

SAKI, JAPAN



Peace Statue, Nagasaki

The Japanese are courteous, friendly people, though very reserved. This is reflected in the way Japanese conduct business. The shopper is allowed to browse leisurely without suffering from the high pressure sales techniques so common in the other ports visited. The Japanese have a pride and dignity which distinguishes them from other Asian people. Most of us departed with high regard for the Japanese and their beautiful country.

Nagasaki, the city of atom bomb infamy, is only three hours from Sasebo by bus. To most who went there, the "ground zero" site was the biggest attraction. Ground zero is the area which lay directly beneath the exploding atomic bomb. For seven years the area was too contaminated to enter. Even today many relatives of those who perished in the blast will not go into the zone. On the site a museum and monument have been erected. In the museum one can see pictures of a large steel bridge which had been tossed over a mile by the blast. The museum is a symbol of man's inhumanity; the monument is a symbol of man's hope for a world without war.