

# Coffee Break

By Adeline Daley

Once the moving vans depart, after depositing the furniture of the new neighbors who are moving in across the street from us, I anticipate another "power struggle" among our kids and the other neighborhood children to see who will be the first to acquire the new little girl, age six, as "best friend."

The "neutrals" in the United Nations who are courted by the United States and the Soviet power bloc should have it so good.

*I have insisted, however, that our kids wait until the new people get more settled before attempting to curry their favor. At least until the electricity is turned on. Besides, then the doorbell will work.*

I must admit that I'm not quite as hospitable as our kids and not out to win a popularity contest. Let the Old Woman in the Shoe rest on her laurels, I say.

But I have tried to make a better impression by not screaming like a fishwife when calling my kids in for lunch. I find myself intoning, "Will the Daley children please come home? Mater has prepared a soufflé and tomato aspic and wouldn't want them to be ruined."

*Sometimes I think it's almost worth moving in order that your kids can enjoy the advantages that come with being new on the block and automatically popular. Of course, this contradicts what the Gesell Institute of Child Behavior says about the difficult adjustments children face when moving.*

All I can remember is the occasion when the Paisleys moved in last year with their brood of four. Let me tell you, the Kool-Aid flowed like wine and I'd hate to count how many pounds of bananas, plums and fistfuls of grapes were dished out in "foreign aid" from this household.

I'll go along with this somewhat, but I have turned down suggestions that our kids have had in the past of putting out placards for others who have moved in, "Welcome Rivers Family" or "Hello Eriksons!" like business places do when the Shriners hold a convention.

*As yet I haven't seen the new little girl but I expect within a day or two to be introduced to her while taking a bath, because all formal introductions in this household seem to take place while I'm in the tub. I don't mind but it's not to easy to carry on a conversation under water.*

"Mom, I'd like you to meet my best friend," one of my kids will announce. "Can she stay for lunch?" And as an afterthought, "Say, what's your name again?"

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HERALD TORRANCE RANCHERO DAYS

Mrs. James Hussey, left, with an arm load of stuffed animal prizes, fills these other Jaycettes, from left, Mmes. Harold Lindborg, president; Leon Taylor, publicity chairman, and Ron Simkins, Ranchero Days chairman, with determination as they practice for their Ball Toss Booth for the Torrance Ranchero Days, Aug. 3 to 7. From Wednesday through Friday the booth will be open from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m., and on Saturday and Sunday from noon until closing. Proceeds from the booth will go towards the Torrance Rose Parade Float. (Press-Herald Photo)

### Watsons Home From Vacation

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph C. Watson, 536 W. 252nd St., Harbor City returned recently from a three months vacation trip. The couple drove to West Palm Beach, Fla. where they were guests of their son, Edwin Watson. They then flew to the Bahamas for several days. Prior to returning to the west coast, the travelers visited with relatives in Ohio and Pennsylvania.

### Michigan Guests

Miss Diane McFarlane of Dearborn, Mich. is here spending a month with her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon McFarlane and her cousins, Laura Lee and Carrie Sue, at 4703 Cadison St. The localities and their guest are touring places of interest in the Southland.

### Rummage Sale Is Under Way

Royal Neighbors Torrance Camp is holding a rummage sale today and tomorrow at the Hitch Rack in Lawndale. Mrs. Mary Chiara, oracle, and Mrs. Mary Baker, vice-oracle, are in charge of the sale. The public is invited to take advantage of the many bargains in clothing, house-

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The affair will be held on the church grounds, 25316 Frampton Ave., near the Lomita Blvd. and Western Avenue intersection.

Frank Minobe is serving as general chairman. Others are Komazoe Wada, donations; Wayne Fujii, Tom Akiyama, Dean Mizushima, treasurers; Dr. Ross E. Yamahata, ticket distribution; Jack Wade, Haruo Hamamoto, Hiroshi Ozawa, prizes; Tok Okamura, games and booths; Shioji Wada and Ted Hasegawa, electricians; Pat Kaneshiro, posters; Jim Okada, I. Nakashiba, U. Ogomori, and Sukeo Sato, booth construction.

Mrs. Setsuko Akiyama, Mothers Club president, will be in charge of food preparations.

Bill Wada and Emi Ishibashi are serving as advisors. Main attraction of the festival will be the obon odori, starting at 8 p.m. both nights, in which many children and parents, garbed in colorful kimonos, participate. There will be carnival booths for the enjoyment of all ages.

Standard American hamburgers, tacos and other food will be served as well as Japanese delicacies such as osuhi, rice cakes rolled in seaweed, noodles, beef teriyaki and pickles. The public is invited to attend this gala festival and dance.

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"Carefree Summer Cooking" and "Miracle Ways with Miracle Fabrics" will be the subjects of two meetings presented by the Southern California Gas Company at the Torrance Family YMCA multi-purpose room, 2900 W. Sepulveda Blvd.

Wednesday, July 27 from 10 a.m. to 12, ideas for hot summer days will be featured, offering quick, easy, gourmet ideas and the latest information on gas appliances and kitchen design.

Wednesday, Aug. 3, from 10 a.m. to 12, guest Estelle Gaylord, Home Economist for Maytag Corporation will speak on Miracle Fabrics. This program will also include a demonstration by the Gas Company Home Economist on "Patio Living California Style."

Recipes will be distributed, refreshments served, and door prizes awarded at each program. For reservations the Torrance YMCA may be called.

### Nevada Guest

Mrs. Kay Butler has returned to her home in Henderson, Nev. after spending two weeks here with her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Fay Parks.



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