



Polynesian Patriots

Polynesian Cultural Center promo team members recently returned from New York's Liberty celebration with a renewed spirit of patriotism for their country and love for the gospel.

Senior Vice President David Hanneman and Sister Hanneman accompanied the twenty three member group on what was definitely a once in a lifetime event. An immigrant himself, David Hanneman says he's very appreciative of the Statue of Liberty, adding that the four day celebration was one of the best things he's ever participated in in his life.

"I'm very proud of our people," he said, "they conducted themselves very well, ladies and gentlemen in the true sense of the word, as well as being a fun group." He complimented Delsa Moe for doing a great job as manager and leader of the group with able assistance from Raymond Mokiao and Raymond Mariterangi, along with Tolo Paialii who was also a great leader.

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Final costume inspection before leaving. (Above right) Honolulu Airport departure in travel uniforms with President and Sister Rodgers.



Radio City Music Hall

"And of course the climax of the entire trip," David said, "was the groups participation in the closing ceremonies." This took place in the famous Giants Stadium which was packed with enthusiastic spectators. There were several stars that also participated like Liza Minnelli, Elizabeth Taylor, Shirley McClaine, Kenny Rogers, Gene Kelley, and Patty LaBelle to name a few.

From a promotional point of view David Hanneman saw the entire trip as a success. He believed the group were good ambassadors for the Center, saying "everyone knew that we were from the Polynesian Cultural Center."

Delsa Moe, leader of the promo team for the New York trip related some of the fun experiences the group had. To begin with she said that the group made sure they looked Polynesian, especially on their free time, so that people would ask them questions about who they were, where they were from, and what they were doing in a big city dressed like that. That being jams, coconut hats, and t-shirts or anything with Hawaii written on it.



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A few in the group paid ten dollars to stand through the whole performance of "Cats" while others were given free tickets to Robert Palmer's Rock Concert.

Renee Marama went jogging in Central Park, the whole group caught their first subway ride on a "graffitti special", and Raymond Mokiao took his rice cooker and they all had a barbecue when they 'burnt out' on deli food and food from street cart vendors.

Asked how she felt about New York and the Liberty celebration, Tolo Paialii stated, "I felt proud that I was Polynesian, I felt proud that I was American, and I was proud that I'm a member of the church."

Tolo used to live in Boston, Massachusetts, St. Louis, Ohio, Florida, South Carolina, Canada, and Japan. Being the seasoned traveler that she is she likes to pack the groups trunks for the trips since it takes experience to do it right.



Somewhere in New York City

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One of the highlights of the trip for the group was attending the Manhattan Third Ward's Sunday services. The group sang and several of them bore their testimonies.

In contrast, when the group rode the ferry to Ellis Island to see the Statue of Liberty, they just missed catching the same ferry on which a man with a sword slashed several passengers, killing two. Needless to say the group was very thankful for their safe passage.

The hotel that the group stayed at interested Tolo since she loves history so she asked one of the employees there about it. She found out that the Warwick Hotel has catered mostly to rock groups since the '60's and '70's and was now a regular stop for Julian Lennon, Robert Palmer, and Boy George to name a few. In fact Julian Lennon checked out the very day the promo team checked in. She was also told the mafia used to use it regularly but that's confidential information. The hotel's location was central to Radio City Music Hall, Studio 54, Carnegie Hall, Central Park, and 5th Avenue which was just a block away.

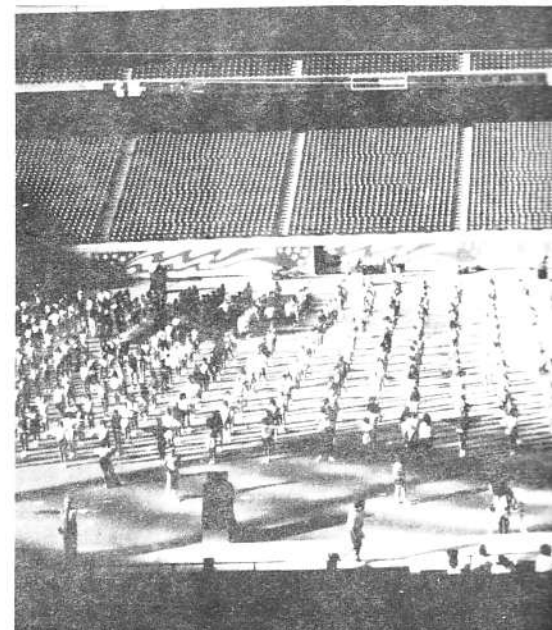


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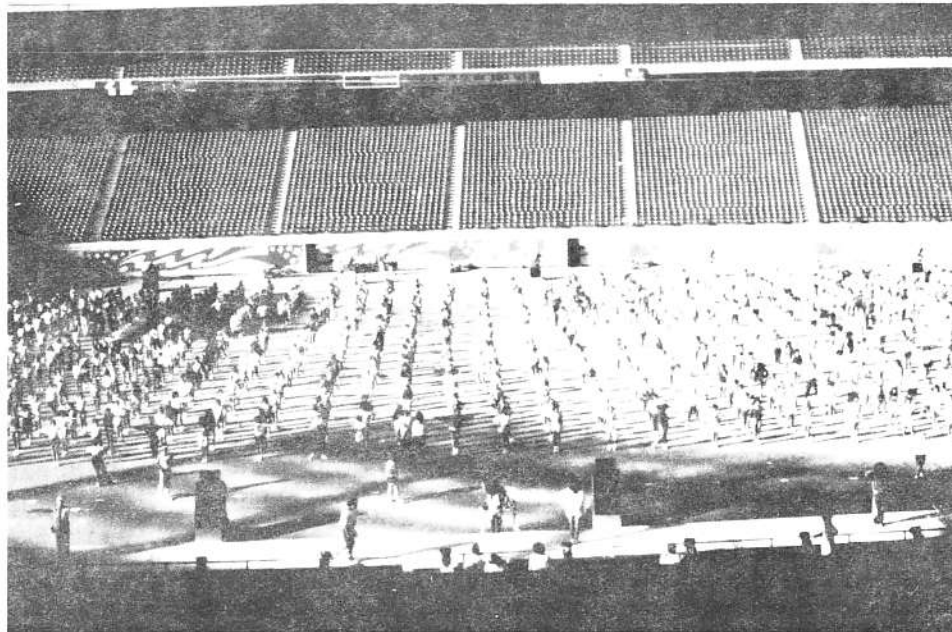
Securing seats at Giants Stadium for the closing ceremonies

Tolo wanted to thank Special Projects (Pam, Joe, Celva, and Debbie), for always being ready and willing to help with the promo teams many needs. Also, she thanked Vernice Pere for the travel uniforms saying "we felt good, we looked good, and everyone complimented us." A special thanks went to Bryan Bowles and his staff and President Rodgers for the 'whole shabang'.

Tolo and Dorothy want to remind the promo team and others of their open rehearsals. They encourage anyone to come out and learn about their cultures because there's a chance to travel. Rehearsals are held on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 8:00am to 11:00am in the promo team area behind the Hale Aloha by gate 4.

Kaleo Requilman said the thing he missed most about New York was the family he and Halem Ah Quin stayed with. Kaleo met the Tobia family last year when they were visiting the Polynesian Cultural Center and had become great

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Rehearsal with entire cast

What Would You Do?

I was negotiating a \$15,000 business loan over lunch in a swank restaurant with the bank vp. Things were going smoothly, and I could tell we were a step away from a handshake agreement. As I raised my glass to my mouth to take a drink, the straw went up one nostril. I immediately pulled the glass away from my face, only to realize that the straw was stuck-up my nose.

What could I do? Stick another straw up the other nostril and pretend I do that trick all the time? Act like nothing happened, keep talking, and slowly pull it out? To keep from crying, I burst out laughing. So did the vp--and every other person near us. In the end, thanks to his humor and mine, I won the loan.

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The World Of Work

Has your staff come up with some lulu alibis about why they're late or absent? A survey from Robert Half International (financial recruiters) turned up some offbeat and ingenious excuses. A sampling of the more creative:

- "I spotted what looked like a flying saucer and followed it on the highway for about fifty miles."
- "I ate so much during my vacation that none of my clothes fit me, so I had to spend the morning having them altered."
- "My astronomer warned me not to come to work before noon on Wednesday."
- "I stayed home because I thought Halloween was a holiday."
- "My parakeet spoke for the first time, so I waited for him to do it again so I could tape record it."
- "I'm late because someone stole one of my shoes on the bus."
- "Suddenly, the doors on the armored car in front of me opened up and ten-dollar bills started flying out. It caused such a traffic jam that I was an hour late."

Polynesian Patriots continued

friends with them. The family was thrilled when they learned of the promo teams trip to the home state so they wanted to show Kaleo around their town.

Consequently, Kaleo and Halem taught the discussions to their 'golden' contacts, which included the plan of salvation, an overview of the Joseph Smith story and their testimonies of the Book of Mormon. They also left pamphlets and a Book of Mormon for the family to read.

Kaleo recalled that "even though I didn't perform that much I used that time to teach and tour with the family, we blessed their home and said prayers with them."

Michelle Hill decided that New York wasn't as bad as everybody said. After walking in groups of about ten and checking their wallets every hundred yards for the first few days, the group relaxed and enjoyed themselves more.

The trip changed her outlook on freedom when she realized the importance it held for so many millions of people.

She related the choice experience the group had at the St. Louis airport where they were held over for 3 hours. The group pulled out their one ukulele and put on a show that attracted people from other terminals and left them all in tears when the group departed. "We'll see you at the Polynesian Cultural Center" was what the travellers kept repeating to the group as they left.

TWA airlines was so appreciative of the service the promo team rendered that they upgraded their seats to first class for the flight home.

Many of the group agreed that performance was 'the' highlight of the trip, but what about the dinner they had on top of the Marriott hotel which President and Sister Rodgers hosted for them in New York? Most couldn't decide, with all they had seen and done it would be impossible to pick just one.

All agreed however that they were very proud to be representatives of both the Polynesian Cultural Center and the LDS church. Aren't we all?

Taxes

In 1986, **7.15%** of each of your paychecks is withheld to pay for Social Security. This amount is withheld on wages and salaries up to \$42,000.

This is 5.70% for Retirement, Disability, and Survivor Benefits and 1.45% to provide future hospital benefits under Medicare.

Persons earnings \$42,000 or more in 1986 will pay \$3,003 in Social Security taxes.

For 1987, the tax rate will remain the same, while the maximum earnings taxed is estimated to increase to approximately \$44,100, making the maximum tax payable being about \$3,153.

Your employer pays an additional amount of tax equal to the tax you pay.

Here are examples of Social Security taxes that will be paid on your earnings in 1986 and 1987.

ANNUAL EARNINGS	1986		1987	
	YOUR TAX	YOUR EMPLOYER'S TAX	YOUR TAX	YOUR EMPLOYER'S TAX
\$ 8,000	\$ 572	\$ 572	\$ 572	\$ 572
10,000	715	715	715	715
12,000	858	858	858	858
14,000	1,001	1,001	1,001	1,001
16,000	1,144	1,144	1,144	1,144
18,000	1,287	1,287	1,287	1,287
20,000	1,430	1,430	1,430	1,430
24,000	1,716	1,716	1,716	1,716
28,000	2,002	2,002	2,002	2,002
32,000	2,288	2,288	2,288	2,288
36,000	2,574	2,574	2,574	2,574
40,000	2,860	2,860	2,860	2,860
42,000	3,003	3,003	3,003	3,003
44,100	3,003	3,003	3,153*	3,153*

*This figure depends on whether the taxable wage base will rise to the estimated \$44,100.

The **amount of earnings** subject to the Social Security tax increases by the same percentage that average pay levels increase throughout the country. The tax **rate** will increase two more times after 1987, until it reaches 7.65% in 1990.

Income Taxes on Social Security Benefits

Persons with high incomes from other sources have part of their Social Security benefits (but not more than half) included in their taxable income for federal income tax purposes. The threshold amount is \$25,000 for single persons and \$32,000 for married couples filing a joint return (and zero for married couples filing separate returns if they live together at any time during the year). The regular Adjusted Gross Income, plus tax-exempt bond interest, plus one-half of Social Security benefits, is compared with the threshold amount, and half of any excess (but no more than half of the benefits) is added to the Adjusted Gross Income in computing income tax.

Example -- married couple

Adjusted gross income	\$30,000
Tax-free bond interest	4,000
1/2 of Social Security	6,000
Total	\$40,000
Less threshold amount	-32,000
Excess	\$8,000
Use 1/2 of excess	4,000
lessor 1/2 of Social Security	6,000

Income tax is based on adjusted gross income plus \$4,000, i.e., \$34,000.

Some state income-tax laws endeavor to follow the federal rules automatically, but most of them have already passed legislation to prevent taxing Social Security benefits. Consult your tax advisor on this.