



Need a sweetheart in your
home away from home?

It isn't like the store around
the corner back home, but it
serves the same purpose.



From the looks of the
water on the ground,
this year's rice crop
should be "ichi-ban."


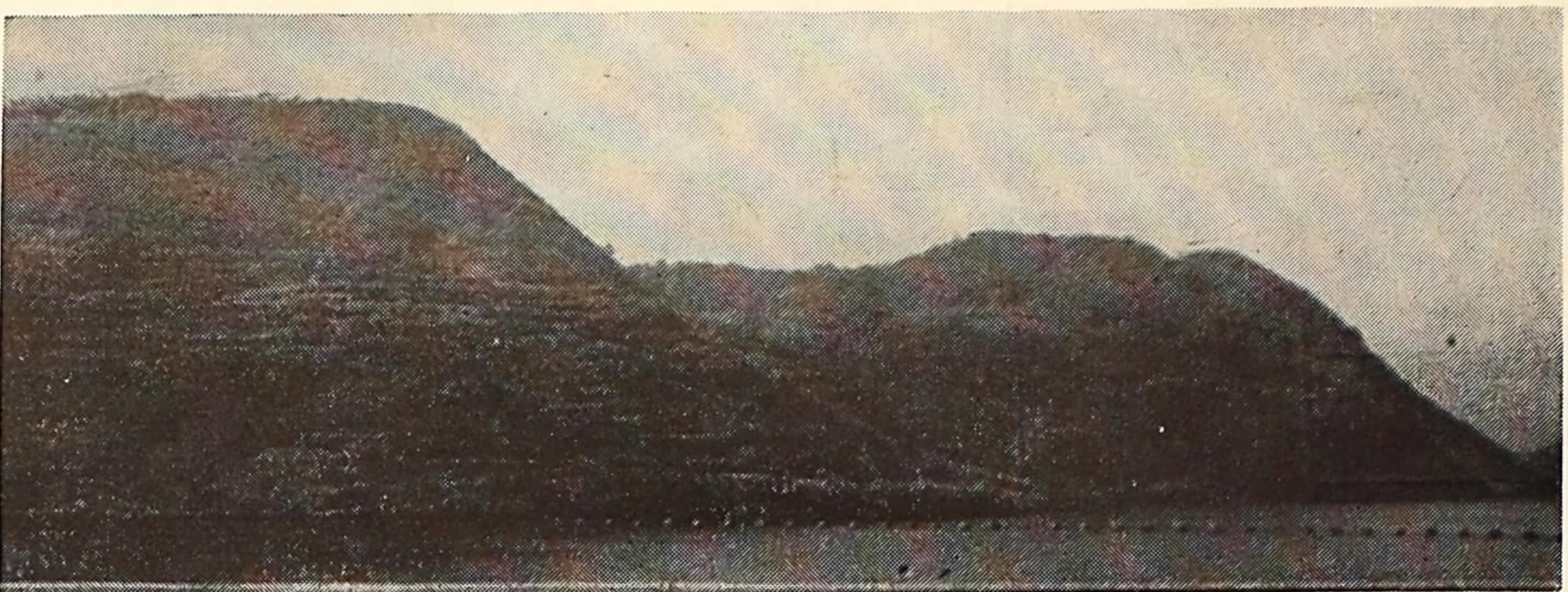


Sasebo is the largest naval base on the western coast of Japan. A well-sheltered harbor, its entrance is protected by 99 islands while the harbor basin is ringed by a range of hills.

The city is a sailor's town. Each block of the downtown entertainment area boasts a dozen cabarets, and stalls offering souvenirs of Japan abound.

Attractions near Sasebo include the Arita China factory and the Sakashime Pearl Farms. Less than three hours by rail from Sasebo is Nagasaki, the home of "Madame Butterfly" and the second Japanese city destroyed by the Atomic Bombs of World War II. Ruins are still evident but the city is rapidly rebuilding itself.

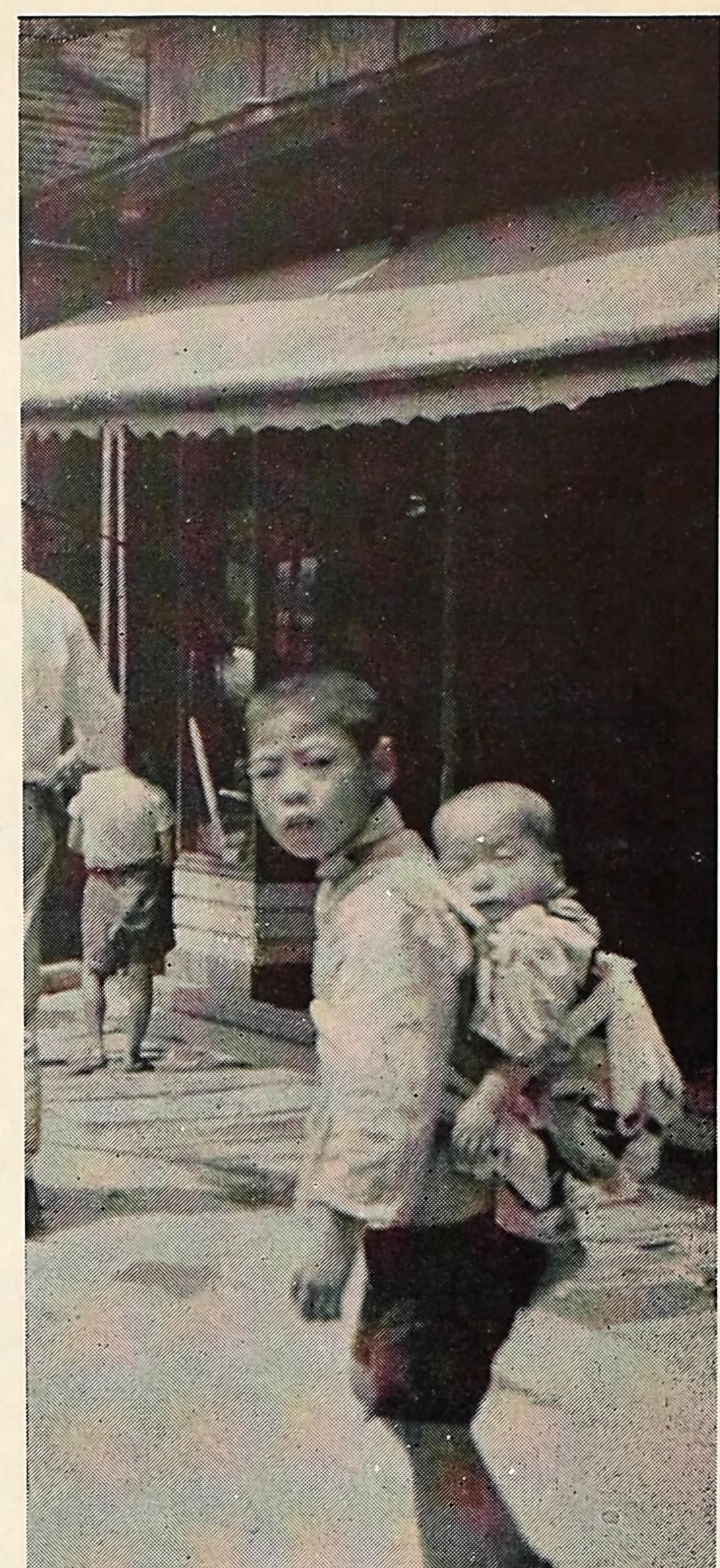
We enter the nets of
Sasebo harbor.



A downtown merchant,
sidewalk style.

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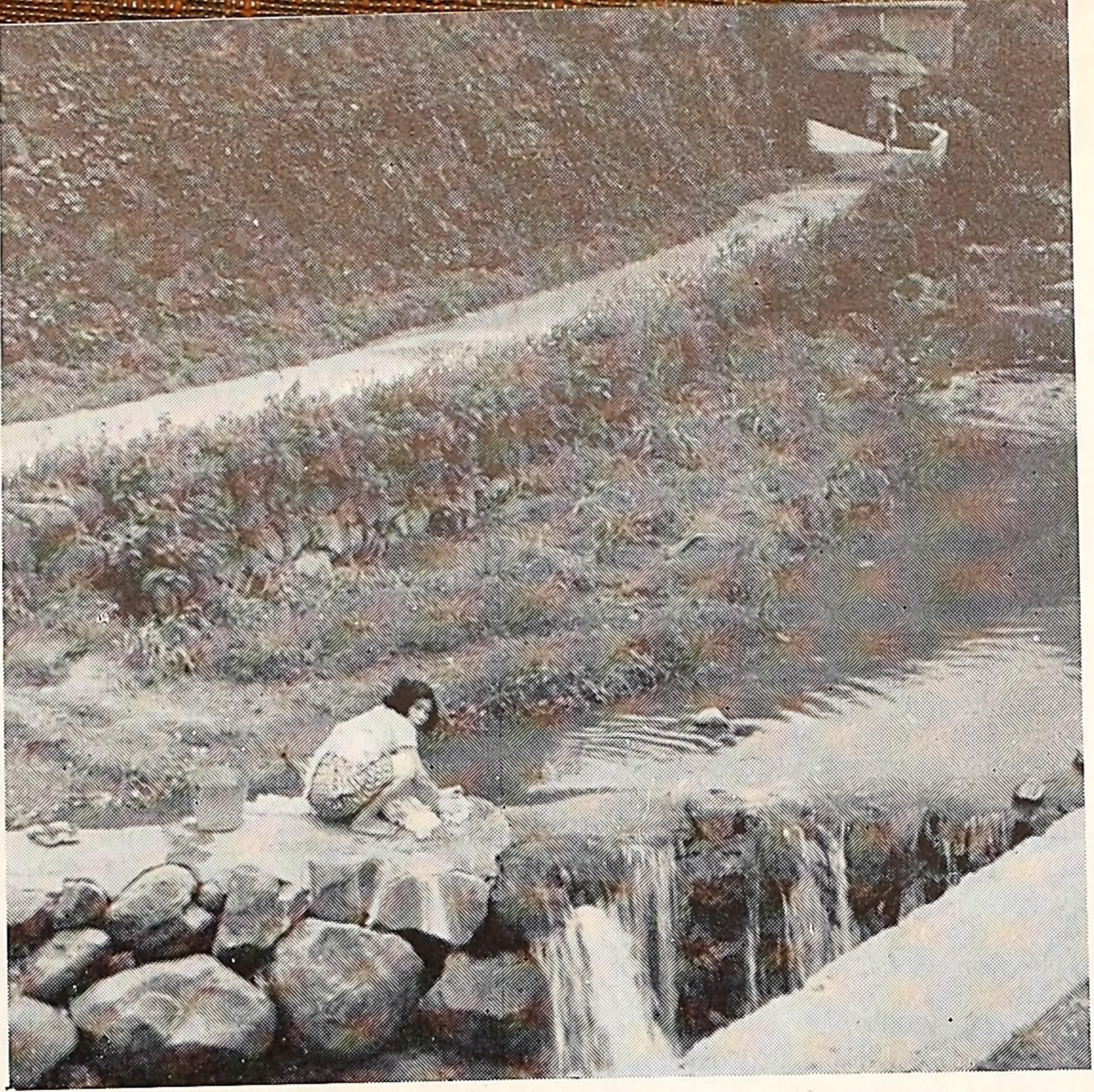
Some of our happiest liberty hours in Sasebo were spent at this orphanage on the outskirts of town.




Most of Sasebo is as accustomed to sailors as this boy-san and his little brother.

"Souey over rice"
at the orphanage.





On our trips to Nagasaki, Arita and the pearl farms we passed many such rural scenes.



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Everyone visited the home of Madame Butterfly,
whose suicide inspired the opera.



Her fickle American
lover built this home
for her.

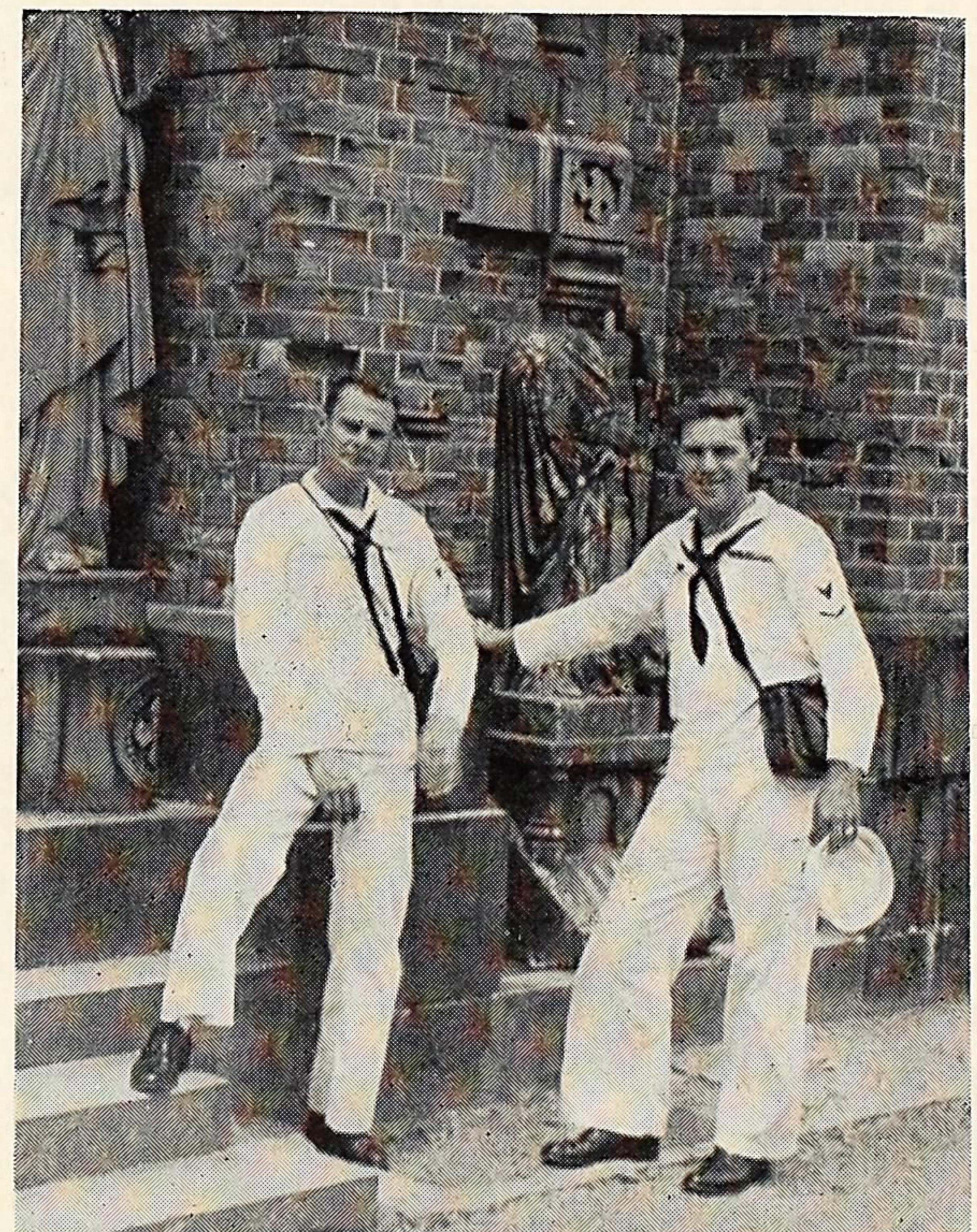


Nagasaki has been so completely rebuilt since the war that the results of the atomic blast are hardly noticeable now. This ruin of the largest Catholic church in Japan is the most prominent reminder.

The shutterbugs had a heyday in the town made famous by the atom.



Guess boys and dogs are the same everywhere.



... and back to sea.

