



Chin Lai, 81, resident of China Lane in Santa Cruz Chinatown, celebrates Chinese New Year's Day Wednesday. With him

is Ow Wing Hong, 4, who looks a bit startled. For sake of the record (and for Police Chief Al Huntsman) firecrackers are il-

legal in the city limits and these were not set off—it says here. Chin Lai is a retired San Lorenzo valley lumber camp cook.

Young And Old Celebrate The Chinese New Year's Today . . .

By Frank N. Jones

For most Americans New Year's is a thing of the past for the next 11 months, but for Chinese-Americans Wednesday is New Year's Day and is being properly observed in San Francisco's Chinatown and in the smaller Chinatowns of California cities.

In Santa Cruz the Chinese-American population is only about 95 now as compared to about 300 50 years ago, but nevertheless, January 22, which is the 36th anniversary of the Chinese Republic, is being quietly celebrated.

There seems to be some confusion as to what year it is by the Confucius calendar. Some Chinese say it is 2491 and others claim it is 2498. To further the confusion some Chinese retain the lunar calendar which sets the date at 4644.

Despite the confliction of dates, the Chinese, always ready for a festival are remembering their New Year's. One Chinese-American, Dan Y. Yee, who arranged the accompanying picture, believes the year is 2491 of the Confucius calendar.

He explains that the ancient scholars set the calendar in honor of the great Chinese teacher, Confucius. The calendar runs on a 60-year cycle and it was figured out from a sun dial. In another way it is described as an agricultural calendar or almanac, because the farmers know when seasons begin and when to plant and harvest crops.

One of the most peculiar features is that the full moon always falls on the 15th day of any stated month. It is on this day festivities honoring the full moon are held. In America one of the best known of all Chinese delicacies are moon cakes. It was from this celebration they got their name.

The picture was taken in little-known China Lane, between the

river and Cooper street, the Santa Cruz Chinatown for 60 years. The aged man is Chin Lai, 81, retired San Lorenzo valley lumber camp cook who has been a resident of the local Chinatown for 35 years. He is showing Ow Wing Hong, 4, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Ow, how to set a string of firecrackers to celebrate their New Year's, which theoretically lasts seven days.

On the other hand, Chin Lai's nephew, George Lee, camera store employe, takes an unromantic viewpoint of the celebration. He says "New Year's Day was January 1. Anyhow it is illegal to set off firecrackers in the city limits."

Hoover Will Make European Food Survey

Washington, Jan. 22 (U.P.)—mer President Herbert Hoover announced today that he had accepted President Truman's request to go to Germany and make a survey of food conditions with a view toward relieving "some of the burden on the American people."

Mr. Hoover said, "The political implications of this mission in the remotest

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Alex Ross told police this afternoon that he had been in the 230 Front street building into sometime 29 silver dollars in the drawer in the building's tin's cafe.

Basis Of OPA Industrial Sugar Law 'Not Valid'

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