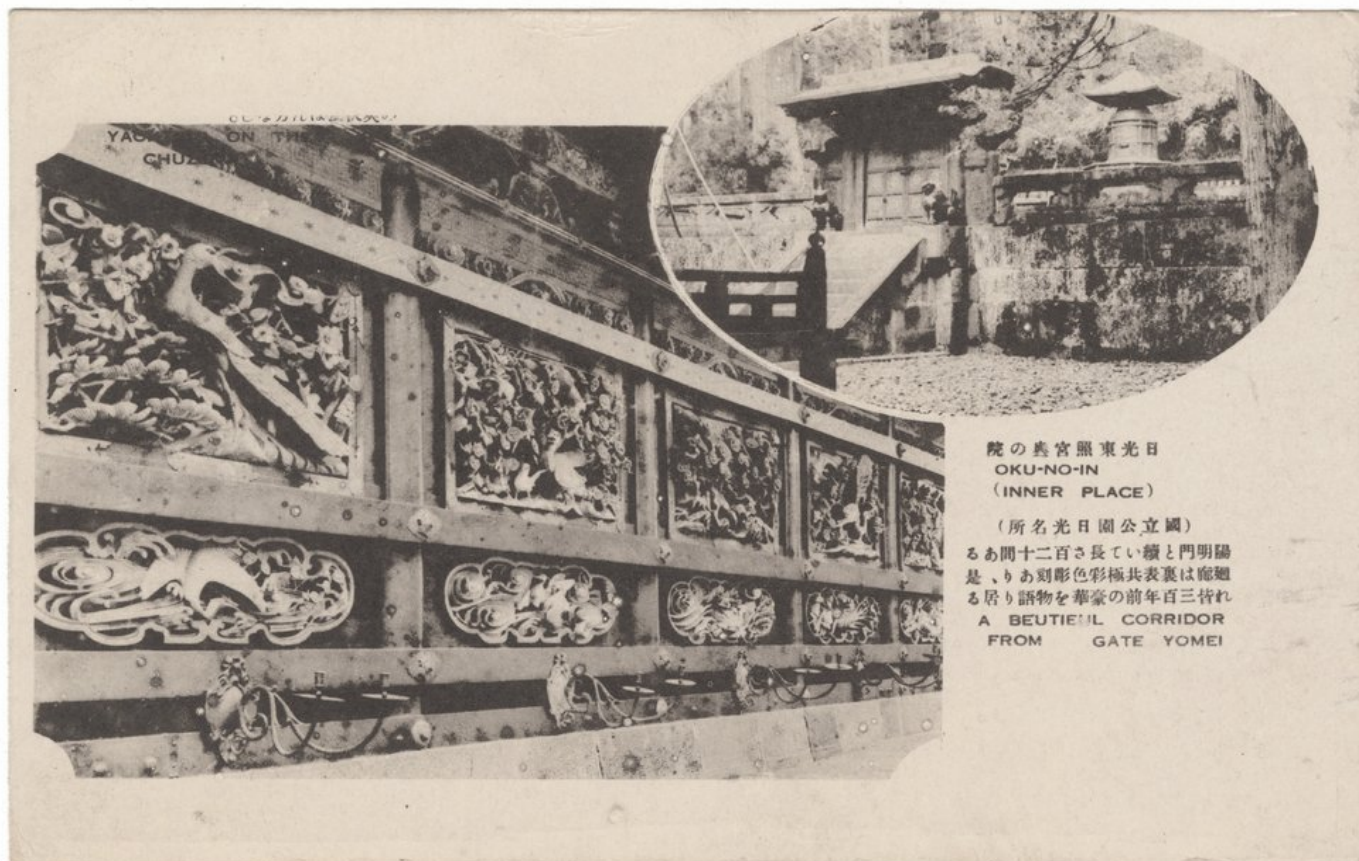
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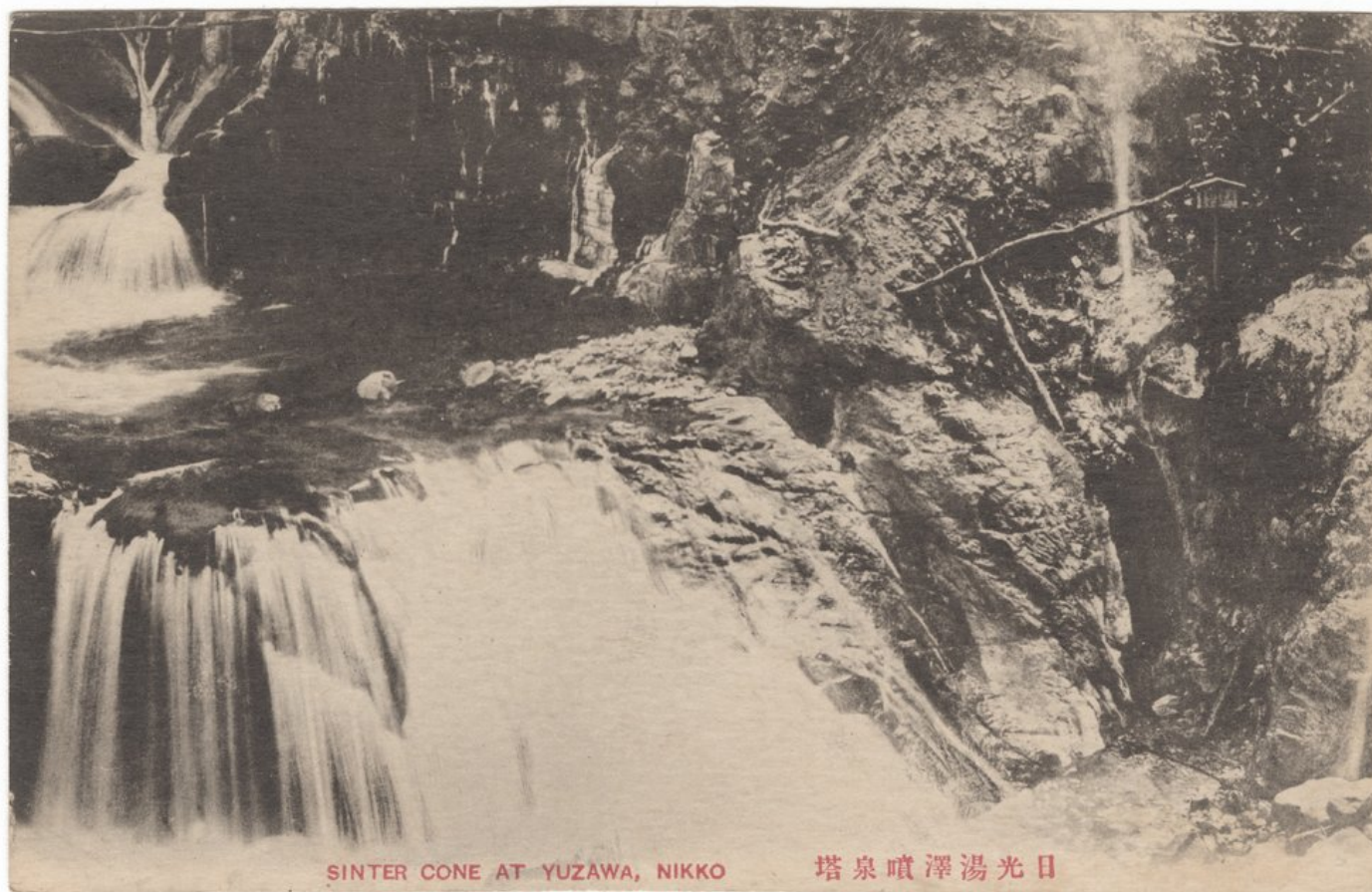
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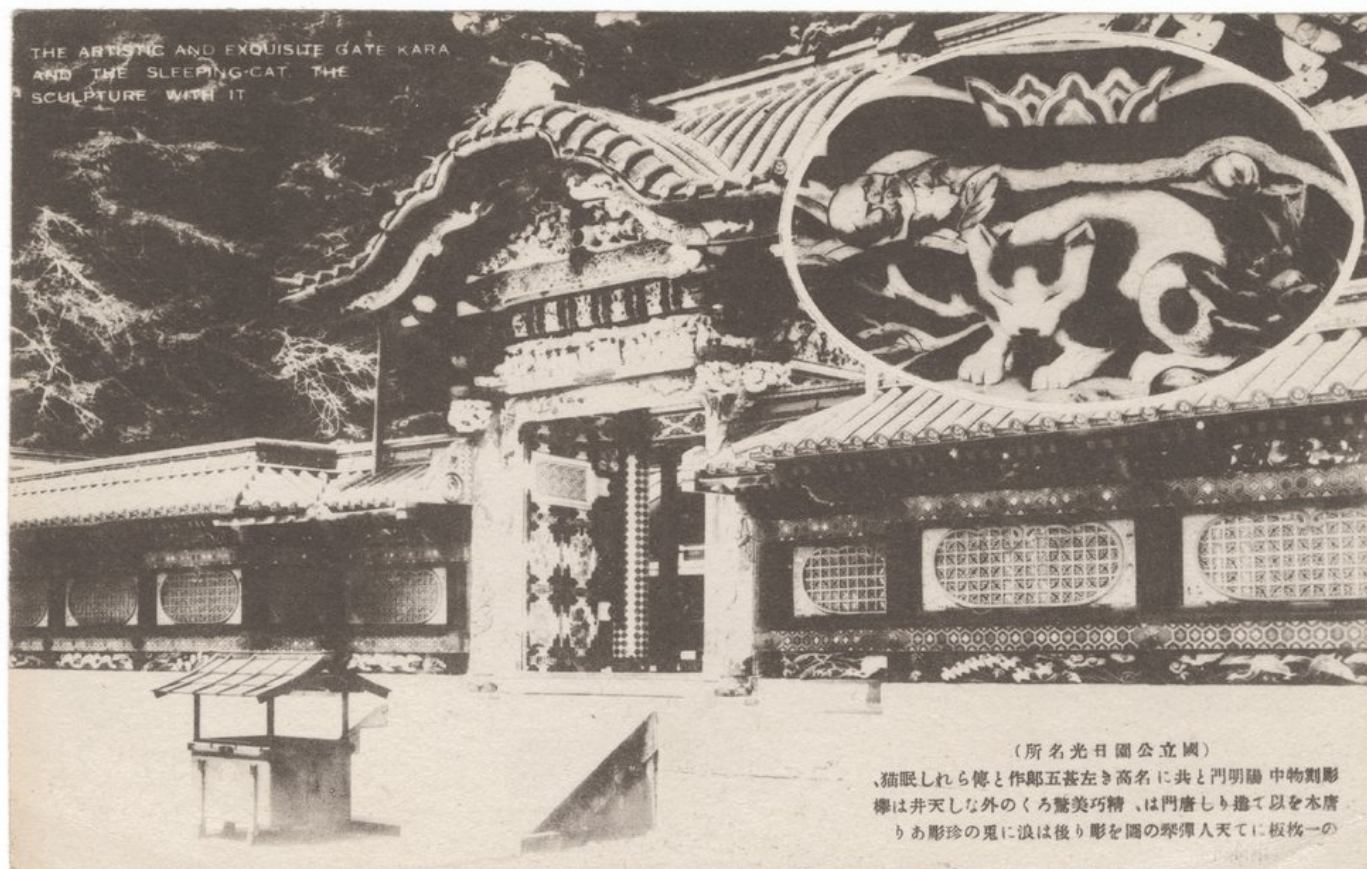
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Well, any way I'll be
thinking of you all back
there. So Merry Christmas
or a happy New Year!

Love
Jimmy

Christmas Greetings
and
best wishes for the coming year

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This is supposed to
be a sap Christmas card.
I got it from the back
room of "Jimie". It's about
the best you can get now
cause most everything else
is sold out.