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JUBILEE '73 ROUND-UP

"--To bring about a keener understanding of the culture of Okinawa."

With this goal in mind, the United Okinawan Association of Hawaii, the Hui Makaala with its women's auxiliary, and the Hui O Laulima ventured to undertake the monumental task of presenting the week-long Hawaii Okinawan Jubilee this past July. After months of planning, chairman Reynold Teruya and his committee brought the event to a successful conclusion.

Each of the three main activities drew record crowds. "Peace through Fashion", a fashion show including a display of regional dresses, modern adaptations and contemporary designer styles utilizing ethnic fabrics of the greater Pacific area, was presented at the Sheraton-Waikiki Hotel.

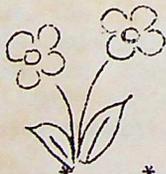
An exhibit of cultural objects and artifacts, and Okinawan plants and foods, was held at the Ala Moana Hotel.

The performing arts program, featuring local talents, was presented at Farrington High School Auditorium.

To each and everyone of you who contributed so unselfishly to the success of the Jubilee, MAHALO!!!

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OYAKAWA TESTIMONIAL

The UOA is sponsoring a testimonial dinner on Tuesday, Nov. 20, 1973, at the Coral Ballroom, honoring Yoshinobu Oyakawa.

Mr. & Mrs. Oyakawa will be arriving from Cincinnati, Ohio, on Nov. 16. He is presently teaching and coaching at a high school there. Yoshi, a gold-medalist in the 100-meter back-stroke at Helsinki in 1952, will be inducted into the International Hall of Fame at Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, on Dec. 29, 1973. He is the son of the Rev. and Mrs. Edward Oyakawa of Kokokahi, Kaneohe.

Paul Miyashiro, president of Haneji Club, is spearheading this event. Tickets have been distributed to each Sonjinkai. Please encourage your members to attend this affair. It is indeed a great honor to our Okinawan community to have such a celebrated figure in our midst! A gala program is being planned for the evening.

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'73 BONENKAI

Plans for the '73 Bonenkai are being finalized by Executive Secretary Richard Zukemura, chairman, and his committee. The annual year-end party will be held on Saturday, December 22nd, at Kanraku Tea House, beginning at 6:00 p.m. Tickets will be sent to Sonjinkai presidents on Nov. 15. The cost is \$8.00 per person. Dress will be aloha attire.

Please mark this date on your calendars NOW and plan to join in the festivities. Besides the special guest introductions, each sonjinkai president will be introduced.

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PERSONALITIES IN THE NEWS

Mr. Choki Kanetake was one of three recipients of special awards presented at a special naturalization ceremony recently. Mr. Kanetake, a past president of UOA, received the Naturalized Citizen of the Year award.

George Kaneshiro, our energetic assistant executive secretary, was the winner of the Heitai Golf Club's July tournament. George is a second lieutenant in the Heitai Golf Club, which claims a number of UOA fellows in its membership.

Miss Cheryl Y. Nakasone, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Seiko Nakasone, participated in the Ryukyu Shinposha's annual Okinawan Dance Festival and won high praise for her performances. Cheryl has been a student of Mrs. Yoshiko Nakasone since she was seven. After graduating from the University in June, she left for Okinawa to further her studies in Okinawan dances from Mrs. Nakasone's teacher, Mr. Ryosho Kin. It is not surprising that Cheryl has received this high honor, as she comes from a very talented family. Her grandmother, Mrs. Nae Nakasone, is an instructor of Okinawan koto and her uncle, Harry Nakasone, is an instructor of the Okinawan shamisen and also teaches Okinawan music at the University.

Dennis Oshiro, who has been appearing on TV and radio programs in Tokyo for the past two years, returned in August for a performance on stage at the Nippon Theater. A graduate of McKinley High School in 1968, Dennis has made two recordings so far----"Ai wo wakete kudasai" and "Matsuri ga owatte." While visiting home, Dennis also sang at the Jubilee Irokai.

Textile designer Lester Miyashiro, has a studio in the back of Hawaii Times, which he shares with two other artists. Lester works and experiments with his dyeing techniques from 10:00 a.m. to 2 p.m. He will continue his education at the University in the spring. Lester's work was displayed at the Flora Pacifica in April and also at the Jubilee '73 cultural exhibit.

ON THE GOLDEN TEE

The UOA Golf Club final tournament for 1973 was held at the Olomana Golf Links on Labor Day, Sept. 3rd. There were 179 participants. The awards dinner was held at Olomana Inn, hosted by Larry Nakama. Trophies were presented to the winners in each flight and 24 dozen balls were distributed to placers. The following were winners in each flight:

"A" - Ray Shimabuku (He shared ties with Larry Kiyabu and Henry Nishihira but won the toss of coin); "B" - Bob Owan, Sr.; "C" - Tadashi Shiira; "D" - Wilfred Takushi; Overall Low Net - Robert Kaneshiro.

Everyone had a good time and are looking forward to the next tournament which will be held on February 18, 1974, Presidents' Day. Entry blanks will be mailed out in late January and 160 entries with payment will be accepted.

So all you golfers out there who were not so lucky this time, better get out and sharpen your swing!

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HUI O LAULIMA

On Sunday, Sept. 23rd, the ladies of Hui O Laulima and their guests were treated to a consumer education program, Maxi-Food for Mini-Money. Money saving ideas were presented by Eleanor Matsumoto of the Co-operative Extension Service at the University of Hawaii. "Plan your shopping," "Shop the specials," "Plant a garden," (Hear ye, Husbands!) suggested Miss Matsumoto.

Prior to the program held at the Victoria Inn in Kaimuki, the ladies enjoyed a delightful buffet luncheon. Lucky number prizes were won by many.

President Jane Sakima reminded the ladies of their annual service project of helping with the Xmas Seal Campaign. They were to meet on Oct. 6 and 13 for this.

Fifty four ladies were in attendance.

TOKYO JIRABAGA CLUB

In August, 45 members of the Tokyo Jirabaga Club arrived from Tokyo. The group was headed by Miss Suzie Setsuko Yamazato. Miss Yamazato formerly was an exchange student at the East-West Center. While there, she studied the various phases of the City Parks and Recreation Department.

The Tokyo Jirabagakai is made up of natives from Yaeyama island. They are either students or working young people who are interested in preserving their culture and exchanging good will among other people through this culture.

Having been informed of this group by Mrs. Ethel Mori of the City Parks and Recreation Dept., the UOA and Hui O Laulima hosted the group with a pot luck dinner at the Kapiolani Band Stand. The many varieties of food prepared by the Hui O Laulima ladies was enjoyed by all. After dinner, everyone joined the Jirabakai members in their dances.

The talented group performed at Kapiolani Band Stand on Friday, Aug. 24th, before an audience of over 600 people. Later they participated in the Jikoen Bon Dance and shared their unique bon odori.

The Jirabagakai has expressed gratitude for the hospitality shown them during their 5-day trip to Honolulu.

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OKINAWA DOCUMENTARY FILM

The UOA sponsored a documentary movie called "Moo-re" on June 20, 1973, at Jikoen Immigrant Memorial Hall. The Rev. Taiyu Nishiwaki of Los Angeles brought this film from Okinawa. Donations amounting to \$63.00 were received and donated to the UOA Scholarship Foundation.

This documentary movie consisted of the first cultural festival held in Okinawa last November and also included were historical events.

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IN MEMORIUM --- SHUNZO SAKAMAKI

The loss of a great friend was felt by the Okinawan Community with the passing of Dr. Shunzo Sakamaki on July 19, 1973.

Dr. Sakamaki was a noted scholar and former dean of the University of Hawaii Summer Session. He began his academic career in 1923 as a student at the University and was associated with it for most of his life.

Dr. Sakamaki was a specialist in the history of Okinawa. He wrote many monographs in academic journals and also authored and edited many books. Among his publications are: "Japan and the U.S., 1790-1853", "Ryukyuan Names", "Ryukyuan Research Resources at the University of Hawaii", and "Ryukyu; A Bibliographical Guide to Okinawan Studies." His library contained a large collection of rare research materials on Okinawa and Japan.

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HIGA JOINS U.S. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

Warren H. Higa, former deputy attorney general who handled the State's environmental cases, was recently sworn in as the newest member of the U.S. Attorney's office. He will be in charge of the several pending environmental suits involving the federal government, said U. S. Attorney Harold Fong.

Warren, son of Mr. Junichi Higa of Nago Chojin Kai, was with the State Attorney General's office for 2½ years.

After serving three years with the Army, Warren obtained his law degree from the University of Colorado in 1970.

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OKUMA HEADS STATE CRIME UNIT

Deputy Attorney General Ray Okuma has been appointed as the new head of the State Organized Crime Unit. Okuma was elevated from his role as deputy director of the crime unit, to succeed Dan Lee.

A graduate of the University of Hawaii and Georgetown University Law School, Ray Okuma was a former career officer with the Air Force Office of Special Investigation.

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