



EMPLOYEE UPDATE

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PCC plans festive tribute to Kamehameha I

Kamehameha Day will be celebrated at PCC on Wednesday, June 11, with special activities and demonstrations throughout the day and two musical programs in addition to our three regularly scheduled shows.

Also, as part of the festivities, a new snack bar will be opening at Hale Kuai, our marketplace. Ha-

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waiian plate lunches, sushi, manapua, shaved ice and other island favorites will be on sale.

Kamehameha Day is a state holiday observed each June 11 in honor of Hawaii's great warrior king, Kamehameha I, who is credited with uniting all the Hawaiian islands under one rule in the late 1700s and early 1800s. Kamehameha was the first in a proud line of kings and queens whose reign in Hawaii lasted

for almost a century.

Festivities will begin at 10 a.m. when the Center opens:

10 a.m. to noon

- Food preparation
- Lei-making demonstrations

1 to 2 p.m.

- Lauhala weaving
- Implement making
- Use of medicinal herbs
- Ancient games such as the "ulu maika" (Hawaiian bowling) and "ihe pahe'e" (spear sliding)
- Tapa display

These demonstrations will take place in our Hawaiian village along with regular village activities such as poi pounding and quilting, which will be going on continuously throughout the day.

At 2 p.m., the Center's own 30-

member "halau" (dance troupe) will present a program of ancient and modern songs and dances in the Hawaiian village. Included in this special show will be "Ha'a Heo o Hana," done in honor of Kamehameha I and his favorite wife, Queen Kaahumanu; "Hale Waimea," "Aloha Waika" and "Hana Waimea," which pay tribute to Kamehameha I and his loyal warriors; and the graceful "Kamehameha Waltz."

The Center's halau was organized by "Auntie" Sally Wood, Cultural Presentations Division Manager Bill Wallace, Theater Manager Cy Bridges, Enoka Kaina and Keith Awai -- all Hawaiian culture authorities held in high regard not only at the Center, but in the community

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Kamehameha Day holiday on Monday

Another PCC holiday is coming up on Wednesday, June 11. It's Kamehameha Day, of course, and if you're a full-time employee, it's one of the days off you're eligible to receive with pay.

Since the Center will be open that day, some of you who are eligible for the holiday may be scheduled to work. If so, please be sure to see your manager to schedule compensatory time off on another day. Your "make up" holiday must be taken within 30 days.



Administrative Assistant Carl Fonoimoana was one of those on hand to greet Geng Biao, one of China's vice premiers, at the Center on Wednesday. See pages 2 and 3 for the complete story and more photos on Geng's visit to PCC.

PCC welcomes dignitaries from People's Republic of China

The Center had the privilege of hosting two distinguished groups from the People's Republic of China on Wednesday, June 4. One was a 25-member party of top government officials led by Vice Premier Geng Biao. The other was composed of Chinese travel industry members who are currently in Hawaii to participate in the first segment of a seven-week-long tourism industry development program.

Geng arrived on Oahu Wednesday afternoon for a three-day stay as the guest of Admiral Robert Long, Commander in Chief of the Pacific. The vice premier was on his way home from a tour of the United States at the invitation of Secretary of Defense Harold Brown. He left on a Pan American flight back to Peking late yesterday morning.

Geng is one of 13 vice premiers who serve on China's 23-man politburo (the highest executive and policy-making body in that country).

The vice premier and his entourage, escorted by U.S. Department of Defense and CINCPAC officers, arrived at PCC at about 3:45 p.m. They were greeted at Gate 5 by a Maori warrior who performed the impres-

sive "Wero." After a brief presentation of songs by Maori villagers, the group began a tour of the villages accompanied by guide Jen Tair.

As the tram carrying the vice premier and his party stopped in each village, a few songs and dances were performed by villagers in Geng's honor. After the tour, the vice premier was honored with a kava ceremony in the Tongan village and was presented with tapa, fine mats and other gifts from PCC.

Geng's entourage then went on a canoe tour while the vice premier met with General Manager Bill Cravens. Thereafter, the entire group gathered for dinner in The Gateway. Although the party was scheduled to view the evening show, they unfortunately were tired from their flight and a full afternoon at PCC and decided to return to town after dinner.

Also visiting the Center on Wednesday were participants in the Cornell-China tourism industry development program, which began June 1 in Hawaii. Cornell University's School of Hotel Administration invited 30 tourism specialists from China to come to the United States and spend seven weeks studying our

country's tourism industry.

Tourism is much a part of China's plans for progress. Experts there are working to develop an efficient and effective way to handle the millions expected to travel to the People's Republic in the coming years.

Hawaii was selected as one of the sites for the program because it offers some of the world's greatest natural, cultural and commercial tourist attractions together with an impressive hotel operation.

During their four-week stay here, the Chinese tourism delegation will attend lectures given by Cornell University instructors and local travel industry leaders. They also will visit several of Honolulu's tourism facilities and operations.

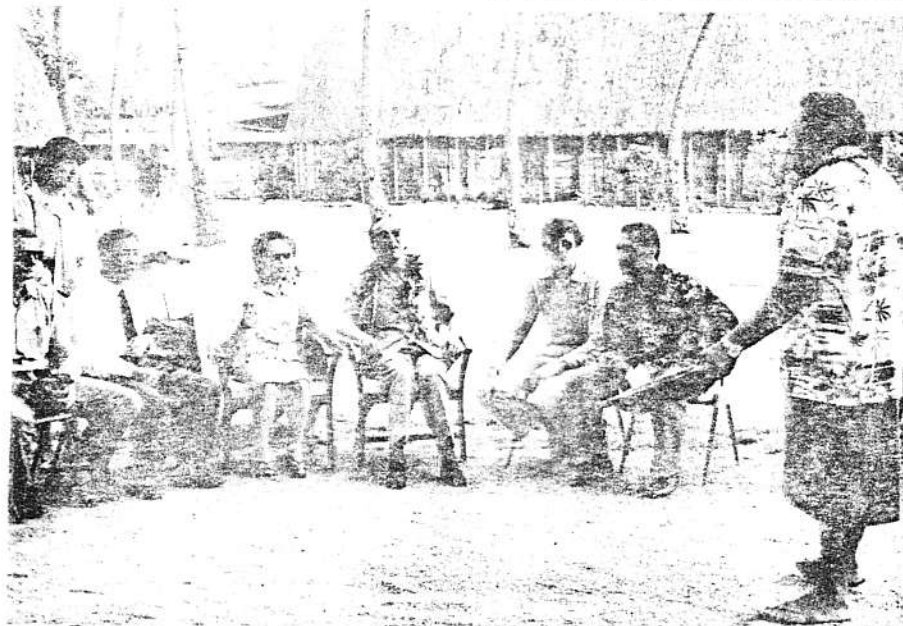
In July, they will travel to Dallas, Washington, D.C. and New York, where their final two weeks in America will be spent on campus at Cornell University.

The group arrived at PCC at 2 p.m. and promptly was led by guides Brenda Sun and Christine Yu on an extensive tour of the villages by tram and canoe. They then enjoyed dinner in The Gateway, where they had a chance to meet for a short while with Vice Premier Geng Biao before going to the theater for the evening show.

Response from both Chinese groups about their PCC visit was overwhelmingly positive. In fact, Col. William Dixon of CINCPAC, local coordinator for the vice premier's visit, reports that Geng was so impressed with the Center, he continued talking about his visit with us throughout his stay in Hawaii.

Two possibilities that will be explored as a result of these visits are the development of a Chinese Cultural Center in Peking and a study program whereby students from the People's Republic will attend BYU--H and work at the Center as part of their academic training.

Mahalo to those of you who helped to make the Chinese dignitaries' visit with us an enjoyable and educational one for all.



Tiueni Purcell, assistant chief in the Samoan village, explains the uses of coconut milk to the Chinese party. Seated to the left of Vice Premier Geng Biao (with leis) is his wife, who accompanied him on his tour of the United States.



General Manager Bill Cravens shares a moment with Liu Huaqing, a senior official in the Chinese delegation (left), and Vice Premier Geng Biao. Their group

visited PCC on Wednesday afternoon while on a three-day stopover in Hawaii. They returned to Peking late yesterday morning.

Below: Account Executive Haili Pokipala greets participants in the Cornell-China tourism development program. About 30 tourism specialists from China visited PCC on Wednesday as part of their study of America's tourism industry.



Maoris join Kamehameha Day fete in town

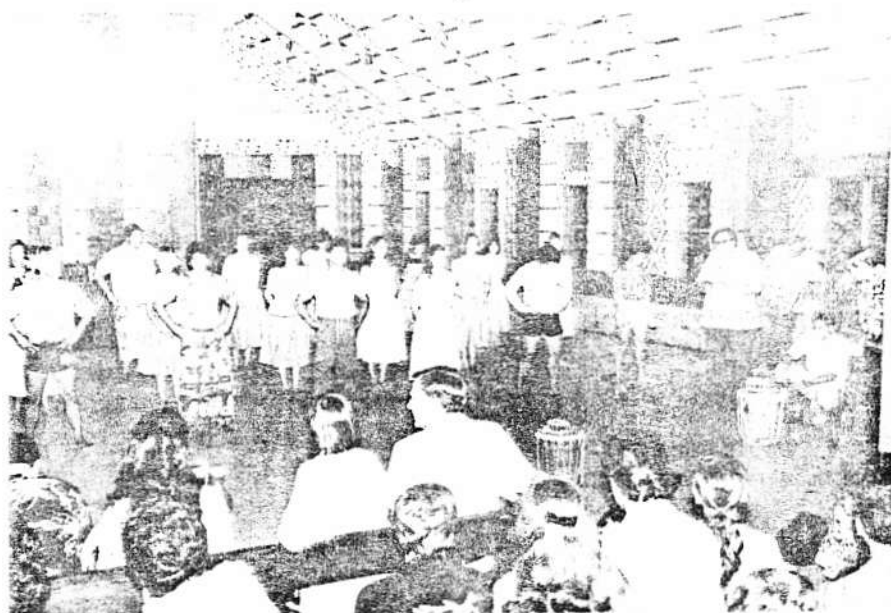
Joining the 30th annual Kamehameha Day celebration at Waikiki's Kapiolani Park today will be a special 45-member group from PCC's Maori village.

Festivities will begin at 9:30 a.m. with the colorful Kamehameha Day Parade starting off from Iolani Palace in downtown Honolulu. The parade will travel down Ala Moana Boulevard and Kalakaua Avenue, and will end at Kapiolani Park at about 11 a.m.

Thereafter, special cultural activities will take place in the park, with the musical portion of the program scheduled to begin at 12:30 p.m. at the bandstand. Featured at this time will be our Maori performers and the John F. Kennedy High School Choir from Sacramento, California. There also will be an awards ceremony spotlighting top entries in the Kamehameha Day Parade.

PCC's group was invited to participate in this year's festivities by Keahi Allen, chairman of the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission which organized the event.

Our portion of the program will begin with the "Powhiri" or traditional greeting. Following this, the



In a special fireside held Wednesday night, Hawaiian villagers expressed their love and support for their Maori brothers and sisters who will be participating in the Kamehameha Day celebration at Kapiolani Park today. Part of the fireside program, which was held in the Maori village, featured PCC's halau, shown here as they prepare to perform.

women will offer the "Karanga" or chant of welcome. Then, the Maori warriors will perform the thrilling "Wero."

Other songs and dances in the presentation include "Tomo," a betrothal song in which village women prepare a young girl for her wedding; "Takitimu," where the intriguing "poi" balls are used to

tell the story of the Maoris' migration from Hawaiki (Hawaii); and the "Haka," an energetic war dance done by the men.

Catch this festive spirit and help make Kamehameha Day a truly memorable holiday this year.

Kamehameha Day program at PCC

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and state. Each bears the respected title of "kumu hula" (teacher of dance).

At 5 p.m., following the "Pageant of the Long Canoes," an hour-long program will be presented in the open area near the Tongan village by a visiting halau. (This 35-member dance troupe will be representing Hawaii at the South Pacific Festival of Arts, which will run from June 29 through July 12 in Papua, New Guinea. Held every four years, the festival allows experts from the various South Pacific island groups to meet and share various aspects of their respective cultures including crafts, music and dances.)

E Kipa Mai Kakou! Come join in our Kamehameha Day festivities! It promises to be a day full of fun, excitement and sharing!



Dr. Marian Sliwinsky, Poland's Minister of Health (center, in white shirt), toured the Center last week Saturday, May 31. Guide Moana Whaaga accompanied Dr. Sliwinsky's group which included Mrs. Lidia Retowska-Mika, Mrs. Doris Lauber, Dr. Alfred Jakubowski, Dr. Janusz Jeljaszewicz and Dr. Jerzy Szczerban.