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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

In this Christmas season, when we celebrate the event of the birth of Jesus we remember the story of that sacred family, Joseph, Mary, and the babe, and my thoughts and feelings turn to that child, the Savior of the world, and His wonderful message of love, peace, and sacrifice exemplified in His life and teachings.

It has been both my responsibility and pleasure as your president to travel around this world representing the Center and meeting with people of many different nations, cultures, and beliefs. Everywhere I have gone, I have been impressed that nations and cultures are only as strong as the families within them. People in



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every corner of the earth live and grow together in families learning to be loving, tolerant, patient, and kind as they are taught by parents and in turn themselves teach their children.

I am very impressed today that the caring leaders of the Lord's

fathers are to preside over their families in love and righteousness and are responsible to provide the necessities of life and protection for their families. Mothers are primarily responsible for the nurture of their children. In these sacred responsi-

Church have given us timely and valuable instruction regarding the importance of the family in these last days of the twentieth century. We recently heard President Hinckley declare:

"We, the First Presidency and the Council of the Twelve Apostles of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, solemnly proclaim that marriage between a man and a woman is ordained of God and that the family is central to the Creator's plan for the eternal destiny of His children.

By divine design,



UKRAINE DELEGATION VISITS

A delegation of military leaders from the Ukraine enjoyed Center hospitality recently. Led by General Colonel Lopata and his wife, the group included U.S. Defense Attache, Colonel Michalowski, escort, Lt. Colonel Bill Smith, and RADM and Mrs Bill McDaniel, USCINCPAC

Surgeon.

Located on the Black Sea between Poland and Russia in Eastern Europe, Ukraine's population is just under 52 million people who speak Ukrainian, Russian, Rumanian, Polish, and Hungarian.

General Colonel Lopata, overwhelmed by the personal warmth and friendliness of Center employees, said he had never met a

group of people anywhere else in the world who had offered such a heartfelt welcome to him.



MAORI SCHOLAR VISITS

On the final leg of a world tour visiting with indigenous peoples struggling for self government, Dr. Mason Durie, Head of Department and Director of Te Pumanawa Hauora Department of Maori Studies at Massey University in Palmerston North, New Zealand, and his wife, Arohia, met with President Lester Moore and enjoyed a day at the Center. They were accompanied by Colin and Raewyn Shelford, David and Sue Settle, Tommy Taurima, Millie TeNgaio and Alice Unawai.

The visitors had several meetings with students and faculty of BYUH particularly on the subject of the transfer of BYUH credits and validation of U.S. course work within New Zealand's education system – a concern which is important to graduating students seeking to enter the job market on their return home.

Dr. Durie presented a history of the Treaty of Waitangi and contemporary Maori issues of self determination at an ASBYUH- sponsored forum. Addressing the subject of Tino Rangatiratanga, or Maori self-determination, Dr. Durie traced Maori history from 1000 AD to the 1840 Treaty of Waitangi between the Maori tribes and Great Britain, to the present-day apology signed in November of this year by HRH Queen Elizabeth II which seeks to lay to rest long-standing grievances between them. His address had particular application to Pacific Island issues of immigration and culture as well as to contemporary Hawaiian self-determination and development issues.



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OKINAWA "UCHINANCHU FESTIVAL"



PCC team members, Miss Hawaii, and other Hawaii delegation members meet with Okinawa Governor Ota.

Twelve PCC ambassadors spent a week in Okinawa in November performing at the world-wide festival celebrating Okinawan culture and establishing exchange relationships with other national and cultural groups. The PCC promotional team was sponsored by the Hawaii Visitors Bureau.

Members of the Center group were David Preece, Sione Keni, Dallin Muti, Roy Evans, Steven Keawe, Jack Ofoia, Ellen Gay DelaRosa, Catherine Teriipaia, Talagu Alaiasa, Ktisten Kamae, Bernadette Nahinu, and Talameleke Tilaia.

Joining some 500 Hawaii festival attendees and vendors, the Center team was the main attraction on the Hawaii Pavilion Stage, and the hit of the shows on the main festival stage, performing all of Polynesia's favorite dances. They were a big attraction at the opening ceremonies and parade through the capital of Naha City, as well as at several Church venues during their very successful tour.

NHK-TV filmed a live broadcast from the festival stage and the group appeared in several Okinawa TV and news features as well as enjoying frequent print media exposure.



The old marketplace building has risen, transformed, on its new luau site between the IMAX theater and Mission complex. When construction is completed, the huge building promises to be the finest luau facility anywhere in Hawaii.



WESTERN SAMOA'S CULTURAL LEADER VISITS

His full titled name is Tuiatua Tupua Tamasese Taisi Tupuola Tufuga Efi. He signs his name "TTTamasese", and he is Western Samoa's preeminent political orator, cultural leader, and scholar.

A former Prime Minister and currently Leader of

the Opposition of Western Samoa, Tupua Tamasese Efi, as his name is usually shortened, has spent his long political career working for Samoan equality and self determination within the Commonwealth of Nations. A world traveler, an articulate,

inspiring speaker, and the author of a new book, *Englishing My Samoan*, a collection of his speeches, letters, studies and reminiscences spanning most of this century, he is also a gracious, gregarious guest.

With many personal friendships with Maori scholars and leaders and those of other Pacific Island states, Tupua Tamasese Efi greeted old friends and forged new connections during his visit with us, saying "I have visited PCC three times and have felt uplifted every visit.



ELDER



Vice President Leslie
an evening together



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LOREN C. DUNN



The Center welcomed an old friend in Elder Loren C. Dunn this past month. Accompanied by his wife, he combined a day in Polynesia with an assignment visiting a local stake conference.



The future Taitung Visitors' Bureau headquarters is under construction. The bureau director (left) and Taitung magistrate (right) plan to build a cultural center patterned after PCC. Part of this Hong Kong, China, and Taiwan tour by President Moore and Vice President Muaina was sponsored by the respective government and business leaders.



ward and Center employees enjoy
Elder and Sister Loren C. Dunn.



At a local intermediate school the students perform dances of the Amis people - an aboriginal culture in Taiwan.



LETTERS FROM OUR FRIENDS

Mahalo from Girl Scouts

I would really like to thank the Polynesian Cultural Center for hosting the 1994 Girl Scout Cookie Rally. The girls had a lovely time and everywhere we went in the center, we were warmly welcomed.



A special mahalo to Sielu Avea. When the rain came pouring down he invited us into the Chief's hut. He found mats for all of us to sit on. I was moved to tears, not only by his hospitality, but also by his humor. I never laughed so hard in all my life!!!!

Mahalo to all who made our visit a very special one.

Jeannette Fukuzawa

Thursday, November 30, 1995

From: Jean Fallico,
Pasadena California.

Jean was assisted by Logo Apelu and President Moore while visiting the Center. She expressed to them that the Polynesian Cultural Center is the greatest place on earth – greater than Disney World and the various gardens and other attractions she has visited in her travels. At PCC, she says, "both the grounds and the people are beautiful!"

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1 Dora Gariki	8 Fumika Komatsu
1 Lakena Moananu	8 Terry Panee
1 Inoke Vi	8 Dinah Parker
2 Maile Niutupuivaha Jr	8 Mai-Tzu Tang
2 Shawn Petty	8 Elizabeth Too
3 Eliza Apuakehau	8 Nihipora Wallace
3 Alan Ferguson	9 Dorian Carroll
3 Talaave Lauulu	9 Hazel Ng
3 Vealangi	9 Judy Tuna
3 Saofai Pao	10 John Matagi
4 Maauga Brown	10 Tuavale Solipo
4 Sosipeta Hikila	10 Kalapu Tavete
4 Melina Jonassen	11 Mechelle Tenney
4 Serena Manumaleuna	12 Eusebio Batulan
5 Lilyann Qadriu	12 Llewellyn Fisher
6 Olataga Fitisemanu	12 Fauniteni Hafoka
6 Siasoi Makaafi	12 Hyosook Kim
6 Carolyn Talimatasi	12 Line Memea
6 Todd Tamura	12 Daniela Rati
7 Eita Manutai	12 Sione Tuifua
7 Dean Moku	13 Brett Stebel
8 Kelly Alvarez	13 Vinolia Taufa
8 Hangal Davaa	14 Samuel Kekuaokalani

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EMPLOYEE INSURANCE ANNOUNCEMENT

A special cancer insurance payroll deduction plan has been approved and established for the benefit of the employees of the Polynesian Cultural Center. This plan is only available to PCC employees and their children under the age of 21. This cancer plan is being marketed by Dennis Kim & Associates and is underwritten by Protective Life Insurance Company.

The CA-08 cancer plan is a health insurance plan for Cancer treatment. It

does not pay for any other disease or injury. Delbert Kim, Senior VP of Dennis Kim & Associates says "It is the most comprehensive cancer plan available in the marketplace today. It provides benefits that could help you pay for new cancer treatments or experimental cancer treatments not available here in Hawaii. The plan will pay 100% of the cost of chemotherapy and radiation treatments directly to you on top of your medical coverage. It is a great supplement to your current DMBA or Kaiser plan."

Anyone currently undergoing cancer treatment, who has been diagnosed with cancer or has had cancer treatments in the past five years will not be eligible for this coverage. However, you may still qualify if you have been treatment-free for a minimum of only five years. This plan is portable and you may take it with you in the future if you leave the employment of PCC and still keep the group rates.

Premiums start at \$14.78 for single employees and \$24.94 a month for family coverage. This is a flat rate for all employees. These rates reflect a substantial discount for all employees ages 46 and above because of the payroll deduction group discount. For more information and a free brochure call Delbert Kim at 621-3000 or page him at 578-3084.

14 Mark Laudie	22 Logan Rees
14 Ronald Van Orman	24 Sione Moleni
15 Destin Lei	25 Hee Jun Kim
16 Mulivai Arp	25 Paulina Ramatalava
16 Anthony Kalanui	26 Quintin Keliikoa
16 Malcolm Kanahale	26 Mele Lata
17 Terry Delgado	27 Andrus Edmunds
17 Olive Milli	28 Mary-Lou Hall
17 Vaimagalo Neria	28 Samuela Langi
17 Mami Sasaki	28 Sanilaita Pasi
18 James Ferguson	28 William Stanton
18 Jeremy Hopkins	29 Mark Davies
18 Fumiyuki Isami	29 Emi Niyama
18 Melenaite Likiliki	29 Manita Wolfgramm
19 Jodi Frandsen	30 Tavita Alapati
19 Lanae Ngatuvai	30 Kiti Bukarau
19 Leandro Perdido	30 Laura Malzl
20 Samasoni Aunai	30 Mitikiro Teava
20 Andrew Chase	30 Sakaraia Valimaiwai
20 Christine Juspandi	30 Charmaine Wells
21 Joseph Flores	30 David White
21 Lasela Tevaga	31 Jai Sanders
22 Mildred Enos	



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bilities, fathers and mothers are obligated to help one another as equal partners. Disability, death, or other circumstances may necessitate individual adaptation. Extended families should lend support when needed.

We warn that individuals who violate covenants of chastity, who abuse spouse or offspring, or who fail to fulfill family responsibilities will one day stand accountable before God."

It is very clear that the means by which mortal life is created is divinely appointed and that husbands and wives have a solemn responsibility to love and care for each other and for their children. Moreover, we are reminded of the Lord's interest in how we carry out these responsibilities.

My friends and fellow workers, it is of the utmost importance that each of us in

our own way strongly sustain and support the prophet and Church leaders in all that they are asking us to do at this time. We live in a time of tremendous pressure on the family and on our children to abandon those values which keep us safe and strong and we need to remember the Lord's divine purpose for us and teach our children their proper roles within it.

As our leaders have stated:

"All human beings — male and female — are created in the image of God. Each is a beloved spirit son or daughter of heavenly parents, and, as such, has a divine nature and destiny. Gender is an essential characteristic of individual pre-mortal, mortal, and eternal identity and purpose."

