

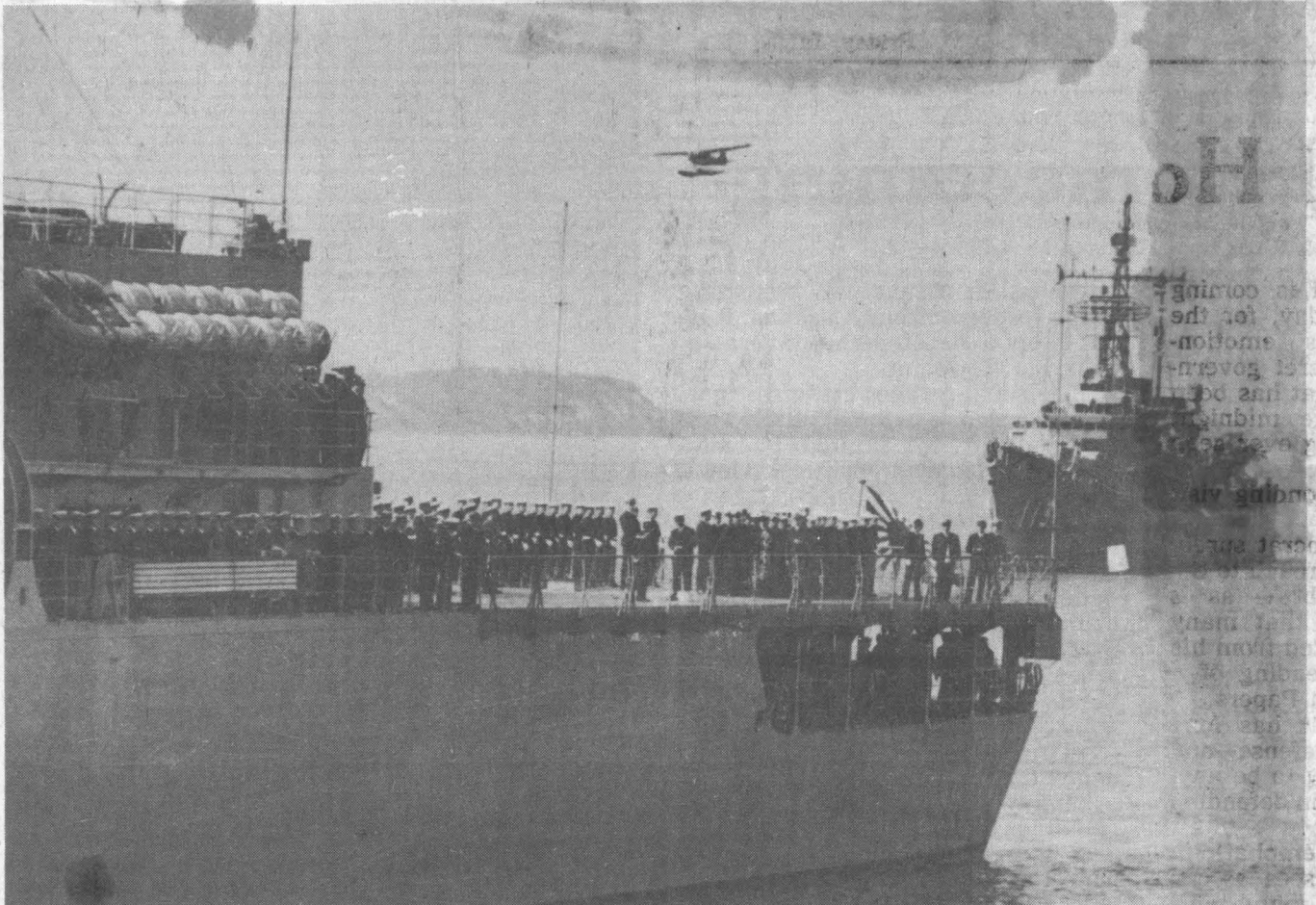
Japanese Naval Ships Pay Anchorage A Visit



PLUSH QUARTERS FOR THE COMMANDER

Rear Adm. Umeicki Imai, commander of the training squadron of the Japanese Self-Defense Force, conducted a press conference in his plush quarters aboard the flag ship "Katori" Thursday. Attending the

conference, seated at left, were Kikuo Yoshida, Japanese consul at Anchorage, and his wife. Visitors were impressed by the ship's interior furnishings which included paintings and flowers.



MILITARY SHIPS DOCK HERE

The flag ship, "Katori" of the Japanese Training Squadron of the Maritime Self-Defense Force docked in the Port of Anchorage Thursday as the first stop in a four-month training cruise around North America. The training squadron has 700 officers and men including 163 newly commissioned officers on board. Accompanying the flag

ship is the destroyer "Yamagumo." The two vessels will remain in port until 8 a.m. Sunday. Public tours will be conducted daily from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. with bus service to the port available from the parking bowl at Third Avenue and C Street.

Press Previews Japanese Ship

With traditional Japanese cordiality, the commander of the Japanese Naval training ship Katori treated members of the Anchorage press to a preview of the ship and an interview Thursday.

The vessel docked here Thursday on part of a mission which combines training and international good will.

Amid salutes from the band, the reporters were escorted aboard by a bevy of officers to watch ceremonies of greeting between Mayor and Mrs. George Sullivan and Rear Admiral Umeicki Imai.

The admiral, a 32-year maritime veteran, read portions of a prepared statement explaining the broad purposes of the cruise.

"The purpose is to provide the newly commissioned ensigns on board with practical experience in seamanship, to broaden their

knowledge of the world and to strengthen the bonds of friendship between the visited countries and Japan," he said.

The cruise is made each year to a different part of the world. This is the second time the training squadron has visited Anchorage. The visit is made with great expectations, the admiral said.

"The cadets have heard many things about Alaska, how beautiful it is and how friendly the people are," said the admiral. "And they want to see if they will get the same impression."

When asked to compare the port of Anchorage to other ports around the world, Admiral Umai diplomatically replied, "The port will be very prosperous in the future."

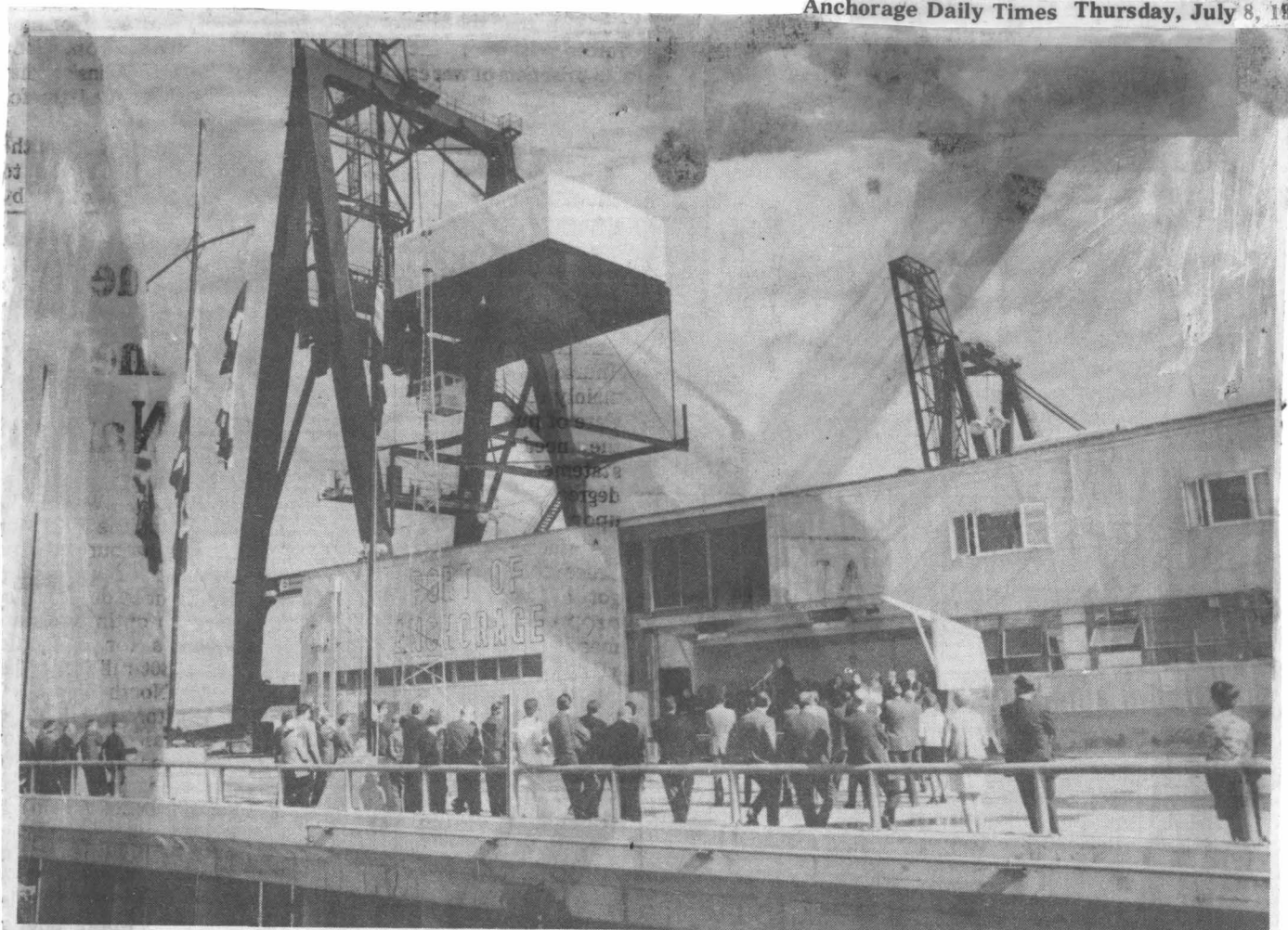
He said navigating in Cook Inlet was a good experience for the 163 cadets because the tides and conditions made the harbor an interesting one.

The squadron has some 700 officers and men on board two ships, including 163 newly-commissioned ensigns who graduated from officer candidate school in March.

The men will participate in a sports exchange at Ft. Richardson at 3:30 this afternoon. They will also visit Elmendorf Air Force Base and tour such local attractions as Portage Glacier during their stay.

A judo exhibition will be performed on board the flag ship Katori during open houses from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. today and Saturday.

Also at 3 p.m. today, the admiral and his commanders will lay wreathes on the graves of 235 Japanese soldiers at the Ft. Richardson cemetery. The men buried there were killed at the battle of Attu during World War II. They were part of a Japanese force of approximately 3,000 men which occupied Attu Island.



A SALUTE TO PROGRESS

City officials and private citizens joined in a celebration at the Port of Anchorage today to mark the 10th anniversary of the port's opening. Port Commissioner Arne Michaelson presented recognition awards to local publishers and broadcasters for their support of the facility. Another award was presented to Brig. Gen. William

Wolfe, Alaskan Air Command for Lt. Gen. Robert Ruegg, commander in chief of the command. Japanese Consul Kikuo Yoshida was also present. Yoshida will host the training squadron of the Japanese Navy whose visit to the port coincides with the festivities.

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STRIKE DIVERTS SHIP TO ANCHORAGE

One of the two largest Sea-Land ships to ever dock here arrived this morning carrying some 628 vans of cargo from the Far East. Diverted from the West Coast by the week-old longshoremen's strike, the SS San Pedro will offload cargo vans here and take on some 200 empty

vans for use in picking up more military cargo in the Far East. Scheduled to sail by 6 p.m. Saturday, the ship plans to stop on the West Coast where it is hoped refrigerated cargo can be unloaded before it returns to the Orient.

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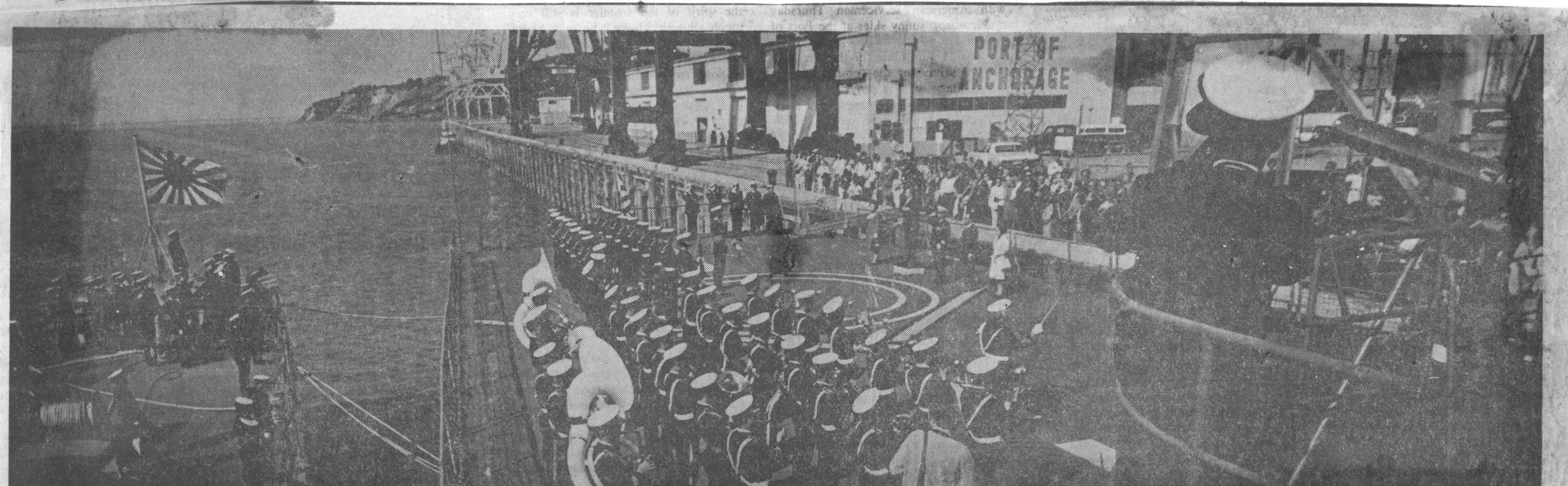
Small Boat Harbor Heads Up Agenda At Meet Tonight

Construction of a small boat facility here will be discussed by the Anchorage Port Commission at a meeting at 7:30 this evening in the City Council chambers of Loussac Library.

The port's 1971-72 capital improvements program and a soils study for port expansion also are on the meeting agenda.

Port Director Erwin Davis will report on the status of an industrial park-military land acquisition plan and the progress of an application for a grant from the Economic Development Agency.

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A 700-man Japanese Training Squadron was welcomed to Anchorage Thursday with pomp and circumstance. The group plans a three-day sightseeing visit to the area. The story is on Page 2.

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