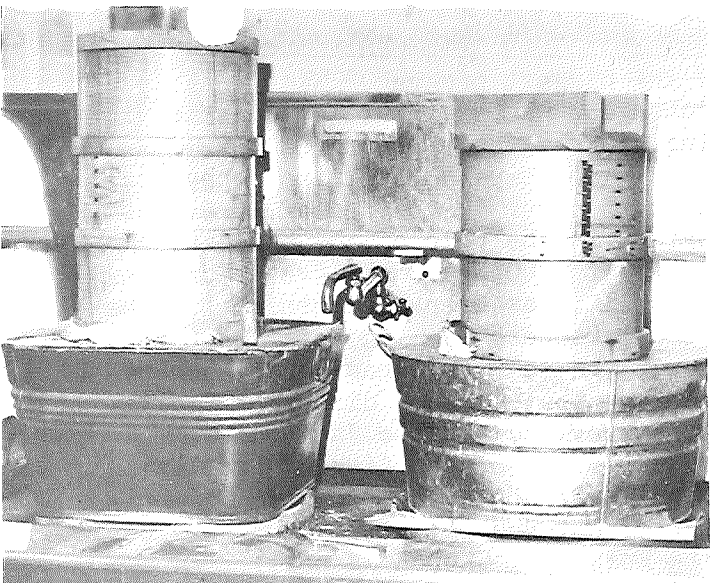


JR. JACLERS MAKE AND SELL MOCHI FOR NEW YEARS

The Jr. JACLers carry on a tradition brought to America by their grandparents. Gone however are the 6' poles and 12 lb. wooden mallets which together with brawn, strong back and split second timing were the hallmarks of the once a year preparation for the New Years festivities.

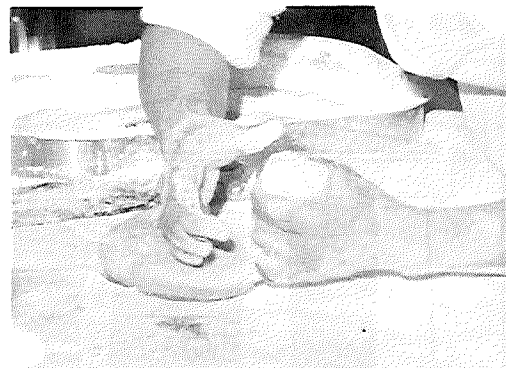


The rice is first steamed until it is done "just so"; not too well, not too little, but ju-u-ust right.

The machine age takes over, grinds the steamed rice into taffy-like consistency. Chester Fujino supervises his "crew" of Gerry Kurata and Denny Iwago.



Alison Matsui, Janice Moriguchi and Phyllis Ono sift a thin layer of corn starch over the working surface.



Deft hands squeeze off mochi size segments of the still steaming hot rice batter.



Shaping the segments into cakes are Janice, Robin Matsui, DeDe Doi and Nan Mizuhata. George Ono demonstrates the proper technique.



All smiles are Marilyn Mizuhata, Chris Katayama and Joyce Kawauchi as they weigh and package the finished product.

Through the courtesy of Golden Star Noodle who donate the facilities, the Sanseis have adopted the making and selling of mochi as a yearly function to raise funds to carry on the activities of the Jr. JACL. Elsewhere in this issue you will find a few of the many commendable projects undertaken by them. If you haven't already placed an order for your "Touch of New Years" call the names on the flyer which they sent, or call any Sansei. And take it from an old timer, their product is every bit as good as those made at the ole "Mochi-bees" back on the farm with Mom, Pop and all the neighbors.

YESTERDAY TOMORROW

As the end of the year draws near, our culture has taught us to look back and profit from our failures as well as successes and prepare for an improved future. In retrospect this past year has been successful in that the fund raising activities accomplished their main objective--raising funds. On behalf of the Board of Management I would like to express our thanks to all who worked and supported the various activities.

To those of us on the board who feel that the reason for the Community Center is more than fund raising, our past year leaves much to be desired.

In addition to fund raising, many services have been rendered by our Director and many functions have utilized the building. However, the Center has lacked, in the recent past, an organized program for the people of Japanese descent in the Twin City area. It is in an organized program that we feel we can

make the biggest program. With anticipated changes, we are quite optimistic in making progress.

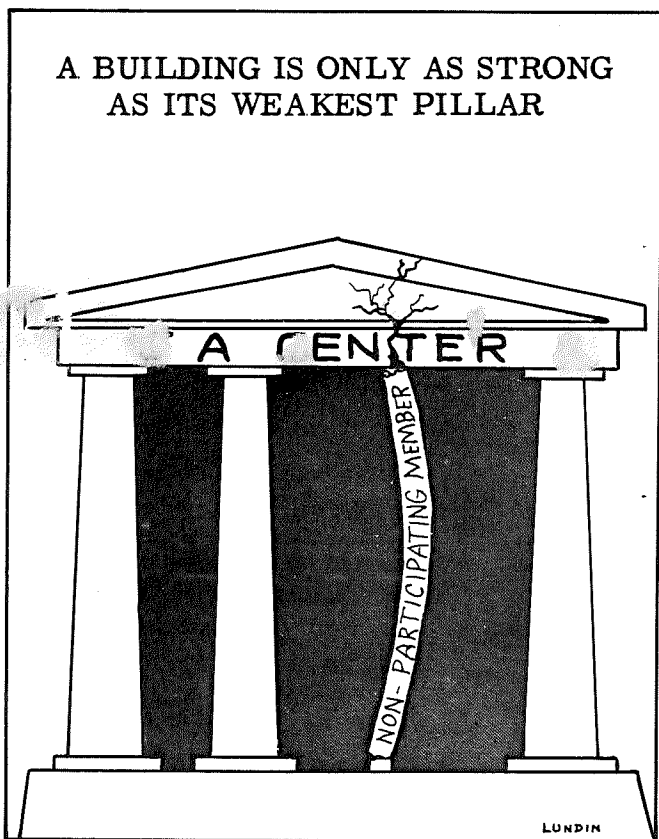
We anticipate definite physical changes to occur in the near future. Most important is the role of the building and property at 2200 Blaisdell Ave. For many reasons, it has been recommended to the Episcopal Diocese of Minnesota that this property be sold. It has also been recommended that new or different facilities be provided for the Japanese Community Center. New or different facilities will not only house the Japanese Community Center but new activities and services of the Episcopal Church as well.

One very important change will be brought about. The Board of Management of the Japanese Community Center will no longer be solely responsible for the maintenance of the physical plant such as we currently are. This, in effect, will remove the financial burden and responsibility of the Board of Management. This does not mean that all financial responsibility will be gone. The Japanese Community Center as an organization will continue and its services, functions and responsibilities to the Japanese Community will be maintained. As a participating organization the Japanese Community Center will share the expenses of a new facility.

Many of the details of such a change need to be worked out. It is important to keep in mind that the Japanese Community Center, as an organization, will not dissolve; in fact we have every hope of making it a more meaningful organization for its membership. Since no final plans have been made, this is a progress report. We certainly seek your support for a stronger and more functional Japanese Community Center for the future.

In this way, the Board of Management sincerely feels that the Center will make the New Year an even more happier one than past years. On behalf of the Board of Management, may I extend to all, a most joyous Holiday Season.

Roy S. Yamahiro
JACC Board Chairman



Mele Kalikimaka
MERRY CHRISTMAS

from the
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Journal staff

Hauoli Makahiki Hou
HAPPY NEW YEAR

Kiyo joins me in wishing you all a Joyous Christmas and a Happy Holiday Season.

We wish to say "thank you" to all who have helped us so generously throughout the year.

May you have
The Gladness of Christmas which is Hope
The Spirit of Christmas which is Peace
The Heart of Christmas which is Love.

Andrew N. Otani

Fujiya Restaurant, announces its new hours:

Lunch: 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Dinner: 4:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

CLOSED SUNDAYS

For the finest Japanese Cuisine in the Twin Cities, come to Fujiya (see Ad in J.A. Journal)