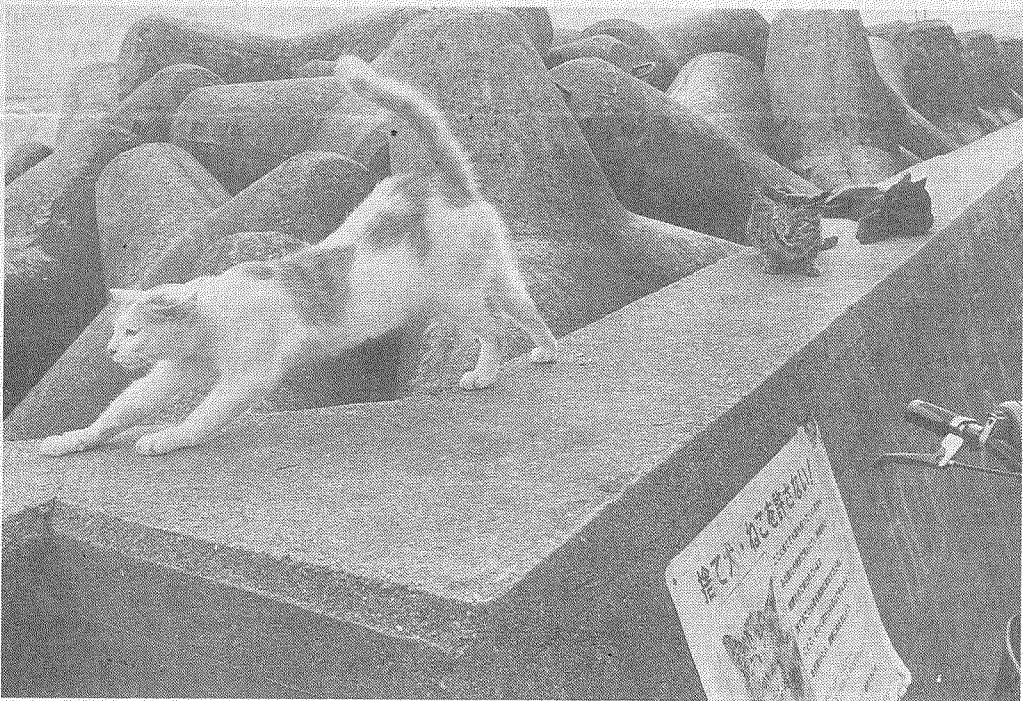


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NISHINOMIYA, Hyogo Pref. — A cat stretches on a breakwater at Koroen Beach above a sign that urges people not to abandon dogs and cats. Known as a dumping site for unwanted cats, residents estimate about 100 felines live here. People feed them regularly.

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