



[Town & Country Shopping Center ground breaking ceremony by Home Investment Company, California, July 15, 1955]

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Description

5 negatives : b&w ; 4 x 5 in. , Published in Rafu Shimpo, July 16, 1955.;Ground breaking ceremony for the new Town & Country Shopping Center held by the Home Investment Company of East Los Angeles in front of a billboard in Gardena, California, July 15,

1955. Japanese American and Caucasian men in suits stand in front of a billboard, "New Town & Country Shopping Center, 24 stores, 10 offices, 300 car parking ..." in an empty lot. Various men associated with project pose with shovel and dirt, including Taul Watanabe, president of Home Investment Company scooping first shovelful; Tosh Terazawa (kneeling), architect; Bruce Kaji; Lester C. Arkenerg; Kay Kamiya; George Shaw; Thomas S. Kinube; Kiyo Yamato. Street and parked automobiles in background. Includes a view of small crowd on dirt path in empty lot with shovel stuck in ground in center; parking lot at midground; "Big Donut Drive In" on large donut sign above building in background, left.