



## **ERNEST LIEB**

### **Man of the Year**

Canada. With his work here in the United States, Kim has produced many kata champions in karate who have taken top honors in major tournament events in America. Many of his former students are now teaching in Hawaii, the Continental United States and France.

Kim attended the University of Hawaii and St. John's University in Shanghai, and has earned degrees in philosophy and political science. He is a regular columnist for KARATE ILLUSTRATED, and from time to time is asked to lecture and give seminars around the country on the philosophy of the martial arts.

#### **SACHIO ASHIDA**

Coach, instructor, committeeman—Dr. Sachio Ashida has devoted the past 20 years of his life to furthering the tenets of Kodokan judo in the United States.

Born near Kyoto, Japan in 1924, Ashida began his training

in Zen and judo at the age of 12 under the guidance of Muneyuki sensei. The boy's judo skill was first demonstrated publicly in 1938 when he won the All-Japan Kotoshogakko Championship.

Ashida went on to win other championships in Japan and obtained his black belt in 1940. Under the tutelage of such famous Kodokan sensei as Yamamoto, Watanabe, Tokizane, Tenzaki, and Muneyuki, Ashida captured the coveted Hyogoken Senengakko Yudansha championship for three years and also took the Hyogoken Seinendan Judo championship.

During this rigorous period of martial arts study, Ashida maintained an active academic schedule, earning BA degrees in economics and psychology from Kwansai University in Osaka and Kwansai Gakuin University in Nishinomiya, respectively.

Ashida served briefly in the Japanese Imperial Army Air Force during World War II, and it was during this period in his life that he became the third man in the history of his dojo to