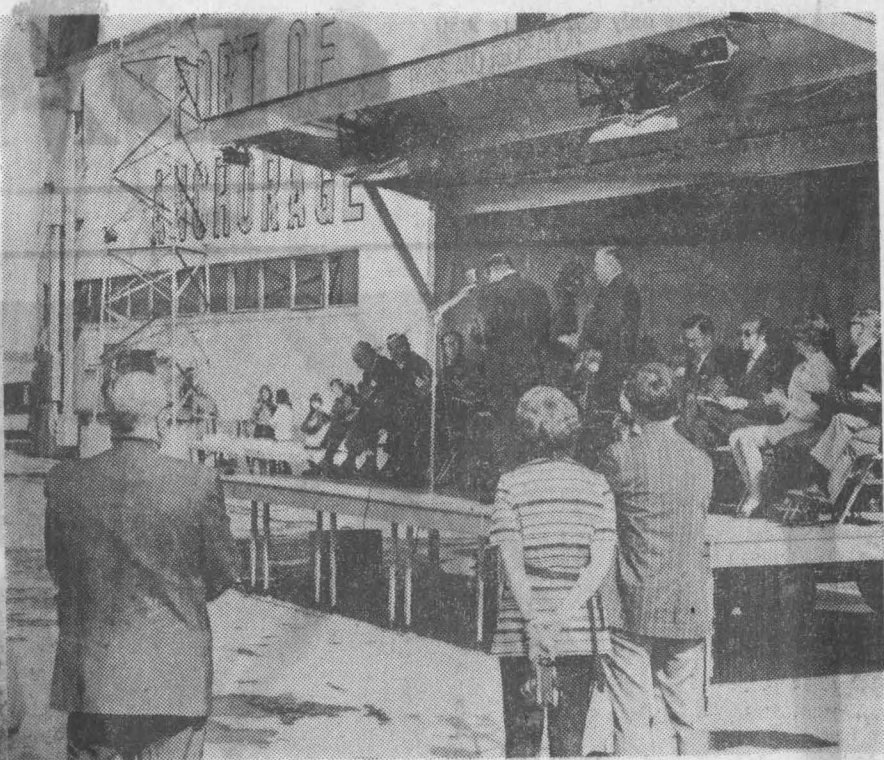


Port's anniversary



Anchorage Mayor George Sullivan and other city officials commemorated the Port of Anchorage's 10th anniversary Thursday at a dockside celebration. Port Commissioner Arne Michaelson presented awards to Anchorage publishers and broadcasters for their support of the facility, and to Brig. Gen. William Wolfe of the Alaskan Air Command for Lt. Gen. Robert Ruegg, commander in chief, Alaska. City Manager Robert Sharp detailed the public's support of the facility, and also told of plans for expansion. The port annually handles over 1.5 million tons of cargo.

Training Squadron arrives

200 Japanese cadets here for three-day visit



Japanese destroyer off Port of Anchorage

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Two training ships of the Japanese Maritime Self Defense Group, with 700 men aboard, exchanged gun salutes with American servicemen Thursday under warm, sunny skies at the Port of Anchorage.

The 21 gun salute for the flags and 15 gun salute for the commanders, in full military regalia, came at the start of a three day visit to Alaska for some 200 cadets and 500 officers and crew of the Japanese destroyers Katori and Yamagumo.

REAR ADMIRAL Umeichi Imai, who will lay wreaths on the Japanese Soldiers' Graveyard at Ft. Richardson today, noted the training squadron left Tokyo on June 28 and Anchorage was the first port of call.

In a shipboard news conference, Imai praised the friendliness and "the

spirit of the frontier" in Alaska. "It is well known that Alaska is an important strategic position in the American continent, and contains unlimited possibilities of expansion in the future, and the spirit of the frontier is still very much alive in Alaska," he said. "I believe that cooperation between Alaska and Japan in the economic field is truly closer today than ever before."

The Japan Training Squadron visited Alaska in 1967 for the first time since World War II. Imai said "it is still fresh in our memory that they were welcomed with cordial hospitality by the people of your state." Anchorage, the sister city of Chitose City, Hokkaido, Japan, "is an unforgettable and special place for us," he said.

THE VISIT began on schedule, with a shipboard band playing two marches, one of them by John Phillip Sousa. Mayor George Sullivan and his wife exchanged greetings with Japanese officers and then Sullivan accepted an offer to review 18 of the cadets on deck.

Imai said only one out of ten youths who apply for the training squadron are accepted for the rough program, which includes a seven month training cruise. The purpose of the Japan military force per se has not changed, he said, although advanced technology has certainly changed training techniques.

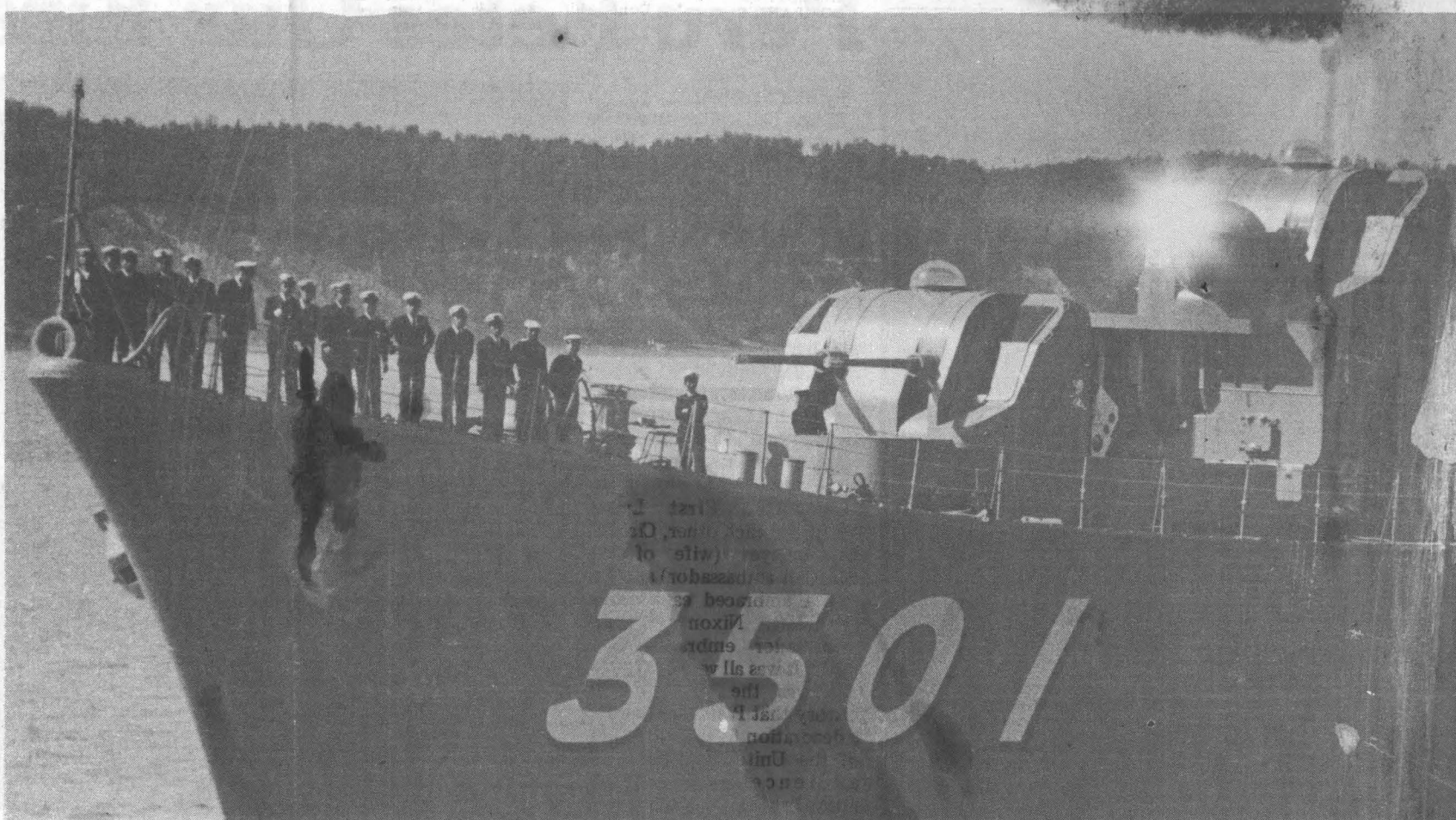
The Japanese military group has about 43,000 men, as does the Air Force, and there are some 180,000 persons in the army, Imai said. In the maritime unit alone, this is an increase of about 10,000 men in 10 years, he said.

The visiting cadets will tour Ft. Richardson and Elmendorf Air Force Base today, then ride to the Portage Glacier and Girdwood area and do some sightseeing in Anchorage. More sightseeing is scheduled Saturday.

The ship band will parade from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. down Fourth Avenue, where "Tora, Tora, Tora" has top billing at a movie theatre. The movie tells in detail the story of the attack on Pearl Harbor. At 3 p.m. Imai will lay wreaths on the graves of Japanese soldiers buried at Ft. Richardson.

The squadron is due to leave Anchorage at 8 a.m. Sunday, en route for Vancouver, the next leg of a long journey which ends Nov. 5, when the ships arrive in Yokosuka from Honolulu, the last port of call.

Blue Uniforms Dot City As Japanese Ships Visit

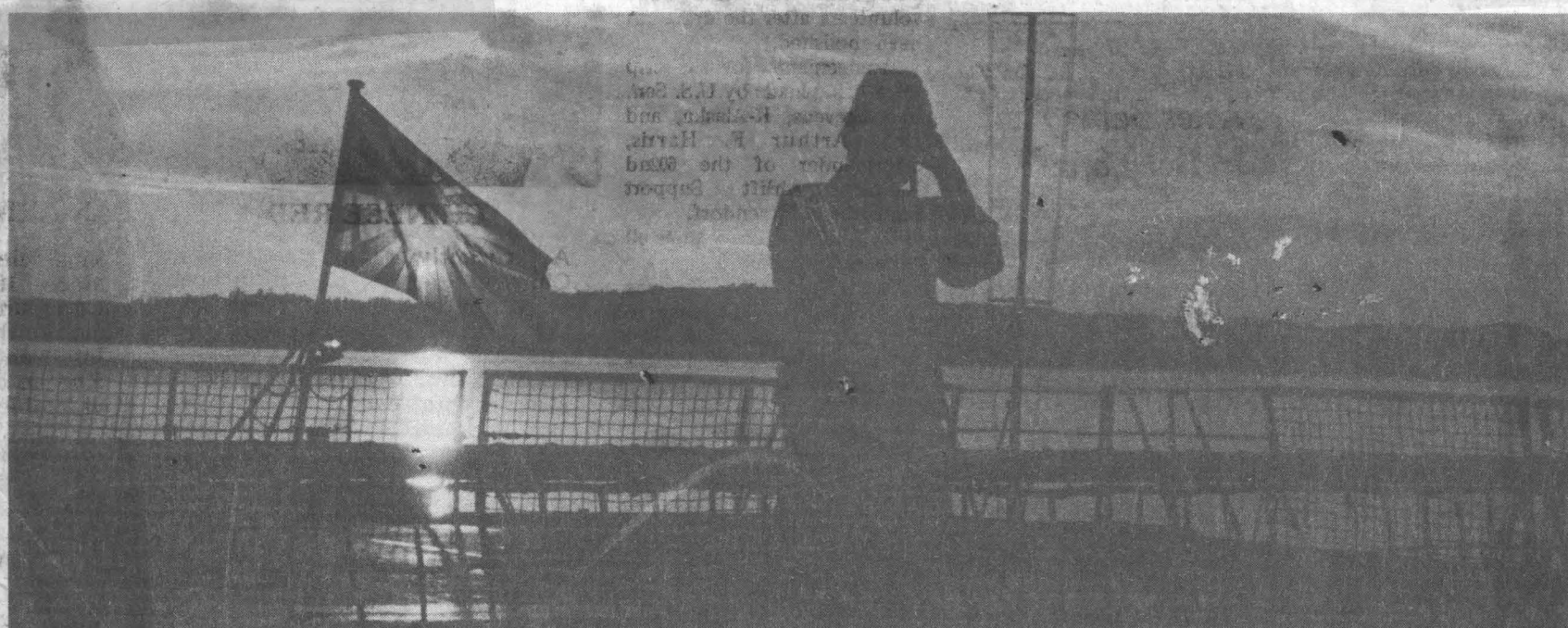
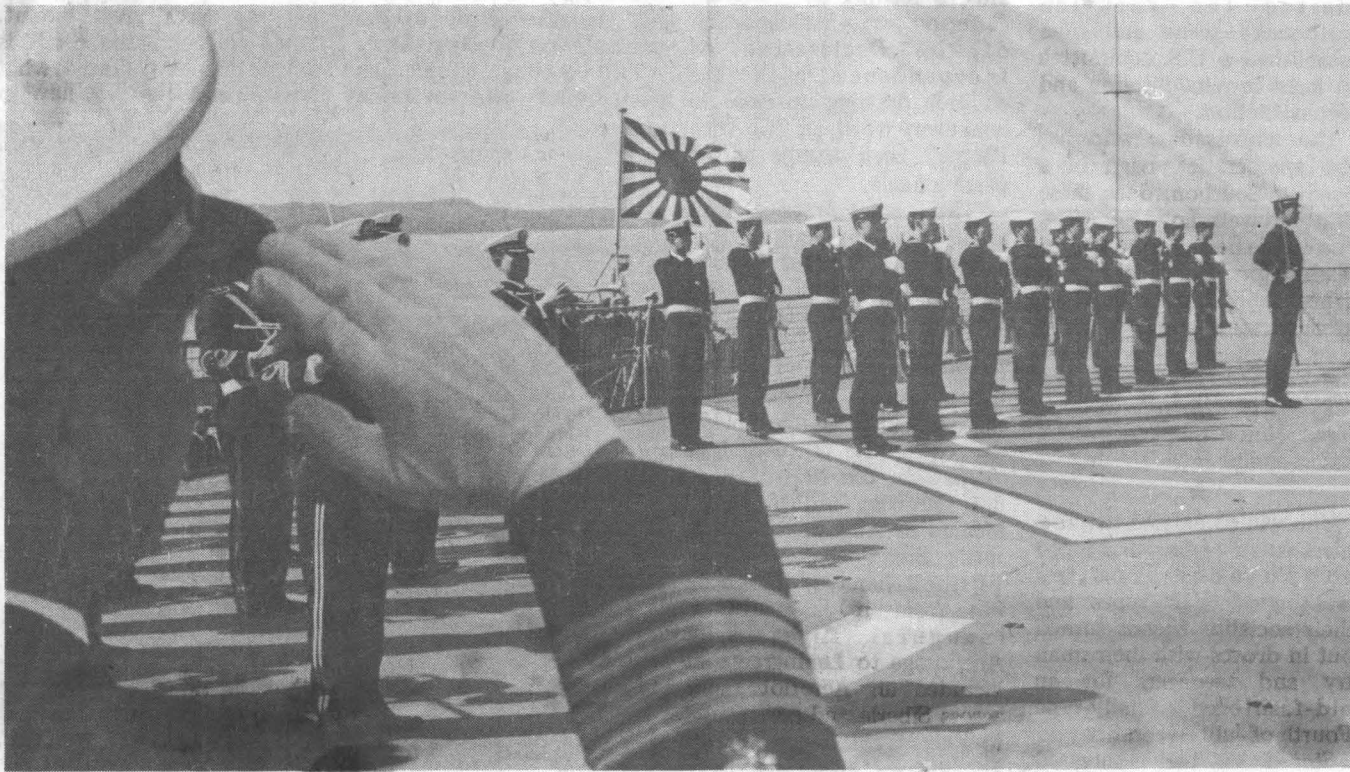


WELCOME CEREMONY, OPEN HOUSE SPARKS VISIT OF JAPANESE VESSELS

Few area residents can escape knowing that Japanese navymen are in town with their blue uniforms dotting the city since colorful welcoming ceremonies at the Port of Anchorage. The flag ship Katori of the Japanese Training Squadron of the Maritime Self-Defense Force and the

destroyer Yamagumo are to remain in port until Sunday morning. At left above, a Japanese navy band plays the Star-Spangled Banner as, from left, Anchorage Mayor George Sullivan, the Japanese squadron commander, Rear Adm.

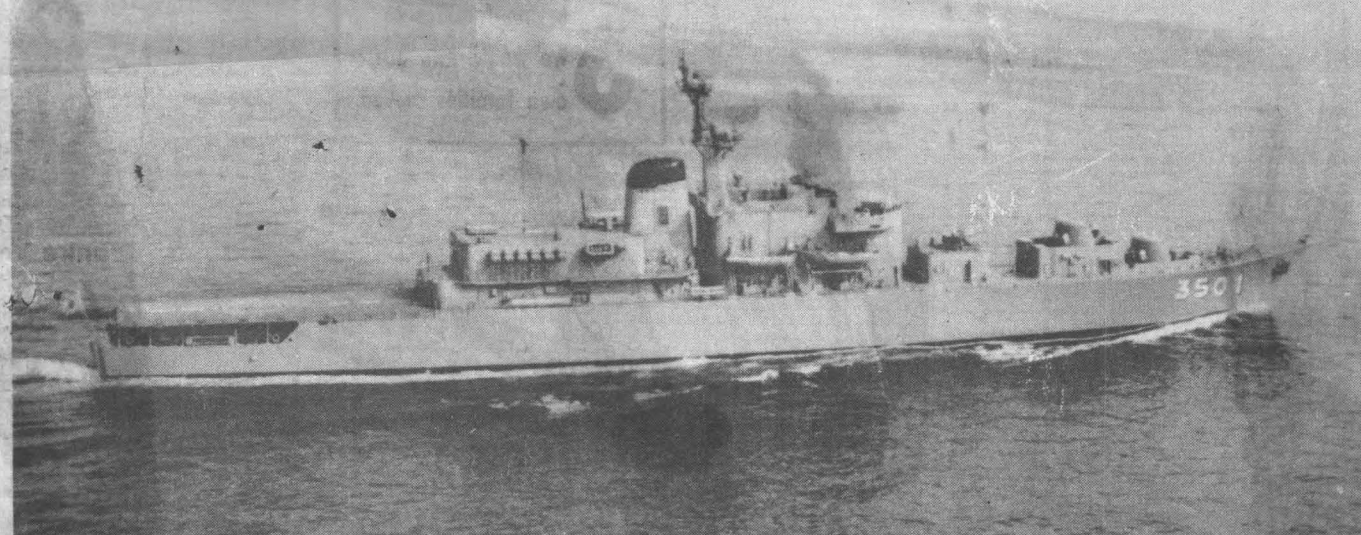
Umeichi Imai and Japanese Consul Kokuo Yoshida stand at attention. Below, Imai greets Yoshida. Other photos show the visitors in ceremonies aboard their ship. Notice that the band conductor faces the audience rather than his band.



SUN SETS ON THE RISING SUN

Looking across Cook Inlet from the Port of Anchorage, a crewman of the Japanese flag ship "Katori" photographs the setting sun as it strikes the Japanese flag depicting the rising sun of the empire. Local dignitaries were entertained at a

shipboard reception Saturday evening and the two ships of the training squadron of the Japanese Self-Defense Force departed Sunday at 8 a.m. for Vancouver, B.C., the second port of call in a four-month cruise around North America.



JAPANESE FLEET, CADETS DUE HERE

Two Japanese ships, the Training Squadron of the Japanese Maritime Self-Defense Group, will arrive in Anchorage Thursday for a three-day visit. The ships, the Katori, above, and the Yamagumo, are the at-sea training classes for 200 cadets and are manned by an additional 500 officers and crew. The ships will be open to the

public from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday. The cadets plan trips to Ft. Richardson, Elmendorf Air Force Base, Portage Glacier and a tour of the city. Also, the Squadron Commander, Rear Adm. Umeichi Imai will lay a wreath on the Japanese Soldiers' graveyard at Ft. Richardson July 9.