

utes to Kyoto. To go to Nara get off the train at Osaka Station, take a taxi or bus to Minatomachi Station and board the express to Nara (last stop on the line).

## YOKOSUKA

This thriving city over a century ago was just a small fishing village, today it is the largest naval port and headquarters for U. S. Naval Forces in the Far East. Yokosuka, with the Naval base, offers more varied activities than any other port.

Easily accessible by rail or car is the capital of



Japan, Tokyo. This is the center of national administration, education and finance, and is a most thriving industrial city. It is a highly westernized metropolis which still retains much of its old-world charm.

Outside the main gate of

the Naval base is the Club Alliance, largest enlisted men's club in the Western Pacific and one of the largest and most complete in the world.

A few facilities provided include; a snack bar, cock-



tail lounges, ping pong and pool, gym, steam bath, yen exchange, barber shop, party rooms and free movies.

Yokosuka is one of the best cities in Japan for bargains. Among the famous and quality products available are pearls, porcelain and pottery, chinaware, cloisonne, lacquer ware, silk products and many others.

## SASABO

Sasebo is second in importance among U. S. Naval bases in Japan. The city is famed for its ship building facilities and was the key base for the Imperial Navy

for 60 years.

From Sasebo you can journey some 54 miles south and come upon the historical city of Nagasaki, known as the "other place" for the dropping of the atomic bomb.

Though the city has done a remarkable job of rebuilding, much of the castastrophe of war can still be seen.

Going east of Sasebo by bus you can visit the Takashima Pearl Farm which has a production of more than 42 million pearls per year. Here the cultivation process can be watched and finished products can be purchased at reasonable prices.

You will not want to leave without seeing the world's third longest steel arch span toll bridge and the longest in the Far East. Called the Saikai Toll Bridge, it can be seen while enroute to Nagasaki, 12 miles south of Sasebo.

## IWAKUNI

Iwakuni, with a military history of Allied Air Forces from many countries, is presently homeport for First Marine Aircraft Wing.

Post war Iwakuni saw a procession of Allied Forces from many countries. After the initial occupation of the Iwakuni base by U.S. Marines, who carried papers ending the war for the Japanese Air Base, a U. S. Army disposal team arrived. The Army troops were then followed by forces of Great Britain, India, Australia and our own Air Force.

The city lacks typical tourist facilities of other ports but, several near-by cities and towns are worth visiting. Among them are Hiroshima, site of the first atomic bomb explosion; Kure, and Miya Jima.

Hiroshima, largely rebuilt, is good for shopping and about one hour by train from Iwakuni.

