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This conference was convened in hopes that those interested in the topic might be able to share that interest in a manner appealing to both amateur and professional historians. That over 100 people participated in this maiden venture was most gratifying to those who were involved in its organization. Requests for copies of papers prompted this assembling of the PROCEEDINGS, basically in the format in which they were given us by the presenters. It is our hope that these will provide not only helpful information but pleasant memories of a most successful conference. We are grateful to the Institute of Polynesian Studies for their generous assistance in helping underwrite the cost of this printing.

It was a result of this conference, of course, that the Mormon Pacific Historical Society was created and the participants enrolled as charter members.

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\* Papers also presented at World Conference on Records, Salt Lake City, Utah, August, 1980.

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<sup>1</sup> Oral History demonstration with Bella Lin Kee.

<sup>2</sup> Welcoming remarks, 2 August 1981.

<sup>3</sup> Explanation of Archival holdings, BYU-Hawaii Archives; preparation of pictorial exhibit on the LDS Church in Hawaii.