

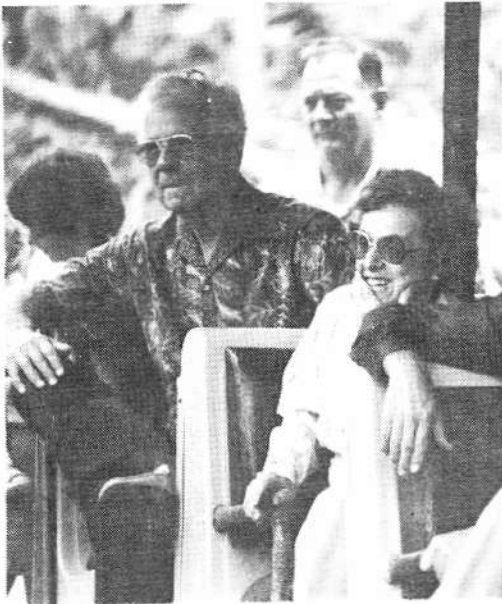


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Polynesian Cultural Center

Elder Ashton, PCC Board enjoy meetings



Elder Marvin J. Ashton and other members of the PCC Board of Directors were in the Center this week for their regularly-scheduled meetings with Center administrators.

The three-day meetings involve important decision-making which charts the course the Center will take in the months ahead as well as long-term planning for the future. Bill Cravens, Center General Manager, hosted the visitors, and Division Managers and their assistants gained insightful advice in many areas of management as the Board shared their experiences with them.

In addition to the heavy meeting schedule, the Board, some accompanied by their families, attended the matinee, and evening show, and enjoyed lunch at The Lanai as well as a special dinner at the Gateway Restaurant.

World Council of Churches group impressed with Center



Twenty-seven members of a group made up of South Pacific and South American representatives of the World Council of Churches visited PCC this past week.

Hosted by the Cultural Education department, they were genuinely impressed with all that they saw and participated in during their visit. Department member



Jose Varela reports that the Spanish speaking contingent were very impressed. They expressed the wish that a similar center could share the Indian cultures with visitors to their homelands.

Most comments mentioned the authenticity of Center attractions and the friendliness and poise of the personnel.

NEWS

National Teens in Center this week



That's PCC's own Sandra Sagisi wearing the Miss Hawaii Teenager sash. She and other state winners were in the Center this past week and enjoyed the village displays. Shown here are Miss Idaho, Miss Montana, and Miss Alaska trying out the poi.

Cricket Team in Center



The Aua Village Cricket Team from American Samoa were in the Center this week on their way home after touring the mainland and playing against teams there.

Brought over by Tavita Tufaga, the team represents the Samoan Cricket League, and was hosted by the talking chiefs of Laie during their stay in our community.

The team entertained staff and guests alike as they sang and danced in the Samoan Village this week.

Have you met Sue?



Meet Sue Antkowiak, the Center's new executive receptionist.

Sue came to PCC from BYUH where she was telephone consultant and supervisor of the campus switchboard and operators.

Sue expresses delight in her new job with a smile, "I like it up here. The surroundings are pleasant and I like working with the people here!"

We welcome Sue to PCC.

Future PCC Dancers?



Children of employees enjoy learning Tititorea in the Maori Village as part of the Center's summer offerings for kids.

NEWS

Parlez-vous Français?



Tammy Au is the new executive secretary in the Center's administration offices. She has replaced Glenna Togo who moved to Arizona this summer so that her husband could complete his Ph.D there.

Tammy won't be around all that long, either, as she is due to report to the MTC in Provo on September 23 to accept her call to the France, Paris Mission. She reports that her French is a little rusty but that she intends to practice and study over the summer.

"I prayed so hard to go to France" she says, "It was my first choice!" Tammy is obviously excited at her call. In the meantime she also expresses happiness in her new job. She had done secretarial work before at BYUH. Now, if you want to help Tammy prepare for her mission, please speak French around her!

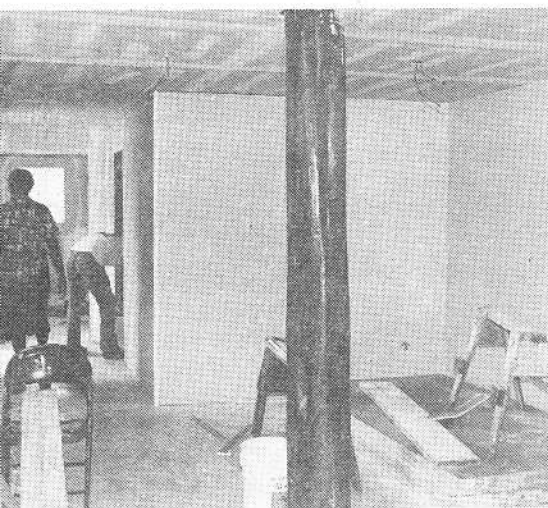
Photo Display

If you are interested in American Samoa, check out the new display of photographs in the Upstairs Conference Area by the Village Operations Offices in the administration building.

Ed Kamauoha brought back a collection of candid photos from his recent trip that are on display there. Ed reports that the 40 - 50,000 people in attendance at the Independence Day celebrations this year were addressed by the Head of State, His Highness Malietoa Tanumafili II, who cautioned his country that the family is the foundation of a nation.

The invocation and blessing on the events was offered by Cardinal Pio Taofinu'u, who reminded the people of Samoa that "Our culture is a special gift from God."

Work Progressing



Work is progressing on the renovations to the Village Operations building -- which will soon become the new location of the Village Operations Office.

Introducing:



**Elder
Gene R. Cook**

Elder Gene R. Cook was ordained a member of the First Quorum of the Seventy of the Church in October 1976.

Elder Cook holds a B.S degree in business management and a Masters of Business Administration from Arizona State University. After he graduated from ASU, he worked as a management trainee for Mountain States Telephone. In 1967, he was employed as a consultant for Metropolitan Life Insurance and earned a Chartered Life Underwriter designation in three years -- an accomplishment that usually takes at least five years.

Elder Cook has held various other Church positions, including Mission and Regional Representative. He served as executive secretary to the First Council of the Seventy for two years before being named to the Council. The Council was reorganized in 1976 and named the First Quorum of the Seventy.

Born September 1, 1941, Elder Cook married Janelle Schlink on November 29, 1963. They have four children.

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The Saga of BRF 104

We had parked the car, as always, in the employee parking lot outside Gate 4. It was 1:30 pm. At 2:30 pm the phone rang in the Center Graphics office. It was the police. They wanted to know if we owned a '79 Datsun, and gave the licence number (which I could never remember.) "Yes," my daughter replied, "It's out in the parking lot." She was asked if she would check on that. She did, and of course the car wasn't there.

So began a series of events that remind us that summer cannot mean a slackening of vigilance either in our jobs or in our community. It turned out that our rusting Datsun with the one window handle that falls off every time you slam the door, -- the Datsun with K.59 and "I love Salt Lake" stickers plastered all over its rear bumper (put there by the kids,) -- the Datsun with a hole in its radiator and a permanent coat of salt spray on its windows, was stolen by persons unknown and used in a local robbery.

At least two persons had forced the lock and jammed the ignition in order to drive the car to Punaluu Beach where they robbed a woman tourist of her purse containing seven thousand dollars in cash. The police, responding to the report, had found both car and purse abandoned on Kam Highway not far from the scene.

We retrieved our inconspicuously beige, two-door Datsun and brought it back to Laie looking just slightly worse for wear. Covered in the black sticky powder used for gathering evidence, the doors and window edges volunteered, I'm sure, hundreds of fingerprints - all bearing the Pere name.

We were incredulous. The one thing we couldn't imagine was why anyone would choose our limp-along family compact as a get-away car. Not, by any stretch of the imagination, could we picture a Bonnie-and-Clyde twosome roaring down Kam Highway, machine guns sticking out of the windows (except, of course, the one that won't open.) It seemed too far-fetched to be true. That was before our 14 year old came home.

She had been waiting at a Hauula bus stop to get back to Laie when the very familiar Datsun came chugging past heading at top speed for Punaluu. Her first question when she walked in the front door was "Who are those guys that are riding around in our Datsun?"

A good question, that one, especially as her description matched that given by the robbery victim. Then other members of the family recalled that they, too, had seen the same individuals earlier in the day. One even remembered that she had thought they looked suspicious and that she should take the licence number of the car they were then driving, but having no reason to do so, she had let the prompting pass.

Well, while interesting to Laie residents and those of us who park our cars in the PCC lots, the event is of little real significance in the larger order of things that make up our busy world. For our family it meant that we finally had some out-of-the-ordinary news to send to our missionaries in Japan, but apart from that and our concern for the robbery victim, our lives go on as always. With one notable exception.

I now have BRF 104 tattooed indelibly on my brain.

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All Welcome

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