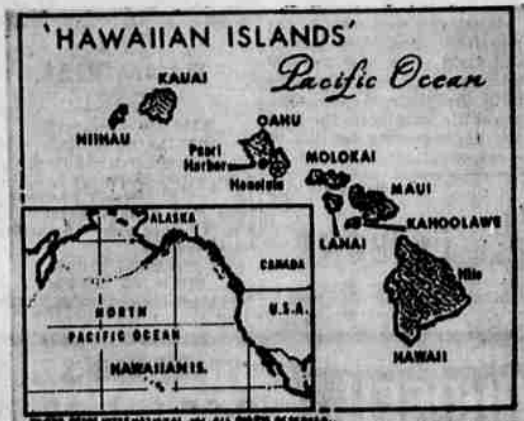


# Statehood Has Encouraged Hawaiian Growth



MAP SHOWS DETAIL - The nation's 50th state promises to develop as a hub between Orient and Occident. The biggest problem that came with statehood was consolidating the sprawling territorial government in efficient state government. (UPI)

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 Honolulu - (UPI) - Statehood has been good to Hawaii and the people of the 50th state think it has been good for the United States as a whole.

In the three-and-a-half years since Hawaii became a state, its economy has expanded rapidly, burgeoning new construction is transforming Honolulu into an ever more modern city and state leaders talk of this place of palms and pineapples becoming the hub of a possible "Pacific Common Market."

For the man-in-the-street, changes have been more subtle. His wages have risen but so have his costs. Mainly, there is a sense of belonging, of knowing that he has the same rights and obligations as all other Americans. There is pride in being able to vote for the President, for his representatives in Congress and in state government.

Statehood also has meant new responsibilities and Hawaii has accepted them cheerfully. One can almost detect a

sense of mission as the island state seeks to spread its aloha spirit around the world.

Hawaii's population has grown from 590,000 in 1959 when it achieved statehood to 630,000. The cost of living and prices have climbed and business has expanded. Statehood has been a factor undoubtedly but its an unmeasurable factor.

There has been a growing tendency of unions to seek wage parity with the highest west coast cities and, to a large extent, they have been successful. This has been a factor in causing Hawaii's already high cost of living to move higher. Living costs here are on a parity with the highest cost cities on the mainland.

A house that cost \$20,000 to build in 1959 may cost as much as \$30,000 today, but that is only partially attributable to the effects of statehood.

The influx of free-spending visitors increased at the rate of 20 per cent a year between 1955 and 1961, then tapered off to a five per cent increase.

The 1962 level was about the same as 1961 but economists see an increase of about 20 per cent this year.

The thing to remember is that Hawaii was a going concern long before statehood, paying the same federal taxes as the states but, in some cases, not getting the same return. Under statehood, Hawaii now gets a return on its money from the highway defense act, which proved to be the biggest monetary benefit of statehood.

"The trend in federal funds

has continued to rise. But more important is the fact that we have senators and representatives in Washington looking out for our interests now," said Dr. Shelley Mark, Hawaii's economic development director.

Non-military federal spending rose from \$55.5 million in 1959 to \$128 million in 1961, the latest figures available. The non-declared war in South Viet Nam and other unrest in Asia has caused military spending to rise too.

Hawaii has had no problem

of defining its destiny. Ask the average Hawaiian what his state's role should be in the nation and he will point to the example Hawaii is setting for accepting individuals of all races without violence or friction.

He will point to the U.S. Senate where Hawaii's two senators, Daniel K. Inouye and Hiram L. Fong, are the first men of Japanese and Chinese ancestry to sit in Congress.

He will tell you that the state department selected Ha-

wai in 1960 as the site for the country's first International university, the East-West center. The center has become an intellectual meeting ground for Asian scholars to view democracy in action.

**Has Problems**

The biggest problem that came with statehood was consolidating the sprawling territorial government of 104 departments into an efficient state government. Under Hawaii's first elected chief executive, Former Gov. William F. Quinn, the administrative

structure was consolidated into 18 departments and the consolidation continues today under Gov. John A. Burns.

Statehood has also had its disappointments. Officials complain that the federal government has not yet tapped the state's reservoir of talent for key government posts, especially in the area of foreign relations. And they feel the government is delaying on its promise to return surplus federal lands to the state.

It is a source of indignation here when strangers occasion-

ally imply that Hawaii is still a mystic foreign land.

Television performer Jack Paar learned this the hard way sometime ago when he taped several shows here and referred to the continental United States as "the states." He was reminded quite forcefully in newspapers that Hawaii and "the states" are one and the same.

Hawaiians are dismayed to hear occasionally of mainlanders asking what language is spoken in Hawaii or what currency is used.

But this sensitivity will pass as the newness of statehood wears off.

To mainlanders who envision the lush tropical Hawaiian isles becoming more like typical Main st., U.S.A., Honolulu banker Thomas Hitch has this reminder:

"Hawaii is not what it used to be, but then it never was."

What he means that the islands always have been about 50 years ahead of what the mainlanders think them to be.

## The Family Council

Editor's note: The Family Council consists of a judge, a psychiatrist, three clergymen, three editors and a women's editor. Each article is a summary of a family disagreement presented to the Council. The Council deals with problems, major and minor, encountered by guidance counselors and social workers. Edited by Mrs. Alma Denny. (Copyright by General Features Corp.)

Fanny R. - It's not up to him to comfort this woman.

Otto R. - I'm the only friend she has up North.

Fanny R. - We've been married a long time and have grown children. My husband is a traveling salesman. On his trips he ran across an old sweetheart of his who had married a Southerner and was living in Mississippi. He visited them a few times, but has been out of touch the last few years because his territory has been shifted to New England.

Last week, out of the blue, a letter came to him from this woman, saying that her husband had died a month ago. She added that she was in a state of shock, and just had to see him. Could she come North and stay in our home till she got her bearings? This sounds ridiculous to me, Otto thinks it's a great idea!

Otto R. - This lady was originally a Northerner. She never found her niche in the South, but she was devoted to her husband and stuck it out. Now that he's gone, I can understand her urge to get back and try to get acclimated up here again.

She really has no one. I'm the only one of her old crowd who knew her husband and she feels I'm the link between her past and future. She's a pathetic figure and I can't turn her down.

Fanny should cooperate with me in befriending her now. I'm flattered that she has so much confidence in me and trusts my judgment. After all, she's met many people in the years since we were single. But she has picked me as her friend in need.

The Council - In a nutshell what Fanny is saying to Otto is, "Am I supposed to be running a rest-home for your ex-sweethearts?" She's urging, and so are we, a hard search for other friends or relatives of this lady-at-loose-ends.

It's hard to believe that the only friends this woman had in the world were her husband and Otto. It's flattering to Otto's ego, of course, and the concept of himself dashing to her rescue may well belong on Walter Mitty's list of pleasant dreams.

Look at it this way, Otto. The widow and her husband didn't live in isolation. They had friends. She claims she knows you better than she knows anyone else. And your wife can't see where you are so specially qualified to help the bereaved lady get "her bearings."

Unless the dear old friend can find another sanctuary

up North, Otto would be wise to advise her to stay where she is. He can offer to come down that way with Fanny, during their next vacation period, to try to comfort the lonely one. For once she burns her southern bridges behind her, and travels this way, Destination Otto and Fanny, things may never be the same in the R. home. Suppose things drag on and on, as with The Man Who Came to Dinner and stayed to make trouble? What would the neighbors think, if you'd like a For Instance, when circumstances forced Otto and his ex-sweetie to be home alone?

No, Otto. Help her all you can from this safe distance, but don't encourage her to try a new form of Freedom Ride, right into your home. Her proposal can let loose a torrent of problems for you, and you'd better croon, "River, stay 'way from my door!"

Of course if, as we said above, the lady moves closer and shows signs of being fairly self-helpful, then Otto and Fanny together should ease her way to a new and full life, by being hospitable and solicitous. But for Otto to try to be a 1-man Rescue Mission is playing with emotional dynamite.

**Woman Charged With Murder in Shooting**  
 Klamath Falls - (UPI) - Zelma Joan Ochiho, 41, was charged with first degree murder Wednesday in the fatal shooting of Florence Baker Hultt, 26, in the home of a friend as she sat on a dayport reading a newspaper.

Police said the woman used the same rifle that figured in a January trial when she was accused of the murder of Bruce Miller, 35. She was acquitted of that charge.



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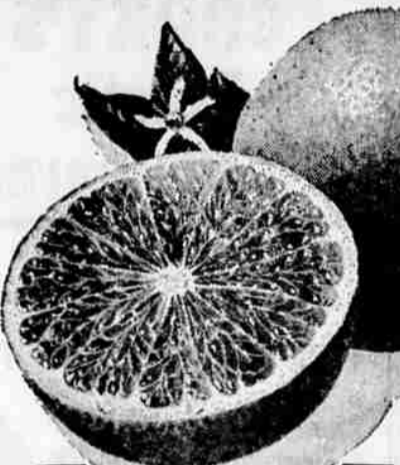
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