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SPEECH DELIVERED ON JANUARY 6, 1985

CENTENNIAL PROCLAMATION & RECOGNITION DAY
100th Anniversary of Japanese Immigration to Hawaii
Sheraton Waikiki Hotel
Honolulu, Hawaii

DURING THE YEAR-LONG OBSERVANCE OF THE 100TH
ANNIVERSARY OF THE ARRIVAL OF THE PIONEER CONTINGENT
OF JAPANESE IMMIGRANT FIELD WORKERS, MUCH WILL BE SAID
AND WRITTEN ABOUT THE GREAT SUCCESSES AND ACHIEVEMENTS
OF THE DESCENDANTS OF THESE BRAVE PIONEERS AND THOSE
WHO FOLLOWED--STORIES OF DISTINGUISHED ACADEMICIANS
AND ARTISTS; OF WORLD-RENOWN PHYSICIANS AND SCIENTISTS;
OF A GOVERNOR AND AN ASTRONAUT; OF OLYMPIAN GOLD MEDALISTS
AND WAR HEROES; OF U.S. SENATORS, CONGRESSMEN AND MAYORS;
OF OUTSTANDING LEADERS IN BUSINESS AND LABOR; OF MOVIE STARS
AND MILLIONAIRES; AND MANY, MANY MORE.

THESE SUCCESS STORIES ARE REAL, THEY ARE EXCITING
AND DRAMATIC, AND WORTHY OF PUBLIC RECITATION, BUT THEY MAY
BE TOLD AND RETOLD TO THE POINT WHERE SOME MAY LOSE SIGHT
OF THE SIGNIFICANCE, THE BRAVERY AND THE SACRIFICES OF THE
EARLY IMMIGRANT FIELD WORKERS.

LEST WE FORGET, MAY I RESPECTFULLY SUGGEST THAT
THOUGH TODAY'S GENERATIONS OF DESCENDANTS MAY REPRESENT
THOUSANDS OF INSPIRING SUCCESS STORIES, WE SUCCEEDED
BECAUSE OF A PRICELESS LEGACY WHICH WE INHERITED FROM
THESE EARLY IMMIGRANTS.

THIS LEGACY WAS NOT OF MATERIAL WEALTH OR
VAST ESTATES--THEY WERE POOR CONTRACT LABORERS AND ILLITERACY
WAS COMMONPLACE.

VERY FEW WERE ELOQUENT IN LANGUAGE OR ARTICULATE
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---THEY TAUGHT US THE IMPORTANCE OF HARD WORK,
DILIGENCE, PERSISTENCE AND PATIENCE.

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IN THEIR SIMPLE AND HUMBLE MANNER, THROUGH
THEIR SACRIFICES AND ORDEALS, THEY GAVE US ^{THESE} GIFTS MORE
PRECIOUS THAN GOLD. THEY GAVE US LIFE WITH MEANING AND
LIFE WITH VALUE.

AND SO, LET US SPEAK OF OUR GRATITUDE TO OUR
PARENTS, GRANDPARENTS, ^{and} GREAT GRANDPARENTS AND LET US
DEMONSTRATE THIS GRATITUDE BY PASSING THIS PRECIOUS LEGACY
OF HUMAN VALUES TO OUR CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN.

WE CAN DO NO LESS.

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SPEECH DELIVERED ON JANUARY 6, 1985
CENTENNIAL PROCLAMATION & RECOGNITION DAY
100TH ANNIVERSARY OF JAPANESE IMMIGRATION TO HAWAII

SHERATON WAIKIKI HOTEL
HONOLULU, HAWAII

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TO: Senator Inouye
FROM: Chris Pablo
SUBJECT: History of Japanese Immigration To Hawaii

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Center at Jefferson Hall

December 4, 1984

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SUMMARY

[Except where otherwise indicated, the primary source of material is Immigrants And Their Contribution To Hawaii, hereinafter referred to "Immigrants".]

Introduction [Immigrants, Chapter 1]

By 1850 sugar had become the hope and mainstay of the Hawaiian economy. However, sugar cultivation called for field laborers which by nature and numbers, the natives were unable to meet. The need for plantation labor brought about the enactment of the Master and Servants Act of 1850 which gave the planters the legal basis for the shipping and control of laborers into the islands.

The first to be imported under this Act were the Chinese in 1852. In 1867 the Hawaiian Immigration Bureau was established to regulate the import of laborers. Hawaii sought to import Portugese and other European laborers , but the cheapest and most accessible source of labor supply was China. During the period 1852 and 1882 13,5000 Chinese emigrated to Hawaii, but by 1882 there were only 5,000 remaining on the plantations. The Chinese had left the plantations as soon as their contracts had expired and had branched out into such trades as shopkeeping and rice cultivation. This was regarded as encroachment on the white man's prerogative and the Chinese were no longer regarded as suited for Hawaii's sugar economy.

In 1874 King David Kalakaua assumed the throne and continued to press for immigration from Japan. Efforts were made through diplomatic channels, but the Japan Foreign Ministry's position remained unchanged. They were opposed to labor contracts that exceeded one year.

In 1881 King David Kalakaua met with Emperor Meiji while on a voyage around the world. He encouraged the Emperor to send people to work as sugar plantation

[It is interesting to note that King Kalakaua also requested the cooperation of Japan in seeking a matrimonial arrangement between Princess Kaiulani, his niece and heir, and Prince Sadamaro Yamashina of the Japanese Imperial family and also to consider an alliance between the two nations to engage in a joint venture to develop the Pacific area.--See Immigrants-Chapter 2]

Between 1882-1884 the governments negotiated the terms under which contract labor was to be conducted. In 1884 Captain Curtis P. Iaukea, a special envoy to Hawaii Foreign Minister Walter Murray Gibson, was dispatched to Japan to deliver a new proposal whose terms would govern contract labor. Foreign Minister Kaoru Inouye replied most favorably to the proposal in April 1884.

Terms of Labor Contract

1. Hawaiian government would furnish free steerage passage, including food, on the voyage between Yokohama and Honolulu for the laborers, their wives and children.
2. Employment would be guaranteed for three years in Hawaii.
3. Hawaiian government would make rice available for emigrants at less than 5¢ per pound.
4. Workday: 26 days a month, 19 hours per day at field labor, or 12 hours per day in sugar mills.
5. Wages: \$9.00 month for males, \$6.00 for females, in addition, they received a subsistence allowance of \$6.00 and \$4.00 respectively.
6. Medical care, living quarters, and firewood for cooking were to be furnished free of charge and emigrants were to be exempted from head-tax assessments for a period of three years.

7. A compulsory savings of 25% of the workers gross wages earned was deducted and placed in a savings account maintained at the Postal Savings Bank and handled through the Japanese consulate in Honolulu. [At the end of three years, a male would have accumulated \$234 plus interest, while a female would have saved \$162 plus interest.] This savings account was intended to provide funds for the return trip to Japan at the end of the contract period.

[Immigrants, Chapt. 3, pp. 89-92]

The First Arrival--"City of Tokyo"-February 8, 1885

On January 20, 1885 944 emigrants boarded the "City of Tokyo" at Yokohama. They were accompanied by Hawaiian Consul R. W. Irwin and his family; Consul Jiro Nakamura (Japan Consul General in Hawaii) and his wife; Viscount Tadafuji Torii; and also by Johji Nakayama, who later assumed the position of Inspector-in-Chief of the Japanese Section of the Hawaii Bureau of Immigration.

The vessel was quarantined in the small port of Nagaura for a week as a precautionary health measure before starting out on her voyage.

The two week journey would take them to Honolulu where the majority of the passengers were to begin working on a three-year labor contract for Hawaii's sugar planters. This group was fortunate because 28,000 persons had applied for the initial 600 slots, later on an additional 350 slots were added.

The people came from Yokohama and the southwest prefectures of Yamaguchi, Fukuoka, Kumamoto and Hiroshima as "Hawaii Netsu" or "fever" spread calling for laborers to work on the sugar plantations in far off Hawaii. [See **Table 1--Immigration Prefectures**] Immigrants were divided into groups according to place of origin and leaders were appointed to take charge of the respective groups.

The first contingent of emigrants was composed of:

<u>Agricultural Workers</u>	
610	male agricultural workers
158	women
58	boys
37	girls
<u>Servants</u>	
56	male servants
27	women
11	boys
11	girls

[Source: Immigrants, Chapt. 4, p. 94]

This first group of government contract laborers arrived in Honolulu on February 8, 1885. They were warmly welcomed by the Hawaiians and Caucasians that came to greet them. King Kalakaua visited them at their quarters to personally welcome them to Hawaii and directed that they be entertained. The people of Hawaii were generous to these newcomers, offering them gifts of hats and clothing.

The Second Arrival--"Yamashiro Maru"--June 17, 1885

On June 17, 1885, 988 passengers arrived aboard the "Yamashiro Maru". With word that a number of workers were being mistreated on the plantations, the Japanese government sent Special Commissioner Katsurosuke Inouye to investigate. The Commissioner was given the authority to send back these passengers unless the Hawaiian government could assure him that the rights of the Japanese workers could be protected.

Commissioner Inouye conducted a month-long study of the working conditions in the islands. He recognized the need for an official treaty to protect his fellow countrymen while abroad. Emigration was halted until early 1886 when the Immigration Convention was signed by both Japan and Hawaii.

The Third Arrival--"City of Peking"--February 14, 1886

A third group consisting of 927 Japanese immigrants arrived in Hawaii on February 14, 1886 aboard the "City of Peking" or "Peking Maru".

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Statistical Summary of Japanese Immigration To Hawaii

1. Government Contract Period: 1885-1894 26 ships arrived	29,069
2. Private Contract Period: 1894-1900	56,579
3. Free Immigration Period: 1900-1907	71,281
4. Restrict Immigration Period: 1908-1924	<u>61,489</u> 218,418

[See **Table 2--Immigration Statistics** Immigrants,
Chapter 7]

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IMMIGRANTS AND THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TO HAWAII

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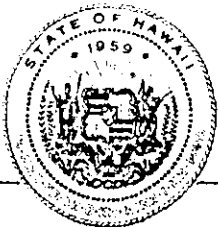
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PRELIMINARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

1985

100th Anniversary of Japanese Immigration to Hawaii

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DECEMBER 1984

8-12 Kimono Goodwill Mission to Hawaii, a delegation of 500 from Japan to promote goodwill and the traditional kimono garment (contact: Takao Toba, Nippon Express Hawaii, tel. 922-5795)

JANUARY 1985

1 (TUE) Publication of souvenir 100th anniversary edition of Cherry Blossom Festival Directory (contact: Japanese Junior Chamber of Commerce, tel. 949-2255)

6 (SUN) Publication of special supplement on Japanese immigration to Hawaii by Hawaii Newspaper Agency (contact: Hawaii Newspaper Agency, tel. 525-7486)

6 (SUN) Kick-Off Program and Proclamation Ceremony for 100th Anniversary Celebration, Sheraton-Waikiki Hotel (contact: Governor's Coordinating Committee, tel. 548-8597)

8-FEB 17 Tadashi Sato: Recent Paintings, an art exhibit at the Honolulu Academy of Arts (contact: Mark Lofstrom, Honolulu Academy of Arts, tel. 538-3693, ext. 247)

9-20 Hiroshima Trade Fair, Daiei Holiday Mart (contact: Takao Hedani, The Daiei (USA) Inc., tel. 949-6155)

*Please refer any corrections or additions
to this Calendar to Gerry Mishina, tel. 548-8597*

FEBRUARY 1985

Publication of Pictorial History of the Japanese in Hawai'i: 1885-1924, Hawaii Immigrant Heritage Preservation Center, Bishop Museum
(contact: Kazuko Sinoto, tel. 847-3511, ext. 171)

- 3 (SUN) Centennial Fashion Show, "Hyaku Nen Sai," Hilton Hawaiian Village
(contact: Mrs. Ruth Ono, Governor's Coordinating Committee, tel. 547-4306)
- 8 (FRI) *This day is the 100th anniversary of the arrival of first shipload of 944 Japanese contract-worker immigrants on the S.S. CITY OF TOKYO.*
- 8 (FRI) Opening Ceremony and Reception of A Centennial Celebration of the Japanese in Hawaii: A Pictorial Record, Hawaii Immigrant Heritage Preservation Center, Bishop Museum
(contact: Dora Jacroux, Kazuko Sinoto, HIHPC, tel. 847-3511, ext. 171)
- 8-DEC 31 A Centennial Celebration of the Japanese in Hawaii: A Pictorial Record, Hawaii Immigrant Heritage Preservation Center, Bishop Museum

The photo exhibit will also be shown in Japan from June to September 1985, and the Neighbor Islands from October to December 1985.
- 8 (FRI) Dinner Banquet to commemorate centennial of the arrival of S.S. City of Tokio
(contact: Honolulu Japanese Chamber of Commerce, tel. 949-5531)

FEBRUARY 1985

- 8 (FRI) Centennial Banquet, Ala Moana Americana Hotel, Nuuanu
Congregational Church
(contact: Mrs. Toyo Nakamura, tel. 595-3935)
- 10 (SUN) Centennial Worship Service, followed by planting of cherry
trees from Japan, Nuuanu Congregational Church
(contact: Mrs. Toyo Nakamura, tel. 595-3935)
- 16 (SAI) Heritage Conference, a public seminar on tracing your roots,
Hawaiian Regent Hotel
(contact: Governor's Coordinating Committee, tel. 548-8597)
- Date(s) to be determined Nihon Hoso Kyokai (NHK) Documentary on Japanese Immigration
to Hawaii

MARCH 1985

2-3 (SAT/SUN)

International Goodwill Kyudo (Archery) Tournament
(contact: Reverend Fujino, Hawaii Kyudo Association)

6-APR 7

The "Fukusa" Exhibit, Honolulu Academy of Arts
(contact: Mrs. Ruth Ono, The Queen's Medical Center, tel. 547-4306)

26-31

Japan-USA Goodwill Hawaii Walkathon
(contact: Nippon Express Hawaii, Inc., tel. 923-8363)

24-APR 12

Cherry Blossom Festival
(contact: Japanese Junior Chamber of Commerce, tel. 949-2255)

March

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| 24 | Samurai 6K Fun Run, Manoa |
| 24 | Red & White Song Festival |
| 27 | Golf Tournament |
| 28-30 | Culture Show/Cooking Show, NBC Exhibition Hall
Frank DeLima Show
Poster Contest
Essay Contest
Children's Song Contest |
| 30 | East Show, NBC Concert Hall |
| 31 | Queen Pageant, NBC Concert Hall |

April

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| 12 | Coronation Ball, Sheraton-Waikiki |
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APRIL 1985

24-MAY 26

"East and West: The Prints of Sadao Watanabe," a retrospective exhibition of 45 stencil prints, Honolulu Academy of Arts (contact: Mrs. Toyo Nakamura, Nuuanu Congregational Church, tel. 595-3935)

Date(s) to be determined

Publication of Commemorative Magazine on 100th Anniversary of Japanese Immigration to Hawaii (contact: Kenji Goto, Oahu Kanyaku Imin Committee, tel. 488-1005)

MAY 1985

5 (SUN)

Fashion Show, Japanese Women's Society

30-JUN 8

1st Annual Festival of the Pacific (contact: Harry Cooper, tel. 944-8857)

21-JUN 30

Paintings of Japan by Theodore Wores, art exhibit at the Honolulu Academy of Arts (contact: Mark Lofstrom, Honolulu Academy of Arts, telephone 538-3693, ext. 247)

Date(s) to be determined

Conference on Japanese Immigration to Hawaii (contact: Dr. Margaret Oda, Japanese Women's Society, tel. 548-5972)

JUNE 1985

7-8-9 (FRI/
SAT/SUN)

The Itsuki Hiroshi Show, NBC Concert Hall
(contact: Melanie's Productions, tel. 689-8475)

12-16

Cultural Exhibit at NBC Exhibition Hall
(contact: Dr. James Okahata, Oahu Kanyaku Imin Committee,
tel. 595-3305)

13 (THU)

Presentation of Floral Bouquet at King Kalakaua's Crypt
(contact: Kenji Goto, Oahu Kanyaku Imin Committee, tel. 488-1005)

15 (SAT)

Arrival in Honolulu of Representatives of Japanese Imperial
Family and other dignitaries from Japan
(contact: Kenji Goto, Oahu Kanyaku Imin Committee, tel. 488-1005)

15-19

Goodwill Conference of American-Japanese Buddhists General Meeting, Sheraton Waikiki Hotel; other sessions at temples and hotels in Honolulu
(contact: JTB International, Inc. tel. 922-0200)

16 (SUN)

Wreath Laying Ceremony at National Memorial Cemetery of the
Pacific by Their Imperial Highnesses
(contact: Kenji Goto, Oahu Kanyaku Imin Committee, tel. 488-1005)

16 (SUN)

Opening Ceremony, Kanyaku Imin Centennial, NBC Arena, with
Their Imperial Highnesses participating
(contact: Kenji Goto, Oahu Kanyaku Imin Committee. tel. 488-1005)



JUNE 1985

- 16 (SUN) Centennial Opening Banquet, Sheraton-Waikiki Hotel, with Their Imperial Highnesses participating
(contact: AJA Veterans Association)
- 17 (MON) *This day is the 100th anniversary of the arrival of second ship, YAMASHIRO MARU, with 988 contract-worker immigrants from Japan.*
- 17 (MON) Their Imperial Highnesses to visit Leeward Oahu.

Luncheon hosted by Wahiawa Japanese Civic Association and planting of commemorative Okinawa sakura
(contact: Kenji Goto, Oahu Kanyaku Imin Committee, tel. 488-1005)
- 17 (MON) Memorial Service to honor deceased immigrants, with Their Imperial Highnesses in attendance
(contact: Kenji Goto, Oahu Kanyaku Imin Committee, tel. 488-1005)
- 17-21 Western Governors' Conference, including participation by Governors from Japan, the Pacific, and Southeast Asia, at Hawaii Imin International Conference Center at Jefferson Hall
- 18 (TUE) Their Imperial Highnesses to visit Lanai and Molokai.

(If trip to Lanai and Molokai does not materialize, they will visit University of Hawaii, East-West Center, Honolulu Academy of Arts, etc.)
(contact: Kenji Goto, Oahu Kanyaku Imin Committee, tel. 488-1005)
- 18 (TUE) Governor's Reception in honor of Their Imperial Highnesses.

Presentation of King Kalakaua artifacts to representatives of Iolani Palace.

JUNE 1985

- 19 (WED) Their Imperial Highnesses to visit Arizona Memorial,
Bishop Museum, Hawaii Immigrant Heritage Preservation
Center
(contact: Kenji Goto, Oahu Kanyaku Imin Committee, tel. 488-1005)
- 19 (WED) Planting of commemorative tree by Their Imperial Highnesses
(contact: Kenji Goto, Oahu Kanyaku Imin Committee, tel. 488-1005)
- 19 (WED) Consul General of Japan's Reception in honor of Their
Imperial Highnesses
- 20 (THU) Their Imperial Highnesses to leave for Kauai to participate
in commemorative events on Kauai
- 21 (FRI) Their Imperial Highnesses depart Kauai for Maui to
participate in commemorative events on Maui
- 21-22 (FRI/SAT) Bon Dance in memory of deceased immigrants in Honolulu
(contact: Hawaii Buddhist Council, c/o JTB International, Inc.,
tel. 922-0200)
- 21-25 "Matsuri in Hawaii"
(contact: Kintetsu International Express (USA), Inc., tel. 923-2951)
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| June 21 | Bon Dance |
| 22-23 | Matsuri Plaza |
| 23 | Parade |
| 24 | Japan-Hawaii Gateball Tournament |
| 25 | Matsuri Special Show |

JUNE 1985

22 (SAT) Their Imperial Highnesses depart Maui for Hilo to participate in commemorative events in Hilo

22-AUG 22 Japanese-American Artists of Hawaii, an art exhibit at the Contemporary Arts Center
(contact: Mrs. Ruth Ono, Queen's Medical Center, tel. 547-4306)

23 (SUN) Their Imperial Highnesses leave Hilo for Kona to participate in commemorative events in Kona

23 (SUN) Their Imperial Highnesses return to Honolulu from Kona

23 (SUN) Aloha Luau in honor of Their Imperial Highnesses, Hilton Hawaiian Village
(contact: Kenji Goto, Oahu Kanyaku Imin Committee, tel. 488-1055)

24 (MON) Their Imperial Highnesses depart for Japan

date(s) to be determined Asahikawa Trade Show
(contact: Honolulu Japanese Chamber of Commerce, tel. 949-5531)

date(s) to be determined Overseas Japanese Media Association Meeting (tentative).
(contact: Paul Yempuku, Hawaii Hochi, tel. 845-2255)

JUNE 1985

date(s) to be
determined

Commemorative Promotion and Exhibit of Kimono by Liberty
House
(contact: Shirley McKown, Liberty House, tel. 941-2345)

JULY 1985

1-4

Nichiren Shoshu - Soka Gakkai of America Convention
with 30,000 participants from the U.S., 3,000 from Japan
(contact: Andy Hiram, Nichiren Shoshu-Soka Gakkai of America,
tel. 595-6324/6072)

28-31

Conference on the Changing Facets of Buddhism General
Meeting, University of Hawaii; workshops at Ala Moana
Americana Hotel
(contact: Hawaii Buddhist Council, c/o JTB International, Inc.
tel. 922-0200)

date(s) to be
determined

Hiroshima-Honolulu Student Exchange Program conducted by
YMCA of Honolulu
(contact Robert Masuda, YMCA of Honolulu, tel. 531-3558)

AUGUST 1985

31-SEPT 1
(SAT/SUN)

United Okinawan Association Festival, McCoy Pavilion,
Ala Moana Park
(contact: Gary Mijo, United Okinawan Association, tel. 546-8990)

date(s) to be
determined

Hawaii-Japan Aloha Games Festival conducted by YMCA of Honolulu
(contact: Robert Masuda, YMCA of Honolulu, tel. 531-3558)

SEPT 1985

1-15 Art Exhibit sponsored by Honolulu Japanese Chamber of
Commerce
(contact: Honolulu Japanese Chamber of Commerce, tel. 949-5531)

11-OCT 8 "Bijin Ga," -- Beautiful Women of Japan, an exhibit at the
Academy of Arts featuring paintings, prints, kimono, laquer-
ware, ceramics featuring women of Japan, Academy of Arts
(contact: Dr. Howard Link, Academy of Arts, tel. 538-3693)

19-OCT 26 Aloha Week Festival in Hawaii; special salute to 100th
Anniversary of Japanese Immigration to Hawaii
(contact: Harry Cooper, Aloha Week Festival, tel. 944-8857)

28 (SAT) Aloha Week Festival Parade

date(s) to be Japan Gateball Association
determined (contact: JTB International, Inc., tel. 922-0200)

date(s) to be 100th Anniversary Commemorative Program sponsored by the
determined Fukuoka Prefectural Government

OCTOBER 1985

date(s) to be Aloha Week Festivals on the Neighbor Islands
determined (contact: Harry Cooper, Aloha Week Festival, tel. 944-8857)

NOVEMBER 1985

DECEMBER 1985

15 (SUN)

Closing Ceremony
(contact: Governor's Coordinating Committee, tel. 548-8597)

date(s) to be
determined

History of Kanyaku Imin, a history of Japanese in Hawaii
published by the Hawaii Hochi
(contact: Paul Yempuku, Hawaii Hochi, tel. 845-2255)

ACTIVITIES FOR WHICH DATES HAVE NOT BEEN DETERMINED

Japanese Immigrant Clothing: 1885-1985, an exhibition of clothing worn by Japanese immigrants
(contact: Ann Asakura-Kimura, Temari, tel. 735-1860 or 735-1943)

SUTEISHI: Stepping Stones on the Way, illuminating cultural history and ethnic heritage through the media of dance
(contact: Akiko Masuda, Akiko Dance Company, tel. 536-2062)

Recognition Ceremonies for Senior Citizens 88 Years and Over on the Neighbor Islands

Japan-Hawaii Economic Council 14th General Meeting, Hawaii
Imin International Conference Center at Jefferson Hall
(contact: Thomas Sakata, Japan-Hawaii Economic Council, tel. 923-1811)

Opening and Dedication of Hawaii Imin International Conference Center at Jefferson Hall

Issuance of Commemorative Postage Stamps by Japan and U.S. Postal Service (tentative)

Ohara Flower Arrangement School 20th Anniversary Exhibition

Sankei Shimbun Cultural and Folk Dance Festival

Special Supplement on 100th Anniversary of Japanese Immigration to Hawaii by Hawaii Tribune Herald
(contact: Jim H. Wilson, Hawaii Tribune Herald, tel. Hawaii 935-6621)

Japan Shipbuilding Foundation Martial Arts Festival

All-Japan Prefectural Products Exhibition

Japan Prefectural Tourism Conference

Japan Lions Meeting in Hawaii

Japan Chamber of Commerce Women's Association Meeting

Oral History Project

(contact: Governor's Coordinating Committee, tel. 548-8597)

Statewide Forestation Project

(contact: Governor's Coordinating Committee, tel. 548-8597)

In addition to projects listed in the Calendar, the Nuuanu Congregational Church will conduct these centennial programs:

1. Meeting of the Hawaii Conference, United Church of Christ
2. Asian Theology Endowment Fund, to establish a Chair in Asian Theology at Hawaii Loa College
3. Printing of The Biography of Shiro Sokabe, one of the first ministers in Hawaii
4. Printing of Centennial Cookbook
5. Historical Research of Nuuanu Congregational Church
6. Oral History Project of Issei members of Church
7. Investigate procedures on how to go about building senior citizen housing
8. Centennial Mission Tour of Japan
9. Conduct programs in Honolulu featuring Dr. Masao Takenaka of Doshisha University of Japan

News-special Documentary on the 1885 contract migrants from Yamaguchi Prefecture and the Japanese impact on Hawaii
(contact: Bob Jones, KGMB-TV News, tel. 944-5200)

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INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE CENTER
AT JEFFERSON HALL*



*For the 1985
Japanese Immigration Centennial
in Hawaii*

THE NEED

TO HELP MARK THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY,
IN 1985, OF THE START OF
JAPANESE IMMIGRATION TO HAWAII,
THROUGH A MEANINGFUL AND
APPROPRIATE PROJECT.

"YESTERDAY"

In 1876 when the Hawaiian islands were an unknown speck in the Pacific, the Hawaiian Kingdom signed a Reciprocity Treaty with the United States of America allowing Hawaiian sugar to enter the U.S. duty free.

This paved the way for island sugar plantations to expand far beyond the capacity of the tiny kingdom's population of 54,000. In today's terms that

would fill only about one half of a modern football dome.

Therefore the kingdom solicited immigration from many countries.

Among the immigrants that came were the Japanese contract immigrants—"Kanyaku imin"—whose industriousness and determination would take permanent root in these tiny Pacific isles.

THE PROGRAM

TO MAKE A LASTING MEMORIAL CONTRIBUTION
TO THE COMMUNITY, ONE WHICH
WOULD DO CREDIT TO THE DREAMS
OF THOSE FIRST "IMIN" AND
THE MANY WHO CAME AFTER THEM.

"TODAY"

The "imin" brought with them a strong work ethic and respect for education that enabled them to grow as the islands grew, out of a plantation era and into the twentieth century.

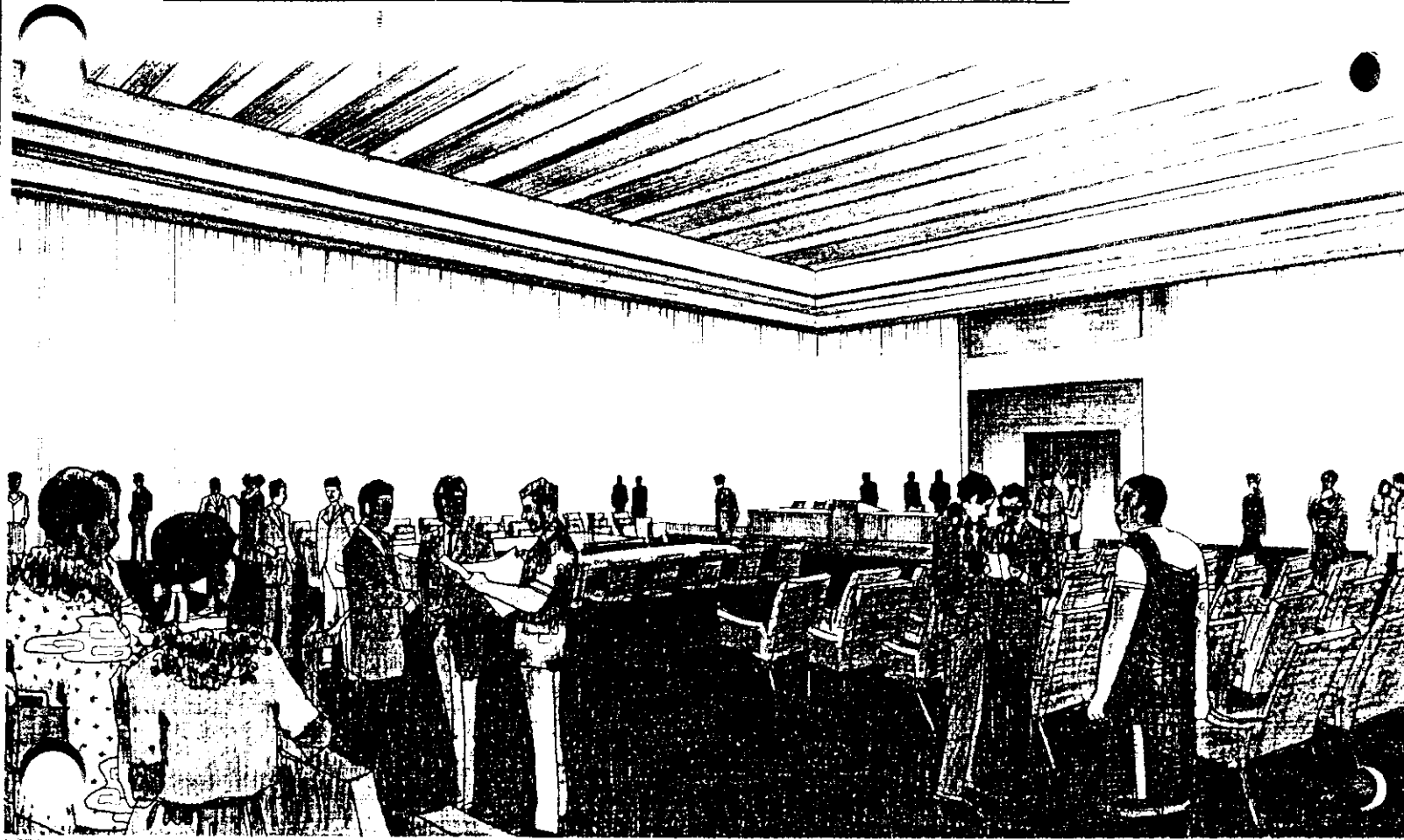
They also developed a loyalty to their new home, a loyalty which flowered in the World War II achievements of Hawaii's famed Nisei Battalion, the highly decorated 442nd Infantry.

By the time Hawaii blended into the rest of the Union and in 1959 became

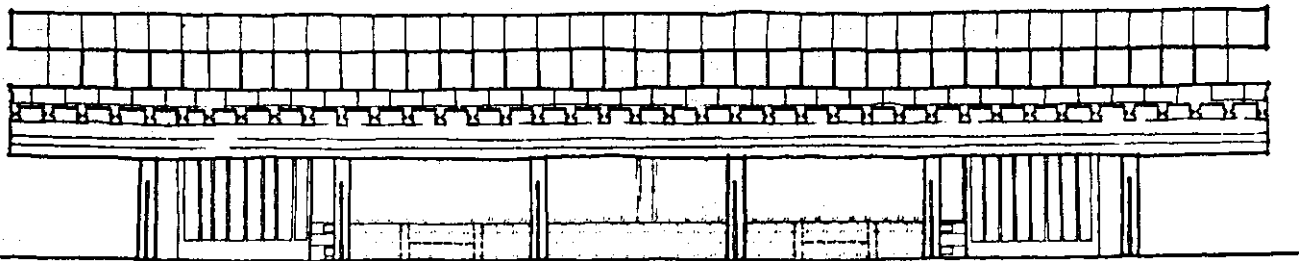
the 50th of the United States of America, the imin's descendants were approximately one third of the state's population, with hard-won, full scale representation in the government and economy of "The Aloha State."

Today, on the eve of the Japanese Immigration Centennial in Hawaii, our entire community can share and claim a portion of pride in the islands' achievements of those 100 years.

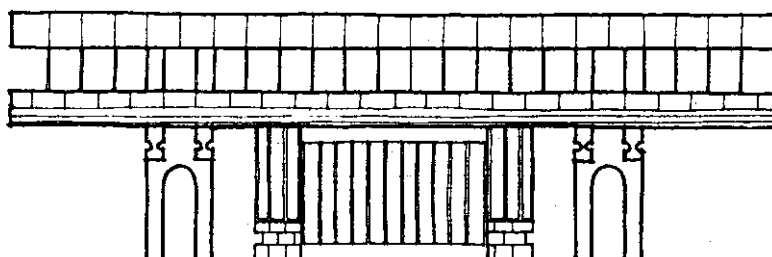
HAWAII IMIN CONFERENCE CENTER AT JEFFERSON HALL



Main Assembly Hall



West Elevation



End Elevation

THE PROJECT

A new, major international conference center to be built in 1985 as the centerpiece of the Japanese Immigration Centennial in Hawaii.

It will be a modern, state-of-the-art facility for international cultural, scientific, and technical meetings. It will also be suitable for major international conferences involving heads of state and other high officials.

THE LOCATION

The center will be in Jefferson Hall at the East-West Center in Manoa Valley, Honolulu. The building, designed by the internationally famous American architect, I.M. Pei, formerly served as the administration headquarters for the East-West Center. As key offices have gradually transferred to another building on campus, Jefferson Hall itself is available for complete interior reconstruction as a conference center.

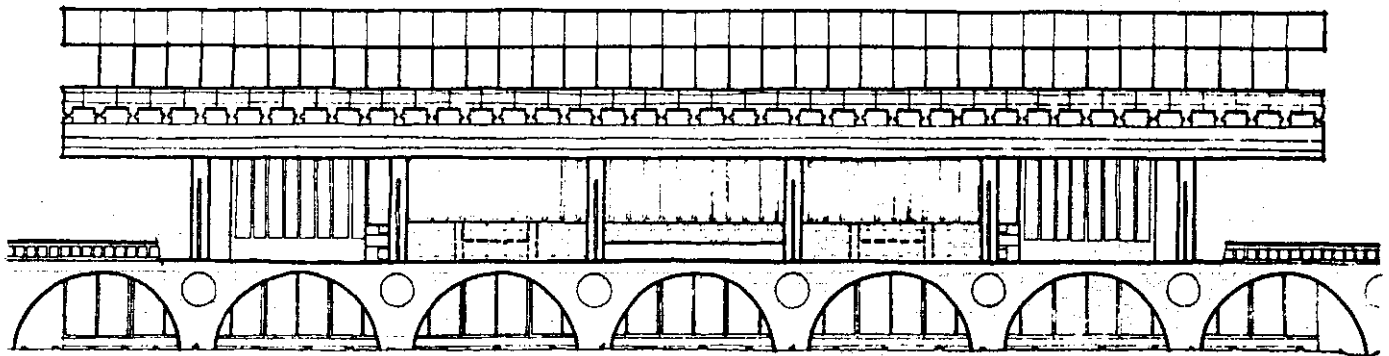
THE COST

The required \$4 million will be raised through private contributions from individuals, corporations, foundations, and estates in Hawaii, other states, and Japan.

THE SPONSORING ORGANIZATION

The Hawaii Imin Centennial Corporation, a non-profit corporation, was formed in 1983 from interested community groups.

East Elevation



On behalf of
HAWAII IMIN CENTENNIAL CORPORATION (HICC)



GEORGE R. ARIYOSHI

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Governor, State of Hawaii
President, HICC

"For generations to come, the Hawaii Imin Conference Center at Jefferson Hall will be a fitting symbol of the Japanese immigrants to Hawaii, embodying their traditional love of education, respect for learning, and desire for consensus."



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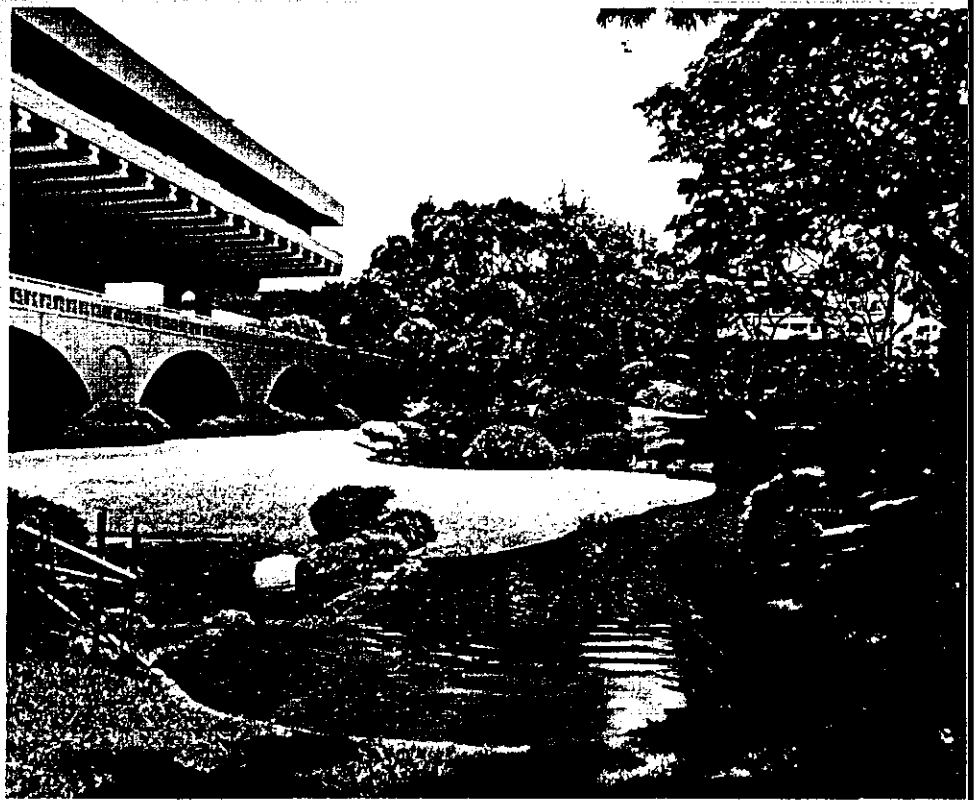
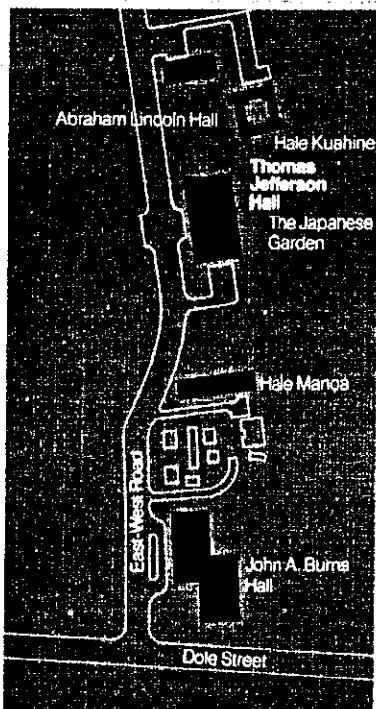
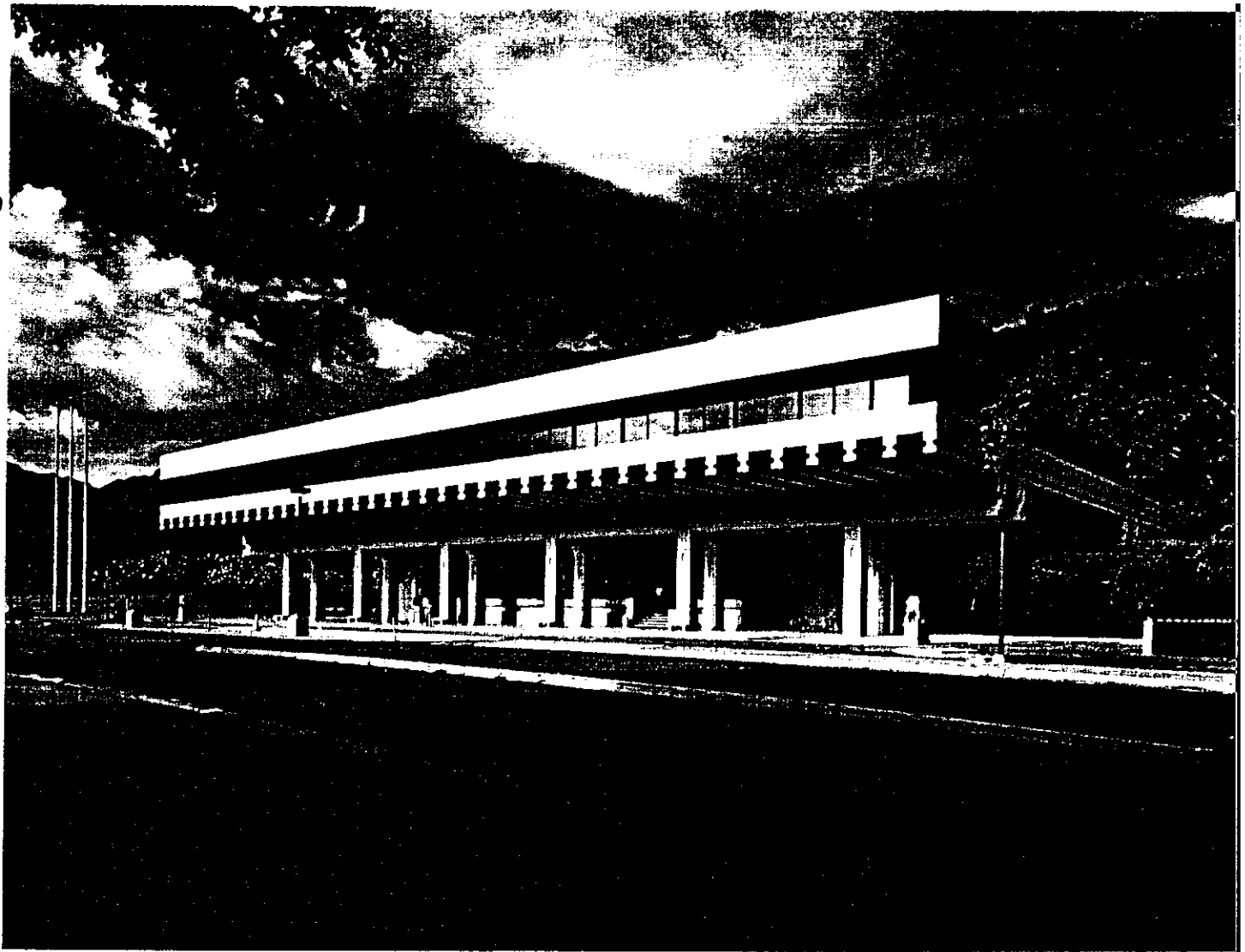
"The on-campus location of the planned conference center and the surrounding environment of the University of Hawaii and the East-West Center are just right for the coming together of people and ideas from many countries. The existing Japanese landscaping, a gift of a group of businessmen in Japan—the Keidanren—and others, is harmonious with the new conference center."



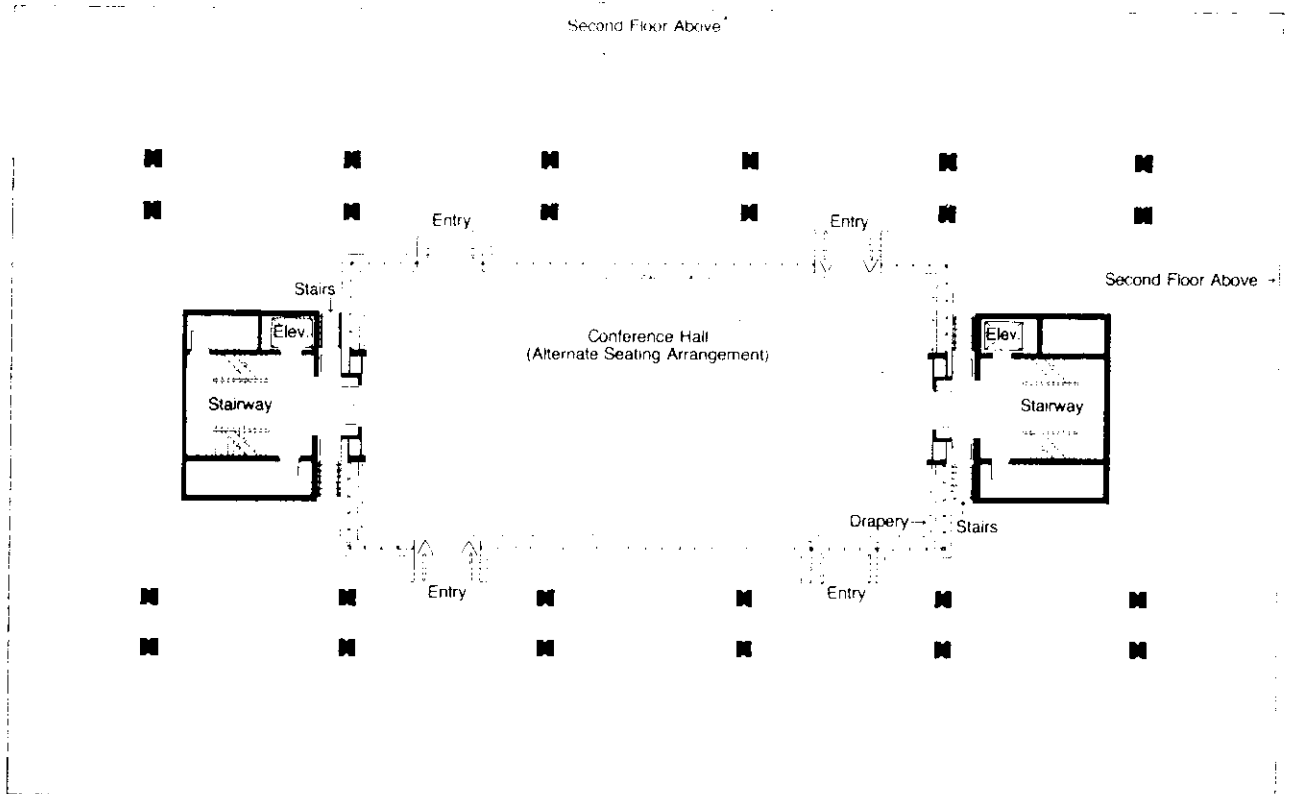
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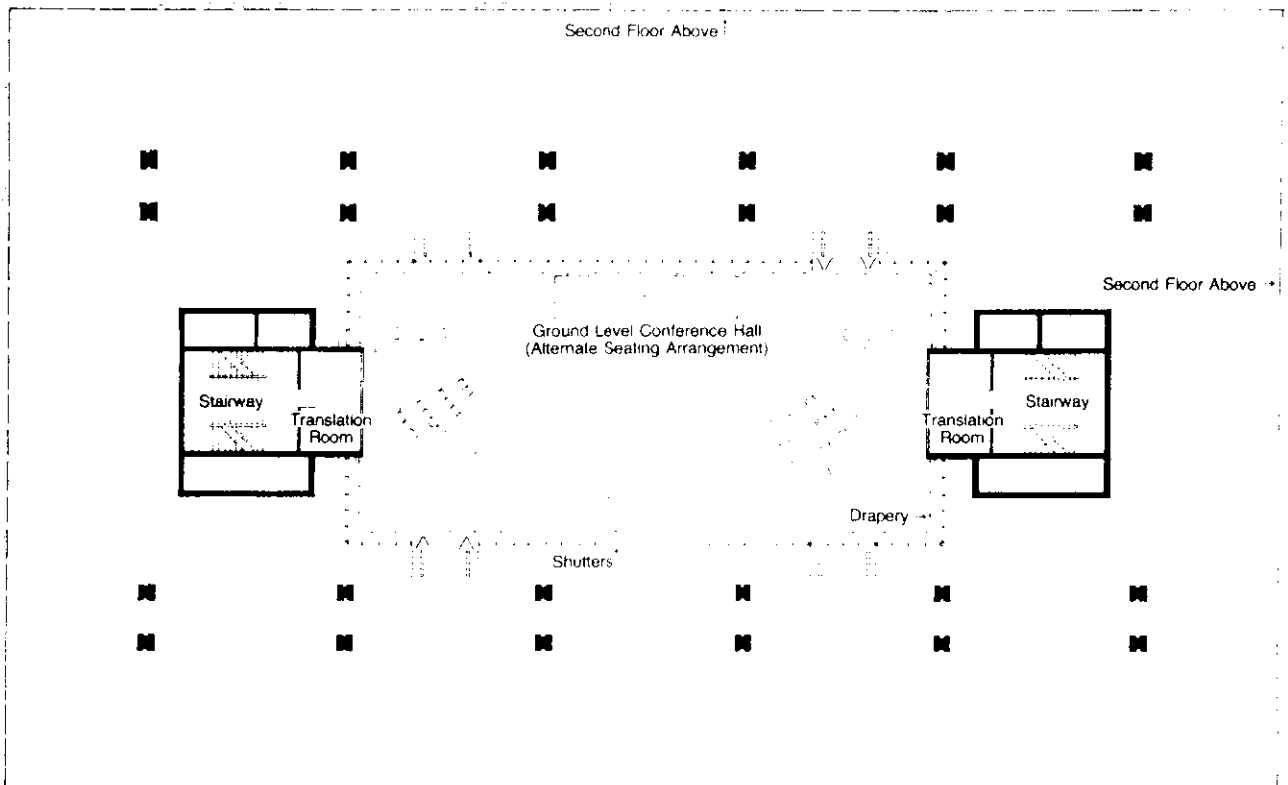
"Hawaii is a vital link in the story of overseas Japanese and a most fitting place for a conference center memorializing the first Japanese immigrants. The East-West Center, as a living bridge between both sides of the Pacific, is indeed an ideal place for the project."



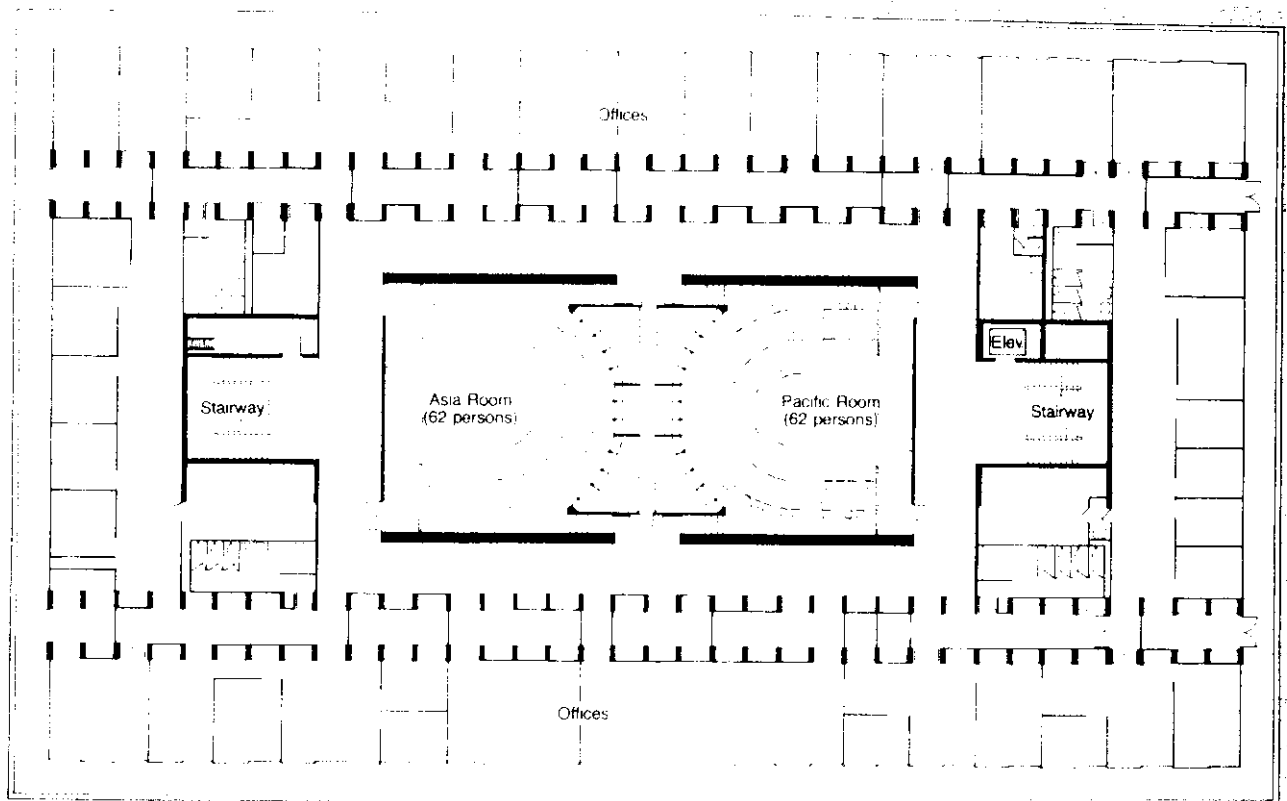
Ground Level Conference Facility



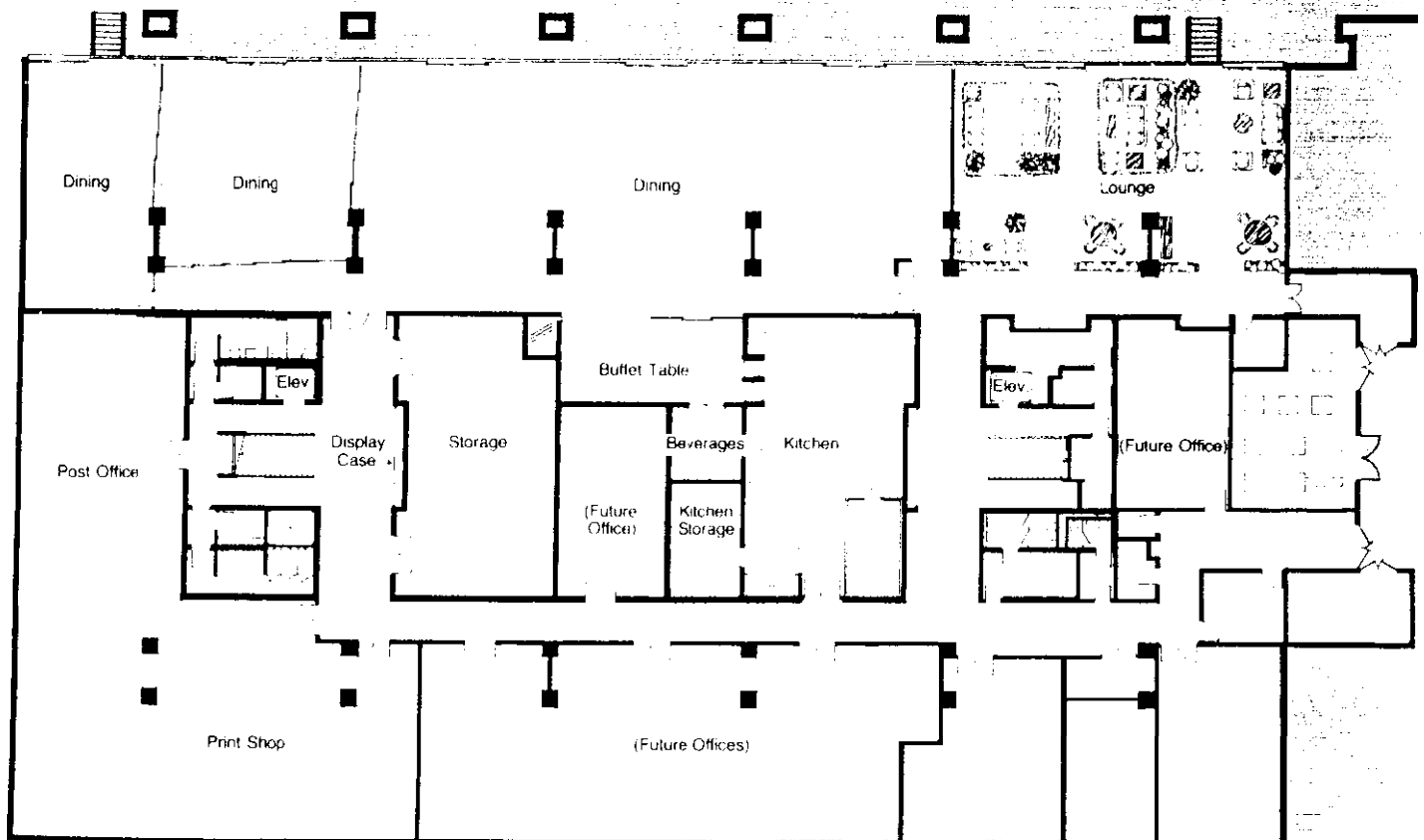
Balcony Level



Second Floor Meeting Rooms



Lower Level Dining, Lounge And Offices



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Arriving in Hawaii



Working the fields



Going to war



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Participating politically



Building toward tomorrow

