

Is That So?

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Ranger-Naturalist

Princess Kaiulani Hotel, Waikiki, Honolulu—I was sitting on the porch of my room facing the beach, squeezing lime juice on my second half of solo papaya, thinking: "The way visitors bureau has squeezed out every drop from the wringer on new stories, what'll I find to write about . . . when all of a sudden it struck me like a ton of bricks. "It" being an idea for a column. I picked up the telephone. "Give me the manager, please."

Mr. Filoni came to the phone. "Joe," I said, "I'm up here in room 721 and I've just been hit by a coconut!"

"Hit on the seventh floor by a coconut! This early in the morning. Impossible—Look, stay right there until I come up. No, better yet, I'll send a lawyer. I mean the doctor . . ."

traffic. "I like to make 'em look like they are standing easy and natural."

Once the tree was rested, four men rushed in with wet sandy loam which had been "spiked" with high-potash content fertilizer. They tamped the soil in



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firmly around the ball of roots "to prevent air from getting at the roots" and then soaked the area thoroughly with water.

I asked Mr. Choi about the Princess Kaiulani planting.

"I'm proud of that job. Biggest trees I have ever handled. Took a special truck with a trailer boom hoist. Some of those trees over there are 100 years old. That one," he pointed to the very tree facing my room 721, "is over 90-feet tall. Had a ball of roots maybe eight feet through. Took a five-foot-deep hole, weighed better'n 20,000 pounds."

Architects Help

"But how can you get a tall top-heavy tree with all its heavy 20-foot long leaves at the tip-top to stand at that slant with such a small root system?" I demanded.

"The architects help us. You'll notice they incorporate hooks right into the nearby buildings. That way, 20 feet up from the ground where no one notices, we use guy lines. We keep them tied up about five months. Takes about 100 days for the root system to become established, and take a firm hold in the loam."

Joe interrupted. "Remember how we removed the lines? Then within a week we had one of the strongest blows I've ever seen. Blew in lot of windows and took off some roots."

"But we didn't lose a transplant," said Choi. "Those coconut palm stems are mighty flexible. Can bend almost level with the ground. And the leafy top trims with the wind. And those roots get to be 20, 40, maby even 50 feet long. . ."

"How many did you lose?"

Real Tropical Look

Mr. Filoni introduced me to Wilbert H. S. Choi, territorial commissioner of the Board of Agriculture, and owner of a nursery, who was directing a crew of 32 men.

"This is old stuff to me," said Choi. "Figures we've put up at least 1,000 of these big trees, gives Waikiki a real tropical look." While talking he directed the boom operator. The man was lowering a 60-foot palm with its five-foot ball of roots and earth into a prepared, curbed hole in the sidewalk. Choi ordered it raised again, two men swung it around, and it was lowered again with the long stem taking off rakishly toward the busy

The Family Council

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EMILY—He refuses to use my money.

STEVE—We don't need a new home.

EMILY—My husband and I are having a serious disagreement that may affect our future and the future of our three children, the oldest of whom is 12.

At my question he looked at Joe Filoni. "As I recall, two out of 80. And they're looking mighty healthy. Bearing coconuts already."

"Which I have to pay a man to cut down so they won't kill my guests. . ." said Filoni unhappily, but he brightened instantly, "but I don't mind as long as I've got the biggest old trees ever transplanted. Wait until I tell my publicity director! What a scoop!"

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I have just inherited a substantial sum of money. At the same time, my husband has had a promotion that gives him a large raise in salary and good prospects for future promotion. I have asked by husband to use my money to buy and furnish a new home in a good neighborhood where they are good schools. There is enough in my inheritance for that purpose, and my husband's salary would be easily enough to run the household, since we would not even have to have a mortgage on our home.

My husband angrily refuses. He says he will not use my money, that I can leave it to the children if I like, but it is his duty to maintain the home and he will not have a better home than he can afford.

I would not press this if I were not worried about the effect our poor neighborhood may have on our children's future.

STEVE—My wife's fears, I am afraid, are just snobbery. I have seen children growing up into model people in the worst neighborhoods, and I know of brats and criminals who grew up in the nicest neighborhoods. I don't want my children to grow up in a home I cannot afford, and to come to look down on their father with contempt.

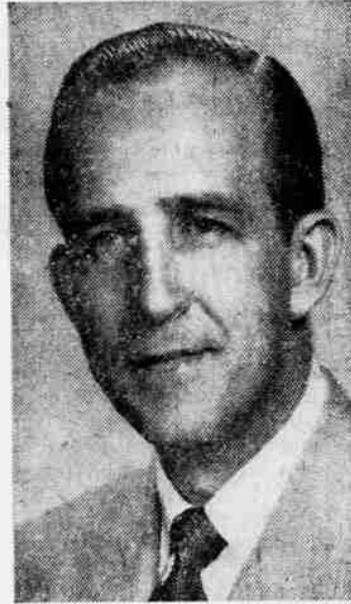
I can wait for a fine home until I earn it, and I can't believe children as young as ours will be contaminated by the fact that a few of the neighboring houses need a coat of paint. My wife's inheritance was nothing she expected when we married, and I do not see why it should be permitted to change the whole course of our lives.

THE COUNCIL—Steve accuses his wife of snobbery, but he may be guilty of an excessively tender and selfish pride.

He is not being sensible or practical when he argues that his wife may leave her money to the children upon her death, but may not use it for their benefit during her lifetime.

The thought of profiting from his wife evidently tends to undermine Steve's sense of self-respect. This should not be. It will do the children much more good to have the benefit of a

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