



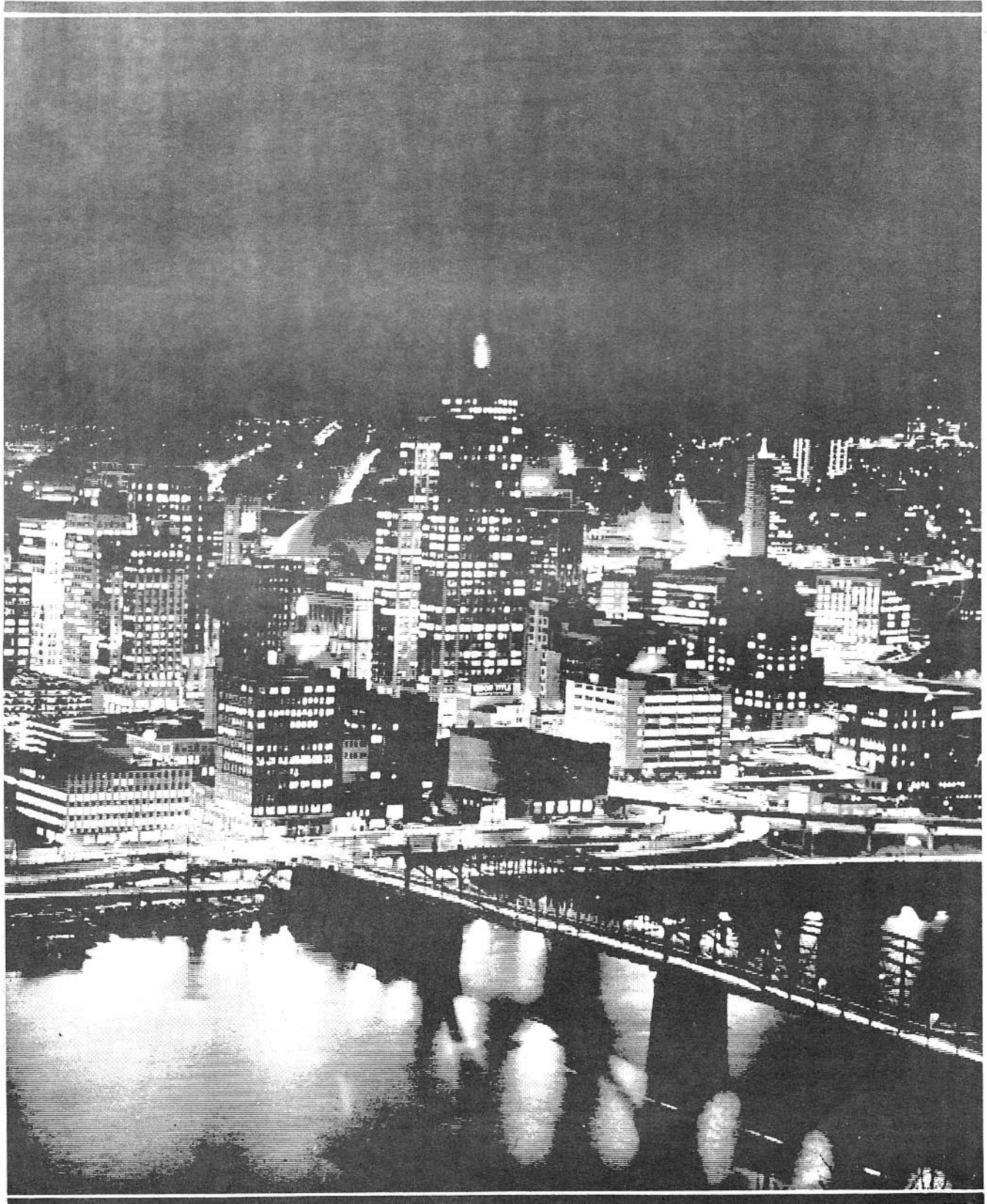
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Sir James Henare leads Maoris



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A distinguished group of fifty political, religious and cultural leaders, headed by Sir James Henare of New Zealand, will be special guests of the Center on Tuesday, September 18. The group is returning from the mainland where they have recently accompanied a national touring exhibit titled "Te Maori" or the Maori. The exhibit includes a collection of the finest Maori artifacts, and pieces of art, both ancient and contemporary, to be shown throughout the United States and later in prominent cities in Europe and other parts of the world.

Included in the distinguished delegation are respected spiritual leader Mrs. Okeroa, Mr. Tuwhangai-Chief Advisor to the Maori Queen and many others.

The delgation will be greeted with special ceremonies Tuesday in the Maori village.

PCC Reorganizes

General Manager Ralph Rodgers has announced several changes in the Center management structure as well as the relocation of several offices.

Managing Director of Finances Jim Jensen has been named Vice President and Managing Director of Finances. Vice President of Guest Services Vernice Pere will add Food Services and Concession Sales to her area of responsibility.

Albert Peters will now be Manager of Security with First Aid Supervisor Tele Hill reporting to him. The Graphics Department under Iava Posala will report to Special Projects Manager Pam Su'a. Kosena Fonoimoana and the Safety Dept. report to Sami Langi in Employee Benefits. Training Supervisor Vai Laumatia will work with Employee Education Manager Bryan Bowles. Junior Asuega has been appointed Manager of the Seamstresses and Laundry under Vice President of Personnel John Muaina. Mike Foley will be acting as Director of Public Relations and Advertising while Reg Schwenke is Director of Promotions. Public Relations Assistant and Update Editor Loni Manning will report to Mike Foley.

Cy Bridges will be relocating in the Village Operations office, David Hanneman in the Support Services Building, Vernice Pere in the old administration building with Special Projects, Purchasing in the Administration Building, and Security in the Support Services Building.

Victims become guests in Spirit of Aloha

Twenty-five hikers, many of them tourists, were victims Wednesday, of three masked gunmen who took over the Sacred Falls trail, robbing, threatening and abusing the group. While no one was seriously hurt, the victims went home without wallets, cameras and jewelry.

In the spirit of Aloha, the Polynesian Cultural Center, through the Hawaii Visitors Bureau has offered the victims complimentary admission and show tickets.

Children learn cultural crafts

The 'Mother Goose Fair' fun day activity at Laie Elementary, was a success for the more than 500 children who eagerly tried their hand at bird making, lei stringing and other activities provided by PCC instructors, 4-H leaders, BYU-HC and Parks and Recreation personnel.

Center workers serving the activity included: Mele Tovo, Charlie McCarthy, Albert Ftisimanu, Elizabeth Betham Ivy Apelu, Lokeni Lokeni, Uisa Eseta, Music Coordinator Pulefano Galeai and Education Coordinator Bobby Akoi.

Update

Update Editor and Assistant to the Director.....
Loni Manning

Center specialists celebrate Aloha Week at Hilton

In conjunction with the Aloha Week celebration at the Turtle Bay Hilton, the Polynesian Cultural Center will be taking exhibits, displays and demonstrations to guests in attendance at the Hilton festivities this Saturday morning at 10:00 A.M.

PCC cultural specialists will be demonstrating skills as follows: Faleola Ofangaue-weaving, Renee Tetuanui-lei making, Glen Adolfo-fish net making, Lucy Fonoimoana-Tapa making, Pulefano Galeai-coconut husking, Lamar Benevides-poi pounding, and Raha Elkington-wood carving. Members of the Center group will be demonstrating near the pool area and performing in the main lobby.

Spotlight bright in lights of city...

Among the bright lights of Honolulu, a new light was scene last night, that is the spotlight on thirteen performers from the Center who performed for the first time on the Ala Moana Center Stage.

According to Promotions Manager Reg Schwenke, this is the first time the Cultural Center has been invited to perform at Ala Moana. The shopping center management, who does not allow commercial performers to entertain there, felt that the Polynesian Cultural Center is an educational and cultural institution that would present a good image for both PCC and Ala Moana. The group performed last night to an enthusiastic crowd of more than 1,000 people. Co-anchor Lynn Waters of channel 4 TV was on hand for live reporting. The group will perform tonight at 7:00 P.M. Members of the group include: Lamar Benevides, Cecilia Taufaahafue, Bobby Akoi, Pulefano Galeai, Jimmy Kaanaana, Jimmy Kaka, Raha Elkington, Charles McCarthy, Lucy Fonoimoana, Healani Kimitete, Leinala Dupont, Raiha Elkington, and Paleni Tiatia.

The Ala Moana shopping Center is celebrating their 25th Anniversary this week.

General Manager's Award

So'o Tufaga



Fire-knife dancer So'o Tufaga has received the General Manager's \$25 award for his recent service to Center guest.

After the evening show So'o spotted three elderly ladies trying to change a flat tire and offered to help them. They were so appreciative that they offered him money, which he politely refused by explaining that Center employees just try to help guests whenever they can.

The following letter is their grateful response:

Dear Sir,

Last week on Thursday I and a group of friends spent the day at the Cultural Center after the show when we went to the car to go home, I discovered a flat tire. One of the fire dancers So'o Tufaga came over and proceeded to put the spare tire on for me. He absolutely refused to take any money and I did want to acknowledge his kindness some how.

Please tell him how very much we appreciated his kindness and if there is a school paper, please print this for me.

Enclosed is a small check to your school to honor this very very nice boy. Sincerely yours,

Lillian Malzman

Executive, Poet wins awards

Vernice Pere, Vice President of Guest Services, has recently been announced as the winner of two awards in the 1984 BYU-Provo Christian Values Writing Contest.

More than 500 contestants entered from across the nation, and were judged by a panel of writers including well-known Welsh lyric poet William Norris.

Vernice received first place honors for "On Utah Lake," a poem about faith using the imagery of ice-skating. She was also awarded second place for "The Immigrant Child," a poem describing experiences in her bi-cultural childhood.

A consistent winner in the annual competition, Vernice took second place in 1982 and third place in 1983. The current holder of the South Pacific Festival of Arts prize since 1980, her poetry is rich in the imagery and language of her Maori heritage.

Volleyball Tournament

All volleyball team captains should be in attendance at the captains meeting this Saturday at 6:15 A.M. in the Old Gymnasium.

Tournament games begin at 7 A.M. All teams are invited to be there, as extra personnel are needed to act as linesmen and score keepers.

Press covers PCC

Hollywood Press Music Editor Justin Pierce visited the Center Wednesday in preparation for a feature article he will be writing on dining, entertainment, music and the cultural scene in the Hawaiian Islands.

Also at the Center this week were Dr. Roland R. Fisch and his AVS TV team from Switzerland. AVS TV is a public television station that broadcasts throughout Europe and specializes in educational and cultural programs.

Rob Hearn of McHale Video did a short filming of the "Aloha Festival" and village activities to present to airline passengers on their flights from the mainland.

Benefits

Announcement: As of October 1, the employee lunch will be for employees only. **Ticket Policy-**Employees may now have only 6 complimentary admission tickets per month instead of 10. The number of complete package or show only tickets at 50% discount has now been reduced to 6 per month also.

Directory to be changed

Copies of the 84-85 campus telephone directory have been distributed to respective departments. The Telephone Office has printed enough copies to accompany each phone set. If for some reasons we have not sent you enough copies, please let us know. Also we have found some errors. We would appreciate it very much if you could take time to review the directory and let us know any changes that are needed. After we compile you input, we will print and updated information sheet for your use.

Nametags Mandatory

Reminder: Beginning Tuesday, September 18, all employees must wear their nametags or they will not be allowed to work. If you do not have a nametag, notify your supervisor immediately.

600 attend activity

More than 600 BYU-HC faculty and staff, Zions Securities and Temple workers and PCC management members enjoyed a day of fun food and entertainment hosted by the Poynesian Cultural Center, last Saturday evening. Guests and their families attended village activities, a buffet dinner, evening show and a starlite canoe ride.

A delectible buffet super was served in the Marquesan tohua with treat such as fresh fruit, barbecue beef sticks, Fijian curry, cake, punch and more served under the light of oriental lanterns with a live band accompaniment.

After the evening show, more than 300 of the days guests relaxed on a 30 minute canoe tour under the light of a full-moon and the warm glow of lagoon side torches. Village performers entertained the guests along the waterway with music, dancing and a few surprises like the Fijian warrior who lunged out of the dark from a lagoon side tree.

"Extra Mile" Award



Liufau Tuifua

Security Guard Liufau Tuifua, has been nominated for the "Extra Mile" award by Security Manager Albert Peters.

Day shift Supervisor, Tigi Tapusoa, says that Liufau, who has been working with security for two years, "...is a man of great initiative." His supervisor also commented that he was very observant, knowledgeable and professional. He is known for his willingness to do the extra work needed. An example of his extra mile work was the day he relocated one of the security booths singlehandedly and later made needed repairs as well. A very valuable worker, Liufau is interested in the success of the Security Dept. and PCC.