



EMPLOYEE UPDATE

Polynesian Cultural Center ☐ December 12, 1980

Mike Douglas Show Already A Hit



If you are in the mainland late February, tune in to the Mike Douglas Show on T.V. and you just may see yourself! On Monday December 8, the large crew of technicians arrived at the Center for a full day of filming. PCC employees were able to watch professionals in action, as sound men, script prompters with large cue cards, camera technicians and others prepared for each shooting sequence.

Host Mike Douglas quickly became a favorite of Center employees with his easy manner and quick wit. However, he was matched word for word by our own Justin Uale who revealed to Douglas' delight that he was after the star's job! Justin had been selected early in the planning by the Douglas staffers who liked both his ability to ad lib in any situation and his relaxed and friendly manner.

In this respect, Justin represented all the employees who were involved with the project. Much comment was made by the crew on how enjoyable it was to work with all of you. Congratulations to all students and staff involved. You made a great impression on our special guests and we have gained new friends because of their experience with us.

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Temple Visitors Center: A Beautiful Addition to our Community



"In the shadow of the Lord" -- President William H. Cravens.

Early one morning this past week, a small group of priesthood leaders and members gathered at the newly renovated Hawaii Temple Visitors Center to rededicate the facilities to the Lord.

Under the direction of Elder Adney Y. Komatsu, the program included several priesthood speakers. President William H. Cravens observed that sacrifices and struggles are required to raise edifices such as the new center, and commented that "We make acceptable offerings to the Lord as we continue to struggle and build."

Reflecting the feelings of all present, Elder Komatsu related his experience of going through the center and viewing the presentations therein with the observation that "The Spirit of the Lord is here. I felt after my visit that I wanted to go home and rededicate my life, -- reorganize it that I may make a greater contribution to the Lord."

Free tours of the complex are available from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. every day of the year and the center's three theaters have the capacity to present short films to groups of up to 126 people every twenty minutes. Make a Home Evening date with your family and friends and enjoy this elegant new addition to our community.

President Cravens to speak

Center General Manager and Laie Stake President Bill Cravens will speak this morning at the BYU--Hawaii devotional which begins at 10:30 a.m. in the auditorium.

BYU--H Calendar

Friday, December 12
10:30 a.m. Devotional
Auditorium
William H. Cravens

Saturday, December 13
1:00 p.m. Ballroom
Hawaii Temple Dinner

6:30 p.m. & 9:30 p.m.
Auditorium - Movie
"Scrooge"

Thursday, December 18
6:00 p.m. Ballroom
Faculty/Staff
Dinner & Dance

7:30 p.m. Gym
Basketball
College of the Ozarks

Saturday, December 20
7:30 p.m. Gym
Basketball
College of Notre Dame

6:30 p.m. & 9:00 p.m.
Movie - Auditorium
"The Swarm"

Center brightens children's Christmas

If you gave each child at Laie Elementary School an orange, how many oranges would that be? (Answer: Over 700!) Responding to a request from the school for help in providing treats for the children's Christmas Party December 19, the Center will deliver 800 oranges this week to PTA organizers.

Now, if each orange were quartered, how many minutes would it take 700 Laie children to eat 800 oranges? (For the answer contact Purchasing Manager Jay Akoi any time after December 19th.

Miss New Zealand A Beautiful Ambassador



Miss New Zealand 1980



Old school friends Trinna Watene and Vicki Lee Hemi.

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Reminder!

*Only thirteen lucky
days until
Christmas.*

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DON'T FORGET:

- 1) The PCC Racquetball Tournament.
Friday 12 - Saturday 13.

 - 2) The Marathon Relay.
5:30 a.m. Saturday 13.
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Tall (5'11½") and stately, eighteen-year-old Vicki Lee Hemi turned heads when she visited the Center recently. An active member of the church from Temple View Ward in Hamilton, New Zealand, Vicki Lee travelled to London and across the United States with her parents and young sister.

It was the end of an exhaustive six-weeks promotional tour when the family arrived in Hawaii and the young, tired, ambassador was touched to tears to see many of her former CCNZ classmates in the welcoming cultural group on the Maori marae.

She participated in the Canoe Pageant and spoke at a Maori Village Fireside after the night show. People who took the time to speak with her found beneath her public reserve a warm, intelligent young woman who is deeply committed to the gospel and happy to represent both her church and her people.

Hokule'a Big News!

Twenty six crew members of the Hokule'a sailing canoe which made two history-making journeys from Hawaii to Tahiti will be honored by PCC at a full day's celebrations on Saturday December 20.

Sailing by using knowledge of the stars, currents, winds, and other natural phenomena, the 17-man crew spent thirty days on the ocean duplicating the feats of our ancestors. They covered a distance of 3,000 miles without sighting land, subsisting on sweet potatoes, sundried fish, and sour poi. The ancient Hawaiian "crab-claw" shaped sails proved to be the best possible design for such voyaging.

Combating the boredom of the Doldrums when the ocean was flat and calm, the crew prayed for wind, -- then had to weather torrential rain squalls. They were visited by sea-birds and porpoises en route and two flying fish and at least one squid obligingly landed in the canoe and wound up as dinner! On board with the men was a pig named Maxwell. After he ate half of his bamboo cage the crew covered him with a piece of sail to protect him from sunburn. However, the next morning, he lay in the canoe sick -- he had eaten the sail!

The rewards of this great project

have been many. Hokule'a has proved beyond doubt that Polynesians had the knowledge, skills, vision, and courage to plan and sail long ocean voyages with safety and accuracy. It is our unique opportunity next Saturday to show our appreciation and respect to the Polynesian Voyaging Society, the graceful Hokule'a canoe, and especially to the skilled and courageous men who sailed her.

The program begins at 1:30 with their arrival at PCC and proceeds throughout the day with special events in the Hawaiian, Maori and Samoan villages. The culmination will be a film presentation after the night show in which the crew will share their experiences with us. Admission is free to this evening event, and the community is invited.



Justin giving the directions!

PCC Fireside

When: Sunday December 14, 7:00 p.m.

Where: Main Theater.

Dr. Hal Eyring, Commissioner of Education for the church, will speak at a PCC Fireside in the main theater. Musical numbers will be furnished by cultural choirs from the center employees. Let's open the Christmas season by worshipping together that night.



A tenor among sopranos!