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VERY TRULY YOURS

By Harry K. Honda

DAY OF JOY—If any day, Micki hoped the baby wouldn't come last Friday (Dec. 7), the day late Franklin Delano Roosevelt said would be remembered as something that rhymes with the French word for "friend" — None-the-less, the good Lord ordained otherwise and Patricia Miyoko (6 ft. 6 in.) was delivered a few hours after Micki was admitted at St. Vincent Hospital. Mother and baby are doing fine, both home since Monday.

Friends have asked whom does the baby look like and at this early stage Patricia has many characteristics of her grandmother on the maternal side. — We're in the midst of dunning out pages for the Holiday Issue—another "tremendous" as Tats Kushida used to say—with the bulk of the pages being looked up by this week. In other words, we're putting out the regular Dec. 14 issue and the Dec. 21 special within a week's time. Somewhere in between if only to change the pace it does not disperse, we'll be on call for 10 p.m. and to 2 a.m. feeding — The 2 a.m. call for sure.

Teresa, to be 4 in February, may now evoke a little interest in the assortment of dolls around the house, trying to copy what her mom will be doing in the coming weeks and months. She (Teresa) certainly has a strong attachment to the typewriter at home. Trouble is, her attachment happens to be with the blacked ribbon which she loves to unravel till there is no more and then compounds her disengaging talents with blacked finger smudges on the woodwork, stove, refrigerator or about the typewriter.

Through the many years with PC, we have preferred to keep our family life within the family. But a family addition coming on such a day everyone tries to forget has transformed the importance and significance of Dec. 7—at least for us—one of joy. This beckons us to comment under a column heading long collecting dust. We would think other parents with children born the same day feel as we do. To those of you reading this column, there may be some mixed emotions — At least, it won't be a date you would want to forget because babies are born every day. God bless "em." As they pass from childhood and through their teens, there'll be happy parties for them on this day.

SCHOOL DAYS—As long as we're on the personal kick, we want to note the campaign Maryknoll School started last Sunday to build a new school building. The present building on Hewitt St. is now 40 years old, built by that grand group of Issei. The children who attended in the prewar years, with many of their own now being taught by the good Sisters who taught them, are being asked to help. The architectural firm of O'Leary and (Tohi) Terawaka has been selected to design the two-story school of concrete blocks, with eight classrooms, a kindergarten, an administration section, etc. It will be constructed on open lots existing at the present site facing Gary Street.

What Maryknoll has done—besides teaching hundreds of young Japanese-Americans for the local community will be long remembered for during the war. The Japanese had few friends, they took found a friend in Maryknoll and especially in Father Hugh T. Lavery, now in New Orleans. — Records show that over 10,000 persons of Japanese ancestry were cleared for the relocation centers at Maryknoll Center. More were assisted at the camps by Maryknoll and later when the evacuees returned.

Maryknoll is no stranger to JACI, for the wartime superior general of the order, Bishop James E. Walsh, was one of the many national sponsors. Not too many months ago, Armstrong Theater on TV told of his plight in Shanghai and of his decision to remain with the people, even when in prison at the hands of the Chinese Reds.

MORE BUILDINGS—While there is no construction activity at Maryknoll school as yet, LTV Tokyo has been and will be doing much activity. — Along First Street, Joe Ito is doing business in a spanking new building and Merit Savings and Loan took over Joe's old stand. — Many of the buildings have done new faces—if only to mask the 1890ish appearances. Bunka-Do is building anew in the lot in front of Koyasan Temple. Litigation is preventing progress on the projected high-rise office building on the corner of First and San Pedro, where the Miyako Hotel is. Some weeks ago, we reported the hotel was closed and save for the business on the ground floor the six-story edifice is empty.

On Weller St., one old hotel has been completely razed to make room for a new two-story structure. Ich and Tohi Nakajima removed the two stories above their Empire Print shop to give the street an airy and open look. — Down Second St., demolition crews are tearing down three old hotels, including the one where Shin Nishibei and the PC used to be printed, only the Shin Nishibei on the street is a cocktail bar with 2 pool tables upstairs.

Somewhere, LTV is trying to hang on in piecemeal fashion. And it'll be sorry when they see the Japanese Trade and Cultural Center in San Francisco completed in a few more years.

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