

Around the World with Stan Delaplane

OSAKA, Japan — Expense accounts make a swinging town out of drab Osaka, Japan's second city. Buyers and salesmen crowd the hotels and restaurants, cabarets and geisha tea houses.

This is an industrial city. Steel. Silks. TV sets. Japan MUST export. And the businessman's expense account is more than a fringe benefit. It's part of his living. The town booms with night clubs.

Not cheap for the tourist. A night club drinks run \$2 to \$3—and a hostess at \$3 to \$6 an hour will help you drink them. A dinner party with giggling geishas will cost \$25 per person.

BEST BET are the "hunting" night clubs where the young people hang out. Boy bars, encouraged by young girl bartenders; girl bars, where the bartenders are handsome boys of 18. Drinks are half the price. Music is good. And there's a VIP room upstairs for the over-30 brigade.

Osaka has never been big on the tourist route. But they are planning a great Fair—Expo 70. Pan American has secured a route into Osaka—first line from America to get beyond Tokyo. So there must be something to it.

"We planned to spend two weeks of our Far East trip in Japan. Would you advise Japanese inns or is it too strange? Should we stay in Western hotels?"

Japanese inns—ryokans—are certainly different. Some people love them. But the language barrier, the bath down the hall, the no-lobby life is hard for you if you're used to the Hiltons.

You sleep on the floor. But comfortably. You eat in your room—sitting on the floor at a low table. There is no hotel dining room or bar. Advantages are you get a personal maid who makes your bed, serves your food. If you are a single male, she takes you to the bath and scrubs you like a shirt. You probably haven't had this treatment since you were six.

I'd try at least one. The Japanese National Travel Organization—(offices in New York, San Francisco, etc.)—have a list. Better get them or a travel agent to set this up. It's not one of those

Chinese Economy Is Topic

A report of the Joint Economic Committee, "Mainland China in the World Economy," has been selected by Congressman Alphonzo Bell as the study document for the Great Issues Study Program in his current newsletter.

Bell (R-Los Angeles) said copies of the report can be obtained by writing to his Congressional Field Office, Los Angeles 90024.

Take the trains; they're excellent. Roads are poor. Road signs not in English. Train stations have signs in English. You may have to jump lively when you see the name. But at least you know where you are.

... the tipping customs?"

A service charge of 10 to 15 per cent is added on hotel and restaurant bills. So don't tip anybody. Exceptions are airport and railway porters—100 yen a bag. (27 cents U.S.) At ryokans, you could add five per cent to the service charge and give it to the maid. Put it in a sealed envelope. Handing raw money around offends the Japanese. (She may hand it over to the owner. So you could do better to buy her a small present, gift-wrapped.)

Don't make it a handkerchief—that's a going-away present to cry in.

There's Always a Place, Statistically Speaking

If anyone has ever wondered what a frog feels like while being dissected, then he probably has never been a statistician.

For the fall 1967 semester, El Camino College has a total enrollment of 15,413 individuals—ah, students—ready to be dissected in more ways than you can cut up a frog.

A statistic is always available to suit every type of person.

For the frustrated cheerleader, 10,463 chances at that indefinable entity, "freshman spirit," make up the freshman class at ECC. The sophomore cheerleader has a considerably less number of chances—only 3,334. And somewhere along the line is the category, "miscellaneous open," which has 1,615 students open to either freshman or sophomore spirit seekers.

For the girl watcher, the choice is almost unlimited, statistically speaking—4,211 freshman girls and 1,209 sophomores. A group of 544 more young ladies come under

the dubious heading of misday and night: 1,197 men and 681 women fall into this category.

If a girl has marriage on her mind—or just the opposite sex in general—6,252 freshman men and 2,125 sophomores should give her a head start. For the woman with miscellaneous ideas are the 1,072 miscellaneous men.

Husband chasers and girl watchers can spend their time chasing or watching a total of 5,964 women and 9,449 men.

If age interests you, El Camino possesses a variety: 5,556 men under 21 are enrolled and 9,449 men are over 21.

Young ladies under 21 number 2,896, while 5,964 have reached the legal age.

Not much is left unexplored by the EC statistical sadist. For example, if you prefer night people, educationally speaking, of course, 3,899 men and 2,300 women attend classes after 5 p.m.—if daytime is your bag, then you share this preference with 4,353 men and 2,983 women.

And then there are those who can't decide which they prefer so they attend classes

State Gets \$95 million In Pre-Payment of Taxes

SACRAMENTO—The state Franchise Tax Board had received about 260,000 pre-payments for personal income taxes, with some \$95 million paid, by noon Nov. 1, the day after the deadline for payment.

Under the new income tax law for the state, which increased personal income taxes by an average of more than 70 per cent, all those taxpayers who paid \$200 or more in state income taxes

come to ECC than they plan to go—6,707 men and 3,183 women from ECC—a total of 9,899 students—plan to be statistics elsewhere.

for 1966 are required to pay half the amount of the 1966 tax by Oct. 31. There are heavy penalties, 10 per cent, for non-payment.

The board expected it would have most of the returns it will receive by late Thursday. Notices were mailed to 370,000 persons, with an expected \$115 million in revenue to be received.

Those making prepayments may deduct this amount from their tax due next April. Unfortunately, because of the increase, the October prepayment may amount to only about one third of the total taxes for the year, with the other two-thirds falling due April 15.

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