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* J. ELLIOT CAMERON, President BYU-Hawaii Campus. Welcoming Remarks 1 *

* BRITSCH, R. LANIER, "On the Pacific Frontiers: Recent Church Growth in the Non-Polynesian Areas" 2 *

* Ph. D., Claremont Graduate School; Professor of History and Asian Studies, BYU-Provo; LDS Mission to Hawaii; author of many articles and book on LDS History in the Pacific. *

* CHEN, DAVID, "The Lost Tribes of Israel and Our Mission in the Pacific" 12 *

* Professor, Government and History, BYU-Hawaii; former mission president, Hong Kong; author of China's Economic Development and Perspectives, Asia: Its Politics, Problems and International Relations. *

* DALTON, LELA, "A Glimpse into the Early Hawaii Mission and Oahu Stake Relief" (A Slide Presentation) 17 *

* Missionary to Tonga, 1953-55; wife of mission president of Tonga Mission, 1963-66; historian, Laie-Hawaii Stake Relief Society. *

* FARNSWORTH, DEAN, "Missionary Service in Samoa" 21 *

* Exchange professor of English, BYU-Hawaii; former mission president, Iran; published scholar, U.S. Western History, Victoriana. *

* FORESTER, RUBINA, "Ahmu: An Early Samoan Latter-day Saint" 27 *

* Research Associate, Institute for Polynesian Studies, BYU-Hawaii; published poet in Ensign, Literature and Belief, Kula Manu. *

* JOY, ROBERT, "The Historical Origins of the Goals of BYU-Hawaii Campus" 31 *

* Assistant Professor of Business, BYU-Hawaii; Ed.D., BYU-Provo; co-author of text on English as a second language. *

* LUNG, GLENN, "LDS Pacific Update" 38 *

* Regional Representative of the Twelve; administrative assistant to the Director for Temporal Affairs, Hawaii Branch, Presiding Bishopric's Office; Executive Council, MPHS. *

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Also on the Program were the following:

Paper by JOSEPH SPURRIER, "A Sacred Place in a Sacred Land" (paper not available)

Musical items from the play, Napela: "Mornings in Lahaina," by MIKE RAMSEY; "Disputation Quartet," by JESSE and LOU ANN CRISLER and ERIC and CAROLYN SHUMWAY; and "Ku'umanu," by LOU ANN CRISLER.

Panel discussion, "Polynesian Cultural Center: Beginnings and Early Days." PATOA BENIONI, SUNDAY MARITERAGI, CARMEN STAGNER, and WYLIE SWAPP were on the panel moderated by PATRICK DALTON.

Business Meeting and election of officers

MPHS served as co-host at reception for "Na Makua Mahalo Ia," presented that night, Cannon Activities Center

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PRESIDENT'S NOTE

The LDS Church has a fascinating and colorful history about which writers and artists have produced reams of material; general histories, biographies, articles, debates, great mission conversions, as well as historically based fiction in plays, pictures, stories, books, dance, and poetry.

None of these can be created out of imagination alone. History has to be lived or learned before it can inspire any accounting.

The purpose of MPHS is to help us learn our own unique Pacific area Church history. Very little has ever been published. Very little is even known. What of Napela? Addison Pratt? Joseph Dean? Samuel Woolley? The Fernandez family: We can ask ourselves what we know of early mission days in our islands and of the people who did the local Gospel pioneering in Tonga, Samoa, the Cooks, New Zealand, Tahiti, Fiji, Micronesia and all the rest. Each had something inspiring and different to tell us. If you ever attended one of the grand Church Conferences in Laie in early days, have you ever written down your recollections in detail? Have you described a day in the old Laie Missionary School? The MIA competitions?

We hope you will. We hope you will let us know when you have. If you need help, we will try to give it. The Mormon Pacific Historical Society wants to gather and publish our own Pacific Church history. Nothing more and nothing less.

Grace Pratt

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, 1984-85

Grace Pratt, President (1986)

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