





## Two more Little Tokyo developments bared

LOS ANGELES—Plans for a \$10 million, three-level shopping center adjacent to the New Otani Hotel and Garden were recently approved by the Community Redevelopment Agency.

Construction will begin this year in the triangle area bordered by Second, Weller and San Pedro Streets. The center will comprise 72,000 square feet and will include a three-level subterranean garage, restaurants, stores, office space and plaza for entertainment, officials said.

Another proposal for a 360-room motor hotel and amusement facility was presented to the Little Tokyo Redevelopment Advisory Committee by Tom and Albert Taira, owners of the New York Hotel.

This proposed develop-

ment would be situated on northwest corner of San Pedro St. and East Third St., where the Tairas own 3.5 acres of land presently occupied by Nisei Trading Co. in a six-story building and an adjacent four-story warehouse.

The plan, developed by Ohbayashi Gumi, features a two-level, 175-space subterranean parking and plaza with 58,000 square feet of rental space, bowling alley and a roof-top tennis court.

If approved, the proposal will be submitted by the Little Tokyo Redevelopment Project to the CRA.

Developers for the Otani project will be the East-West Development Corp. Architect Kan Morimoto of Kajima Associates is the designer.



Participants at a recent Center for the Study of Democratic Institutions workshop at Santa Barbara on the Ethics of Immigration Policy are (from left) Prof. Harry H.L. Kitano, UCLA School of Social Welfare, and Paul Newman, stage and screen actor, who serves on the Center's board of directors.

## Immigration policy study held

SANTA BARBARA, Calif.—The Center for the Study of Democratic Institutions held a weekend conference on the "Ethics of Exclusion:

The Crisis of U.S. Immigration Policy" Dec. 9-10. Invited to present Asian American views was noted UCLA Professor of Social Welfare and Sociology, Dr. Harry H. L. Kitano.

One speaker was Dr. Jorge Bustamante, professor at Mexico City College. Other representatives included:

Professor of History John Higham of Johns Hopkins; Doris Messner, deputy attorney general, U.S. Dept. of Justice; I.M. Timonin, director, Dept. of Manpower and Immigration, Ottawa, Canada.

## Tsuyama promoted CFB chairman

SAN FRANCISCO — Masao Tsuyama, 59, currently president, was elected chairman and chief executive officer of California First Bank, a subsidiary of The Bank of Tokyo Ltd.

Tsuyama succeeds Ichiro Matsudaira, 70, who retired.

## Nine Nisei Week queen candidates expected, JACL to host Aug. 19 ball

LOS ANGELES—Promoters and organizers of the 38th annual Nisei Week Festival have already set their planning gears in full motion.

The festival queen committee held its first meeting with prospective sponsoring organizations in early February.

Danny Kurose, 1978 queen committee chairman, said nine candidates are expected this year from:

Citrus Valley Optimist Club, East Los Angeles JACL, Gardena Valley JACL, Metropolitan JACL, San Fernando Valley Japanese American Coordinating Council, South Bay JACL, Suburban Optimist Club of Buena Park, Uptown Optimist Club and the West Los Angeles JACL and Auxiliary.

Deadline for candidates names to be submitted to the committee is June 1.

Kurose said the Hollywood JACL will sponsor the Coronation Ball this year on Saturday, Aug. 19 at the Beverly Hilton Hotel. Leslie Hamasaki is the ball chairman.

The traditional queen's reception, where candidates

## 15 girls seek queen title in Hawaii festival

HONOLULU—Fifteen candidates are seeking the honor to reign as queen of 1978 Cherry Blossom Festival being staged this month and culminating with the coronation ball April 1.

The girls range in height

are officially introduced en masse, will be held at the Hancock Park residence of the Japanese consul general Sunday, July 30.

Candidates must be at least 18 and not over 25 by the time of the Coronation Ball and have at least one set of grandparents of 100 per cent Japanese ancestry. She must also be unmarried.

from 4 ft.-11 to 5 ft.-5 and in age from 19 to 23. They are:

April Ashimine, Phyllis Furukawa, Diane Kiyota, Mimi Kurokawa, Beryl Morikawa, Karen Shintani, Amy Teruya, Sharon Tomasa, Cindy Tsukamoto, Karen Tsuneda, Joy Watanabe, Kris Watanabe, Luana Ushijima, Cori Yabusaki and Cyd Yoshikawa.

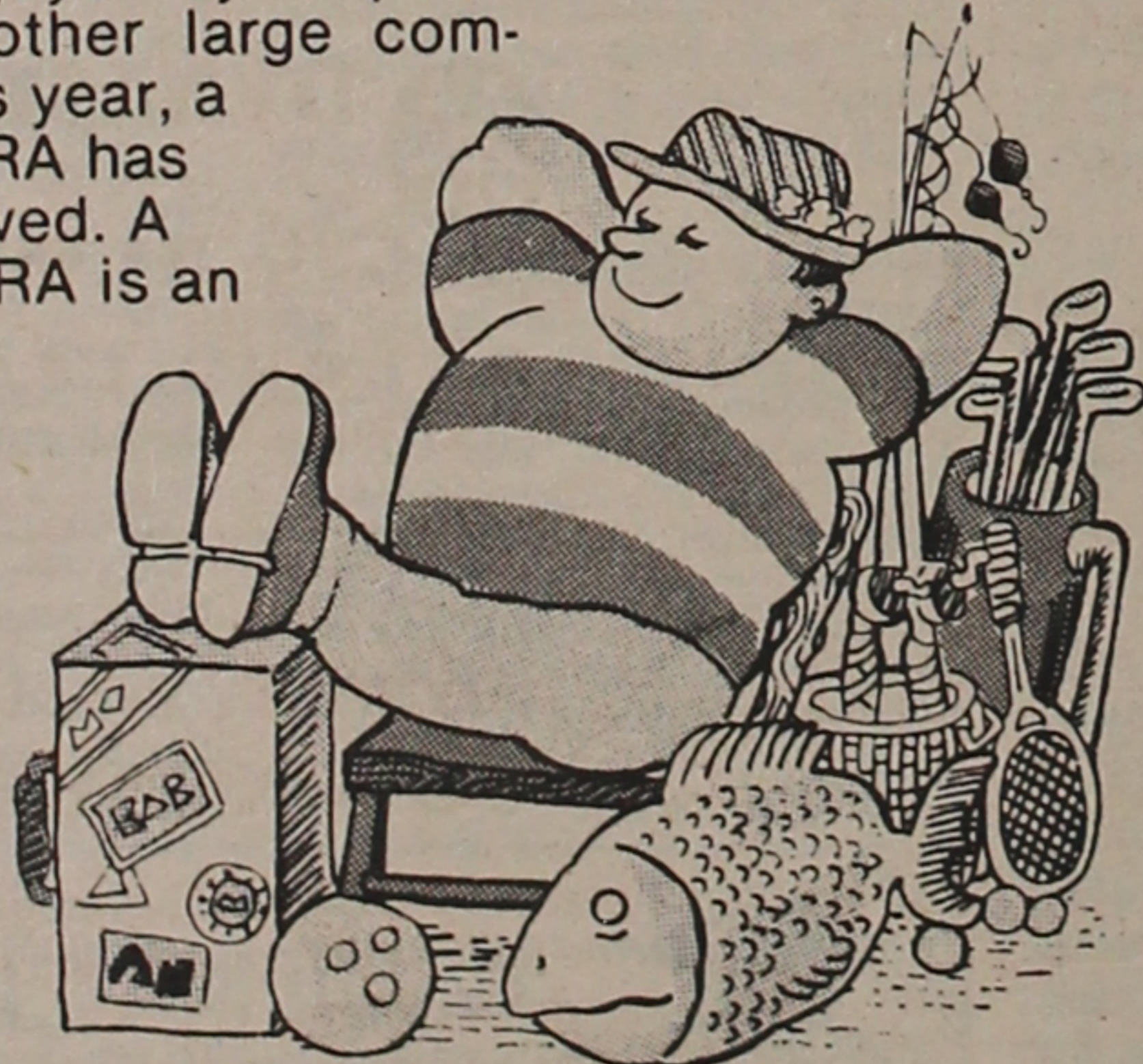
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