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"THE DANS OF PITTSBURGH JUDO." Black Belts from the Pittsburgh area at recent clinic held by George Harris, (center right), to George's right is Dixon Lightcap to his left Jim Nichols. Far left is Gary Goltz.

Pittsburgh Area Judo Coming On Strong

"Pittsburgh area USJA Judo has been growing since 1968 and is finally coming on strong," according to Gary S. Goltz, newly elected Judo chairman for the Allegheny Mountain Association AAU. The AAU chairmanship was a highly contested position and Goltz's victory marked the climax of a general shift in the Pittsburgh region toward the USJA. Gary was quick to point out that "he could not have won without the diligent efforts of all local USJA loyalists."

Two major clinics were recently held in this region. The first at Nidonjo Judo-Kai, a USJA top 10 school operated by Nick Zaffuto, Sandan and a bronze life member. The clinic was given by Dr. Martin Bregman of the National Referee Review Board and aimed at improving local officiating. The second clinic was held at Indiana Martial Arts operated by Dixon Lightcap, Nidan, and Warren Henninger, Shodan. Indiana, Penn-

sylvania is a small community located about 70 miles east of Pittsburgh. The feature attraction was George Harris, President of the USJA. Sensei Harris taught for over 6½ hours covering various throwing techniques, grips and postures. The clinic was almost cancelled due to flooding in the Dojo from heavy rains earlier in the week, but thanks to Dixon's and Warren's marathon clean-up job the show went on as scheduled. Jim Nichols, member of the USJA Board and head of the AAU litigation, was on hand at both clinics to answer questions.

This fall Gary Goltz plans to initiate a major Judo club in the Pittsburgh area which should produce many new memberships.

In the future this region should become one of the strongest USJA bases in the country thanks to the work and support of all Pittsburgh Judo leaders.