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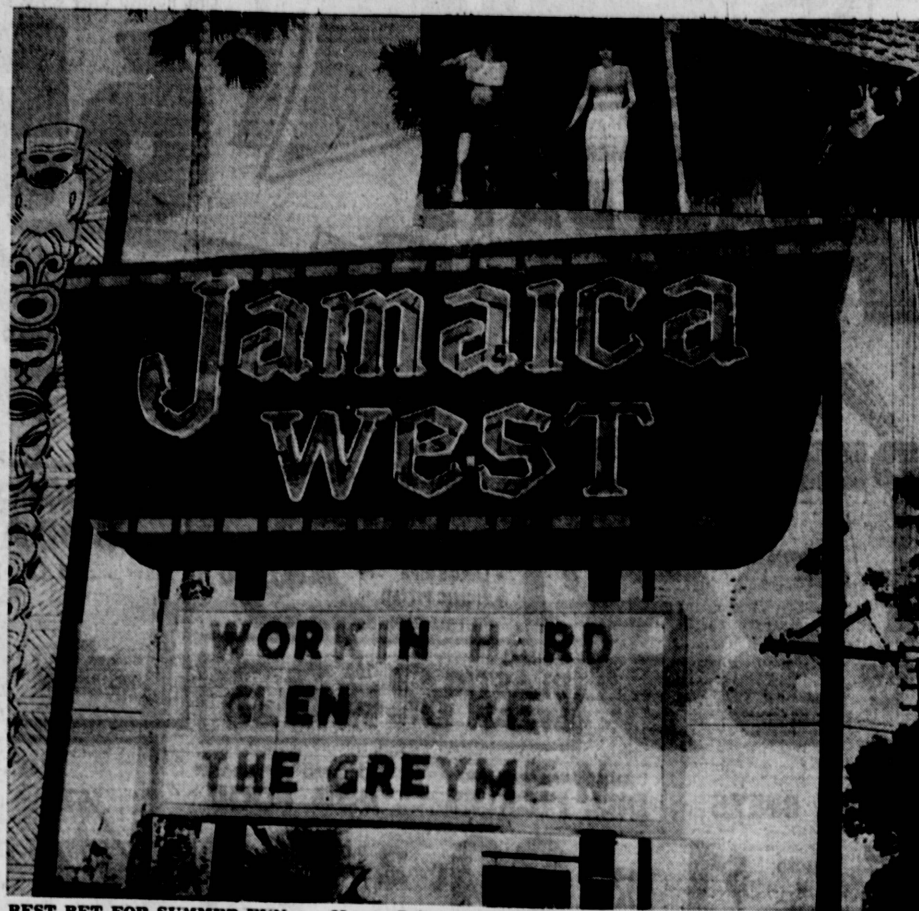
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HOME OF THE INK SPOTS . . . Joe Corso's popular Candle Room is the "home" of the world famous Ink Spots, who are entertaining nightly except Mondays. In addition to the great entertainment, you may enjoy choice steaks and seafoods at moderate prices. The Candle Room is located at 3900 Pacific Coast Hwy. Phone FR 5-4776.



BEST BET FOR SUMMER FUN . . . Messrs. Paige and McDonald's fabulous Jamaica West, located at 3901 Pacific Coast Hwy., is now featuring "summer sizzlers" on their gorgeous outdoor patio and stage. Top names in the entertainment field will be performing every Sunday beginning at 3 p.m. The Jamaica West's "sister club," the Lama Room, 5117 Torrance Blvd., is featuring the highly touted Jimmy Vann and his trio.

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flat lazy-Susan is placed in the center of the table and the waiter portions each guest for each course, is a specialty of the house. All personnel, who are Chinese, have been trained to serve in the old Chinese tradition. The epitome of courtesy as reflected in the Oriental cultures, is practiced by these waiters, who are mostly college-working students. Banquet serving is usually reserved for six or more. A second anniversary celebration was held recently where the opening of the "Emperor's Retreat," a charming cocktail lounge housed within the Peking, was the high-point of the event. It marked an upsurge of business since cocktails were made available to the diner. Polynesian drinks, a favorite of the Southlander, are available and entertainment is featured nightly at the piano bar. But for those who would delve the chasms of oriental history, and peruse the musty and ancient records of the Imperial Chinese Dynasties, you would discover that the Mandarin preparation of food was considered the very ultimate of Chinese dining. Under the rule of Genghis Khan, the succulent Mandarin culinary magic became very much a part of all diplomatic circles. The imperial chefs, proficient in this art, were often raised to the status of members of the court. Up-dating history, Mandarin lives on in restaurants like the Peking. In fact, it is rearing its lovely head all over town. So be careful when you order—if the sign says "authentic Mandarin"—don't mention chop suey.

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THE PEKING
"Birds nests, shark fins—anything but chop suey!" These eight words capsule a whole philosophy of Mandarin cuisine in the American scene. The Peking Restaurant—maestro supreme of the magical Mandarin dining spots—located at 234 W. Manchester, Inglewood, has penned these words of enlightenment in their menu for the American who thinks that "chop suey" is a Chinese invention. For those of you not in the know, chop suey is an American rendition of a Chinese-oriented dish. Confused? Well stop in at the Peking and chat with affable owners C. C. Chang, Sherman Lin and Tim Lee. They will tell you the "real" story on the cooking techniques of their ancestors—in fact they will show you to your delight and dining satisfaction.

One good reason is that co-owner Tim Lee is a direct descendant of the cook and trusted servant who served the Dowager Queen of China in the Ching Dynasty. Preparations served have been handed down from generation to generation. They are presented in elegant surroundings where the old and the new have been blended to give the diner both old-world atmosphere and modern comfort. Surprisingly, moderate prices prevail to enable a whole family to enjoy a most unusual evening. Besides the conventional dishes of pork, beef, chicken and fish, (yes you can believe it) the Peking serves a marvelous and tasty bird's nest soup (imported of course). And availability of shark fin is a gourmet's delight. But just about anyone would savor Peking Duck which is a meat dish that requires at least 36-hour notice for the chief.

Several gourmet societies meet regularly at the Peking where there are private and banquet facilities. Among the most popular is the La Societe de Bacchus et Epicurus, who recently bestowed an award of excellence upon the Mandarin house. Serving Chinese banquet-style, where a

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