

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Last year was a most unusual "conference" for us, as these PROCEEDINGS indicate. You will probably notice very few names that you recognize since our 1990 conference at BYU-Hawaii was held in conjunction with the Mormon History Association, our "big sister" from the mainland. They were in charge of the program and while some of us were kept very, VERY busy most of the papers were presented by MHA people rather than from the ranks of MPHS. Still, it was a great experience and I think our visitors were quite impressed with what we were able to do. Thanks to so many of you for your help. Lance Chase did his usual great job, this time as chairman of the Local Arrangements committee. He, with the help of our student secretary, Michelle Clawson, is responsible for compiling this Eleventh volume of our PROCEEDINGS, made up of some of those Pacific-oriented papers presented at the conference.

Because we were so involved with our MHA visitors we did not have our usual MPHS business meeting for the purpose of holding elections. Therefore, at our first board meeting we did an unusual thing by just extending the terms of all officers.

All of us combined add up to a fascinating history of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints here in the Pacific Basin. Again, I would like to encourage each of you to examine your roots, take pride in your heritage--whether it is Kaunakakai, Waimanalo, Vava'u, Nagoya, or Iowa--and share it with us. Remember, we are primarily a collection of amateurs--history buffs, yes, but still amateurs--and everyone has something to offer. Let us know if you're willing and we'll be happy to have you on one of our conference programs in the near future. And, again, mahalo to all those who have been willing to help out in this regard.

Kenneth W. Baldrige
President, 1990-91