

State Capitol building

Senator Daniel K. Inouye Papers

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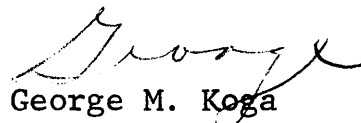
Honorable Daniel K. Inouye, M.C.
House of Representatives
United States Congress
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dan:

May I express to you, again, the heartfelt thanks of Bob Midkiff and myself for your time, effort and support on behalf of the cause which we are advocating in connection with the State Capitol Building.

We are both very pleased that your colleagues have been impressed by the brochure on the Capitol Building. If you wish more copies, please let me know.

Yours very truly,


George M. Koga

GMK:hm

April 18, 1961

Honorable George M. Koga
State House of Representatives
Iolani Palace
Honolulu, Hawaii

Dear George:

Thank you for your gracious note of April 11, 1961
with a copy of the report entitled, "A CAPITOL FOR THE
STATE OF HAWAII."

I have shown this report to several of my colleagues
and they have been vastly impressed.

Sincerely,

DANIEL K. INOUE
Member of Congress

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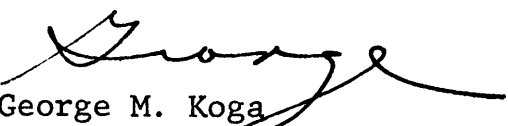
Dear Dan:

Thank you very much for your wholehearted support of
the State Capitol Building project.

Your forthright and unequivocal public statements
provided a big and much needed boost for the spirits of
the proponents of the designated capitol site, including
Bob Midkiff and myself.

I have enclosed herewith another copy of the report
which I hope you will leave in your office for consumption
by visitors to your office.

Yours very truly,


George M. Koga

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Enclosure

April 3, 1961

State Capitol

Honorable George M. Koga
House of Representatives
Iolani Palace
Honolulu, Hawaii

Dear Scotty:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of March 30, 1961, re the State Capitol Building and your request for a statement from him as to his thoughts on the subject matter.

Unfortunately, your letter arrived in Washington after Dan had left for Hawaii. May I suggest that you contact him in Hawaii regarding this matter.

With all best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

ALFRED LAURETA
Administrative Assistant

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March 30, 1961

Honorable Daniel K. Inouye, M.C.
House of Representatives
United States Congress
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dan:

The matter of our State Capitol Building is again before the Legislature. We will shortly be acting on an appropriation to prepare the detail plans and to start site preparation for the Capitol Building on the civic center site, which was designated in Act 220 of the 1959 Legislature.

Although the site question has been resolved in said Act 220, several of the legislators who felt strongly about other sites are attempting to open up the question of site determination again. All bills and other matters relating to the State Capitol Building have been referred to my committee for deliberation.

At present I am preparing a summary of materials relating to our State Capitol and State Capitol Building for submission to each member of the House of Representatives. In connection therewith, I felt that a statement from our Congressional representatives as to their thoughts on the subject matter would be appreciated. I would appreciate your thoughts on the matter at your earliest convenience.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "George M. Koga".
George M. Koga

GMK:hm

March 29, 1961

Mr. Robert R. Midkiff
Hawaiian Trust Company, Ltd.
1010 Richards Street
P. O. Box 3170
Honolulu 2, Hawaii

Dear Bob:

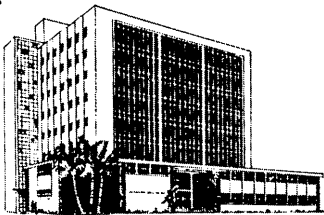
Many thanks for your letter of March 21, 1961, and for sending me a copy of the statement you made before the House Government Efficiency Committee re the Hawaii State Capitol project.

Your views were well put, and I have no doubt that they were well presented. Thanks so much for keeping me advised on its progress.

Aloha,

DANIEL K. INOUE
Member of Congress

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March 21, 1961

Honorable Daniel K. Inouye
House of Representative
Washington 25, D. C.

My Dear Representative Inouye:

Knowing of your interest in the progress of the proposed Hawaii State Capitol, I thought you might like to look at a statement made last week before the House Government Efficiency Committee, of which Representative George M. Koga is Chairman. The initial cost estimates of the Capitol are in the process of downward revision with cost figures checked by members of the Contractors Association.

(We plan to present the complete report to the Legislature early in April.) We all send you our very best regards.

Very truly yours,


Robert R. Midkiff
Vice President

RRM:vh
Enc.

STATE HOUSE GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY
COMMITTEE HEARING HELD MARCH 10, 1961
IOLANI PALACE, HONOLULU, HAWAII

STATEMENT BY -- MR. ROBERT R. MIDKIFF

Mr. Chairman:

As Co-Chairman of the State Capitol Architect Advisory Committee, I speak on behalf of the Committee in saying that we appreciate the concern of the House of Representatives in achieving for Hawaii the best possible structure within the most desirable site.

The architects have, we feel, offered a design --as expressed by the distinguished critics-- "symbolic of Hawaii". We feel it is important to point out that they have proceeded, under contract with the State, to design a Legislative-Executive Building for a site established by law.

May I again review this point, and give some background:

1. Act 220 of the 1959 Legislature established the capitol site to be that area mauka of Iolani Palace, surrounded by Hotel, Bere-tania, Punchbowl and Richards streets. At that time the proponents of the Civic Center Site, of Fort Armstrong, Windward Oahu, and a neighbor island --the same sites we are considering today-- all presented their cases. Their arguments were exhaustively studied and democratically debated in both the House and the Senate, thus resulting in Act 220. Fifty out of seventy-five members of the Senate and House voted to retain the Capitol Site as the focal point of the 145 acre master-planned Civic Center.

2. The next step was the appropriation of funds for the development of preliminary architectural, engineering and landscaping plans and cost estimates on the selected site. This was achieved in the 1960 Budget Session by the passage of Act 23, authorizing \$100,000.00. This money has been allocated for the expense involved in the selection of the architects: Belt, Lemmon and Lo, in association with John Carl Warnecke & Associates, and for their work.

The realization of a state capitol for Hawaii has progressed further than any other time in more than 40 years that this subject has been considered.

May I also point out that the "Progress Report" presented to the Legislature the week of February 20th was, in essence, merely to assure the members of the House and the Senate that much work had been done, but that a great deal of additional effort would be required to meet the March 31st date. At that time the required preliminary plans and cost estimates will be ready. The architects, under Act 23, were not given a recommended budget for building costs. Our Committee, and our Legislative and Executive Requirements Sub-Committees, have directed the architects to start with the best -- it is easier to cut than to create.

We presented a building which still needs a great deal of refinement, but was the culminating scheme of many schemes considered during a three-and-a-half month period of intensive work.

During that time our Committee has heard from traffic experts, parking authorities, city planners, and, most important of all, from three recognized architectural critics of the highest caliber. From these men, and from our own experience, we have realized the importance and necessity for "looking ahead". We have endeavored to plan our state capitol in relation to the expected development of our government and of our state.

In the progress report we also presented a very desirable long-range program for the capitol complex and recommended the creation of an Advisory Commission to bring harmony in a master-planned civic center.

I am pleased to say that development of the design, since our report to the Legislature, indicates that the original figure of \$17,000,000.00 for the capitol building can be reduced by several millions of dollars. This comes about by reason of two factors:

1. Architectural refinement of the structure without reducing the total net square foot space, and therefore without loss of "built-in" expansion, and providing for 1980 requirements of the Legislature, Governor, Lieut. Governor, and three staff agencies.

2. Expensive parking stalls under the building have been reduced in number, but covered parking under a landscaped Miller St. Mall will provide an equal number of parking stalls at considerably less cost per stall.

We will have ready by March 31st, a program for deferring major items of expense in our overall scheme to some future capitol improvements program when the initial cost of our capitol building for the future has been accepted by today's taxpayers.

The various designs presented by the architects for our capitol building take maximum advantage from our master-planned Civic Center for Honolulu.

Hawaii's Capitol must represent Hawaii --just as Hawaii's Legislature represents Hawaii's people! Hawaii's Capitol must be a mirror of what we are today, but also a guiding beacon to what we can hope to become.

Our new State Capitol will be a stage to set off the Legislative and Executive functions of a modern American state; but nowhere else in America can you so perfectly contrast a forward-looking democracy to an Iolani Palace . . . America's only royal palace. The world understands the meaning of royalty, of autocracy, only too well. To go from Iolani Palace, with its memories of the divine right of kings, to a well planned, modern and harmonious monument to the sovereignty of all the people, and the dignity of every man, this is an inspiring lesson in history!

Kawaiahao Church --the Westminster Abbey of Hawaii-- the Oldest Frame House west of the Rockies, the Old Printing Shop of the missionaries --all of these add to the dynamic impact of our new State Capitol. The area is rich in the historical background of these islands.

Approaching the Capitol from the Vineyard Thoroughfare, we have planned a ceremonial mall with trees and fountains on the roof of a half-submerged parking facility between Queen Liliuokalani's home at Washington Place and the new Board of Health Building -- another study in contrasts.

One of our sub-committees visited eight Mainland capitols and impressed upon us the need to plan for the smooth flow of government processes. The location of the capitol at the center of the master-planned Civic Center, where almost all of the Federal, State and City offices are within easy walking distance, cannot help but improve the efficiency of our government.

A government is merely an instrument of the people it serves. In a democracy, it must be readily available to those people.

Three criteria which are desirable for a capitol site are:

1. Proximity to a Highway Center: Our Capitol is four blocks from the new highway center of Oahu. This is considered to be the junction of the Pali Highway and the Vineyard Thoroughfare.
2. Mass Transportation: All major bus routes will pass through the Civic Center, giving easy access to students and visitors.
3. Auxiliary Facilities: The greatest day-time concentration of Hawaii's citizens is downtown Honolulu, where 70% of total office space is located.

An important physical element in a capitol site is the maximum availability of utilities on State-owned land. Sewers and drainage, electricity, gas, telephone and water lines are all highly developed in this area. And, being on the leeward side of the island with a sheltered climate, the plans include a great court for impressive state and civic ceremonies.

There is another element which has been most important in our minds, and that is the one of TIME. In today's contest for the minds of men in a crucial world conflict, a true picture of American democracy --Hawaiian style-- will do a great deal of good for the cause of the Western world --as much good as we expect to derive from the East-West Center!

Gentlemen, as a private citizen, and not as co-chairman, may I say that I honestly believe that Hawaii has one of the most unique Legislatures in the world. Here, in our Island State, less than 70 years after the overthrow of the Monarchy, we have produced a

Legislature truly representative of our people. Nowhere can one see a better cross-section of Hawaii's culture than by watching Hawaii's Legislature. We have proved what free men --many the children and grandchildren of immigrants-- can achieve under the American educational system in an American democratic society.

We daily demonstrate in Hawaii how any good man can rise to the top of his ability, regardless of his racial, religious and economic background. The intelligent, free and frank debate by our freely-chosen representatives on our legislative floors is an asset that should be put to use now. Our present chambers at Iolani Palace are utterly disappointing. Committee rooms are inadequate and defeat the proper participation and interest by our people.

We must have a new capitol -- NOW. Not only will it contribute to the efficiency of our own government, but it will make it possible to better demonstrate our harmonious people and our "Aloha spirit" --which is mankind's best hope of world peace.

The Committee and Architects are proceeding diligently toward the development of preliminary plans and final cost estimates to be presented to the Legislature about March 31st. The Legislature, upon accepting such plans have, under the Capitol Improvement Budget, provisions for the necessary appropriation to proceed toward working drawings of Hawaii's Capitol which, even with such action this session, will take almost five years to build.

We pledge our part to bring the planning for the capitol to a successful close and hope that our efforts will find favor in the eyes of the people and of the Legislature.

***** END *****

March 27, 1961

Mr. R. Alexander Anderson
President
Downtown Improvement Association
Alexander Young Building
Honolulu 13, Hawaii

Dear Mr. Alexander:

Thank you very much for your letter of March 15, 1961 transmitting therewith copy of a resolution adopted by the Downtown Improvement Association urging the 1961 Session of the Legislature to take necessary steps in furthering the eventual establishment of the new State Capitol, and also a copy of your remarks given before the House Government Efficiency Committee.

Your courtesy in keeping me informed of the Downtown Improvement Association's activities in this particular matter is deeply appreciated.

Mahalo and Aloha.

Sincerely,

DANIEL K. INOUE
Member of Congress

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Honorable Daniel K. Inouye
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

Dear Congressman Inouye:

Our Downtown Improvement Association continues to share the concern of the people of Hawaii in the matter of our new state capitol. We feel it is imperative that the Legislature proceed in the present session to achieve for Hawaii a capitol which will be historically symbolic, and will provide facilities -- at the earliest possible time -- for the close relationship between the Legislature and our people and between the Governor and the executive departments.

The Board of Directors of D.I.A. have, therefore, adopted a Resolution which we commend to your attention.

As president of the Association I had the privilege of appearing before the House Government Efficiency Committee on March 10 on this subject and take the liberty of enclosing a copy of my remarks, together with the Resolution, for your perusal.

Cordially,

R. Alexander Anderson
President
Downtown Improvement Association

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RESOLUTION

Adopted by the Downtown Improvement Association
March 9th, 1961

BE IT RESOLVED, that this Association does reiterate its position in support of the master planned civic center site as being the most desirable location for Hawaii's state capitol, in relation to all economic factors involved and from the standpoint of efficient government and historical significance, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we do commend the Comptroller, the State Capitol Architect Advisory Committee, and the architects Belt, Lemmon and Lo in association with John C. Jarnecke and Associates, for the dignified and informative manner in which they have proceeded in the matter of developing preliminary plans for a new state capitol, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in view of the need and desire for a state capitol to provide for adequate facilities for the Legislative and Executive branches of our government, we do urge the 1961 session of the Legislature to take the necessary steps through the appropriation of funds now included in the Capitol Improvement Budget for the completion of working drawings for the capitol on the site established by Act 220 of the 1959 Legislature, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the Legislature, the Advisory Committee, and the architects.

Statement of R. Alexander Anderson, President
Downtown Improvement Association
Before the Government Efficiency Committee,
House of Representatives, March 10, 1961

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee:

As president of the Downtown Improvement Association I appreciate the opportunity to present to you the views of that organization on the proposed state capitol and the site established by Act 220 of the 1959 Legislature.

Just as the central business district is the hub and focal point of commerce in the State of Hawaii, the master planned civic center site for our new state capitol is the hub of all State and City governmental functions. We must not, gentlemen, have a fragmented government, either operationally or physically. The recent re-organization of our State government is proving further the value of the effort of our government personnel. To scatter the Legislative and Executive branches hither or yon would defeat the very purpose of government -- to efficiently serve the people.

Similarly, Hawaii's very nature is the personal relationship between its people and its government. The concentration of those people in the central business district, and the established vehicular and bus routes to the civic center are major factors in the prudent action of the 1959 Legislature.

In this location not only will our state capitol be more accessible to our school children and citizens to observe our democratic legislative processes, but over the years hundreds of thousands of tourists will visit our capitol. Having done so they can stroll over to Iolani Palace, maintained as a museum to the glory of Hawaii's past. If widely separated some will see one and some will see the other, but rarely will they visit both, particularly at the same time, thereby losing the vivid relationship between the past, the present, and the future.

Bear in mind, gentlemen, that our capitol will be the hub of the 145 acres comprising the Civic Center. Accessibility for the logical flow of government comes down to a few blocks walk between the capitol and governmental departments.

The action of the 1959 Legislature has already had its affect on the development of Hawaii. The expansion of facilities for container-

ized freight shipments has largely encroached on the Ft. Armstrong area. Additional acres in this vicinity will be badly needed for future expansion. This land, being on the waterfront can best serve those purposes which are presently being developed as reported by Mr. Summers today.

The 1959 Legislature considered the physical aspects of the Armstrong site -- the physical location - on fill land - and obviously attendant high cost of any building with the ever present dangers of encroachment by nature's forces of salt air and tidal waves and the unpredictable expense of land acquisition and construction of arteries for access.

The Windward site - a most generous offer from one of our distinguished citizens, Mr. Castle - presents different but equally important disadvantages. There would be here complete fragmentation of government. As happened when Brazil took its capitol away from the urban community, we would be faced with not only our state capitol but the major portion of our government being removed from the business, industrial community and from easy access for its people.

Neither of these sites has anything in the way of important and expensive utility development or attendant service facilities.

The present site is perfectly flat and has the necessary electric, gas, water and sewers available. The design offered provides for a flow of space in an ample setting. There would be the same distance between the structure and the Ewa and Diamond Head street boundaries as exists today between King Street and the Iolani Palace structure. This permits beautiful, cultivated landscaping with reflection pools, walks, et cetera, in a choice tropical atmosphere instead of a building set in the middle of a vast acreage where the cost of maintenance would be prohibitive if it is to be kept up properly, and, if not, it would be ragged and unkempt. May I quote here from the distinguished architectural critics' report: -- "It (the state capitol) fits the site and is well integrated within the capitol complex....and promises to have a scale compatible with Iolani Palace."

The original report of the Territorial Planning Office emphasized the need for service facilities tangent to a state capitol. That is, nearby business offices, dining and lodging facilities. Already these exist in the central business district and several new important buildings, representing millions of dollars in new construction, have been started or are on the drafting boards in the last year or two, representing renewed confidence in our central business district.

As president of Alexander Young Company I can report that it is probable that a new 300-room Alexander Young Hotel will be built on the corner of Alakea and Hotel Streets. Over the years many of the neighbor island legislators have made the Alexander Young their headquarters during the session. A new modern hotel will offer them even finer services, meeting rooms, dining rooms of all sizes, in an entirely air conditioned building within two blocks of our new capitol.

While the members of the Downtown Improvement Association do have investments in the area tangent to the state capitol site, they - as all of us - have an investment in the heritage of our State. They are the descendents of men who have given this State one of the most unique populations and governments of our time. They feel deeply the importance of a state capitol which shall be symbolic of Hawaii and shall reflect the past in relationship to our present and our children's future.

Therefore, gentlemen, the board of directors of the Downtown Improvement Association, meeting on March 9, 1961, did adopt the following resolution:

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May I express the appreciation of the Association for this opportunity to appear before you and your committee Mr. Chairman.

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February 7, 1961

Mr. George M. Koga, Co-Chairman
State Capitol Architect Advisory
Committee
Department of Accounting and
General Services
Honolulu 10, Hawaii

Dear George:

Thank you for your letter of January 30, 1961 with the
enclosure of a progress report on our new State Capitol
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Aloha,

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Member of Congress

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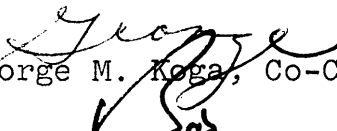
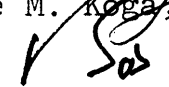
The Hon. Daniel K. Inouye
Representative from Hawaii
U. S. House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

Dear Representative Inouye:

We are pleased to forward to you the enclosed Progress Report on our new State Capitol Building. This report outlines the activities of both the Governor's Committee to Select an Architect and the State Capitol Architect Advisory Committee.

Besides using all available media to keep the public informed on the progress of their new state capitol, we anticipate holding briefing sessions on Kauai, Maui and the Big Island early in March, following a progress report meeting with the State Legislature.

Sincerely yours,

STATE CAPITOL
ARCHITECT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
George M. Koga, Co-Chairman
Robert R. Midkiff, Co-ChairmanRMM:HF
Encl.

HAWAII STATE CAPITOL PROGRESS REPORT

to

December 31, 1960

Background Information

In August, 1960 the Committee to Select an Architect for the State Capitol met for the first time. It consisted of fourteen members, appointed by the Governor, representing the State, City and County, business, labor and cultural groups.

The Committee held nine sessions during which the following architectural groups made presentations.

- Group 1. Minoru Yamasaki (Detroit)
Guy N. Rothwell (Honolulu)
- Group 2. Capitol Planning Group (McLaughlin, Houghtailing, et al.) Honolulu
- Group 3. Merrill, Roehrig, Onodera & Kinder, (Honolulu)
V. N. Ossipoff & Associates (Honolulu)
A. W. Heen (Honolulu)
- Group 4. Kamaaina Associates (Vierra, Law & Wilson, Hara & Brown) Honolulu
- Group 5. Belt, Lemmon & Lo (Honolulu)
John C. Warnecke & Associates (San Francisco)
- Group 6. Anderson, Kubala & Associates (Honolulu)
- Group 7. Wimberly & Cook and Edwin L. Bauer (Honolulu)
- Group 8. Takashi Anbe, Bradley & Wong, Hogan & Chapman (Honolulu)
Edward Stone (New York)
- Group 9. Vernon Duckett & Associates (Los Angeles)
Lawson Butt, Jr. (Honolulu)
- Group 10. Weed, Wallace & Associates (Honolulu)
- Group 11. C. J. Kim, et al (Honolulu)
Richard Neutra (Los Angeles)
- Group 12. Alfred Preis, Haydn Phillips, Potter & Potter, Slavsky & Whitaker
and Albert Ives (Honolulu)
- Group 13. Francis Keally (New York)
- Group 14. Leo A. Daly Company (St. Louis)
- Group 15. Bassetti, Morse and John Tatom (Seattle and Honolulu)
- Group 16. Harry J. Devine (Sacramento)
- Group 17. Howard Wong (Honolulu)
Harrison & Abramovitz (New York)
Jaros, Baum & Bollis (New York)
Dan Kiley (Vermont)

- Group 18. Taliesin Associated Architects of F. L. Wright Foundation (Wisconsin)
Stephen Oyakawa (Honolulu)
- Group 19. Pietro Belluschi (Massachusetts)
Demars & Rea (Berkeley, Calif.)
Sasaki, Walker & Associates (Connecticut & San Francisco)
David Tom (Honolulu)
Furer, Hee & Furer (Honolulu)
- Group 20. Albert C. Martin (Los Angeles)
William L. Pereira & Associates (Los Angeles)
Park Associates (Honolulu)
Thomas B. Bourne Associates (Honolulu)
- Group 21. Johnson & Perkins (Honolulu)
Wurster, Bernardi & Emmons (San Francisco)
Skidmore, Owens & Merrill (San Francisco)

The Committee was impressed with the caliber and reputation of the architects who made presentations and felt that it was a tribute to Hawaii.

A detailed selection procedure was developed and received the approval of the Hawaii chapter and National Headquarters of the American Institute of Architects. One requirement was affiliation with a local firm of any mainland architect to ensure the regional significance of Hawaii's climate and culture.

Selection: In the selection of Belt, Lemmon and Lo (Honolulu) in association with John C. Warnecke and Associates (San Francisco) the Committee felt assured that all criteria had been met in addition to the confidence engendered that the architects were thoroughly informed as to Hawaiian history, culture and growth patterns. Additional factors were:

1. The mature architectural, planning and administrative experience of Cyril Lemmon, a member of the City Planning Commission, who would serve as over-all Project Coordinator
2. Establishment of residence in Hawaii by John C. Warnecke and his principals during preliminary design planning
3. Harmonious organization of diverse experience, particularly Mr. Warnecke's background as designer of California State Capitol and Master Plan, of foreign American Embassies, and campus buildings for both University of California and Stanford University.

Recommendations: Based on the volume and wealth of information garnered by the Select Committee, in addition to their selection work the following recommendations were made:

1. Appointment of an Advisory Committee to the Comptroller, serving to represent the client (the State of Hawaii) to assist and advise, particularly in the area of space determinations and facilities.
2. Appointment of an advisory panel of recognized architectural critics.
3. Particular considerations concerning acoustics, parking, space allocations for offices, public information program, and setting.

The Committee operated under the provisions of Act 23, 1960 Budget Session.

State Capitol Architect Advisory Committee, as recommended by the Select Committee, first met on November 4, 1960, and includes the following members:

Appointed by the President of the Senate
Senator Ward Russell and Senator George Ariyoshi

Appointed by the Speaker of the House
Representative George Koga and Representative William Bains-Jordan

Appointed by the Governor for the Comptroller
Robert R. Midkiff
Mrs. Parker Widemann (Hawaiian Civic Clubs)
Mr. Robert Bush (State Planning Office)
Leighton Louis (City and County Planning Commission)
Leo C. Pritchard (Administrative Director to Governor)
H. Iwamoto (Department of Accounting and General Services)
John Sur (Department of Accounting and General Services)
Raymond Ho (Department of Budget and Review)

The Committee operated under provisions of Act 23, 1960 Budget Session.

To date the Committee has held eight intensive meetings and now schedules weekly all day Saturday meetings. In view of the recognized need for numerous and lengthy sessions the makeup of the Committee and sub-Committees includes legislative and/or lay members from only Oahu, thereby precluding a volume of travel and expense. It is the hope of the Committee that prior to presentation of preliminary plans to the Legislature meetings can be held on neighbor islands.

Two active sub-committees include the Legislative Requirements sub-committee under chairman Representative William Bains-Jordan which includes Senators Hebden Porteus, Ward Russell and George Ariyoshi, and Representatives Koga, Howard Miyake; and Herman Lum, House clerk, Walter Chuck, Senate clerk and Dr. Richard Kosaki, professor of government, University of Hawaii.

The Executive Branch Requirements sub-committee, under chairman Leo Pritchard, includes, Michael M. Miyake, Department of Accounting and General Services; Attorney General Shiro Kashiwa; Raymond Ho, Department of Budget and Review; Arthur A. Akins, Jr., Department of Personnel Services; and State Planning Director Frank Lombardi.

Purpose

The purpose of the committee is to advise the Comptroller as to preliminary plans for a new State Capitol, to be located on a site established by Act 220 of the 1959 Territorial Legislature, bounded by Beretania Street, Richards Street, Punchbowl and the Iolani Palace grounds.

The area comprises a total of 20 acres for the capitol complex, which has been the area under study in order to provide the maximum setting for the state capitol. These studies have been based on presentations by the architect of various suggested "master plans" for the entire Civic Center and areas beyond, extending to Ward Street where the City's cultural center is developing. Although these studies were not incumbent upon the architect under their commission they were part of the architects thoughtful approach to their design studies.

Similarly, the Committee is charged with responsibility for the preliminary plans of a state capitol. However, it is in unanimous agreement that the entire civic center and surrounding area must be regulated by proper agencies so as to protect the importance and significance of the 20 acre capitol complex.

Program

The Committee's first responsibility was to recommend to the architect a program of those functions of government to be included within the capitol building. This determination was made on the basis of figures submitted by State agencies of their estimated space requirements up to the year 1980, and consideration of good government function in relation to proposed plans for other State government offices, and the desire to protect the setting.

On the basis of these studies and the report of the Mainland Capitol Tour Group, the following recommendation were made:

1. That Legislative action be initiated to identify the building as the State Capitol of Hawaii
2. That the design be such that in the future it shall not be expanded by architectural additions or changes and that no additional buildings be authorized within the capitol complex of 20 acres
3. That the design provide for the space requirements of the following government functions as estimated for the year 1980:
 - The office of the Governor and Lt. Governor
 - The State Legislature
 - The Comptroller function of the Department of Accounting & General Services
 - The Attorney General
 - The Department of Budget and Review
4. That traffic on Hotel Street be directed underground and be integrated with underground approaches and parking
5. That the building be situate on a slight elevation mauka of Iolani Palace in recognition of the historical significance of the Hawaiian heiau and architectural considerations of air circulation and traffic.

Mainland Capitol Tour Group

In order to benefit from present-day experience with other state capitols three members of the Committee and the project coordinator, Mr. Lemmon, made a fourteen day tour of eight mainland capitols, the United Nations and other ceremonial edifices. The report and observations of the group has been invaluable. Of particular significance are the following:

1. All State capitols visited were not given sufficient long range planning for expansion of government function.
Result: The Committee is basing its considerations on 1980 projections with a view to the year 2000 requirements
2. All capitols, except Oregon, showed lack of long range planning of the entire setting and surrounding area.
Result: The Committee recognizes the need for a master plan for the civic center and over-all coordination with other planning groups, and heartily endorses consideration of a commission, similar to that in Oregon to protect the future development of the area.

3. All capitols reflect the historical and cultural features of their State. Result: Both architecturally, through landscaping, and functionally Hawaii State capitol will connect Hawaiiana and the friendly relationship between her people and government.

REPORT OF CRITICS

Following the recommendation of the Select Committee a panel of three outstanding architects was invited to serve as consultants to the committee. They were Pietro Belluschi, dean and professor of architecture at MIT, Leonard L. Hunter, assistant commissioner for design and construction, General Services Administration, Washington, D. C., and George Wimberly, Honolulu architect who was appointed by the local AIA chapter.

Over a three day intensive period (December 17, 18, and 19) the critics visited the site, studied recommendations and architectural considerations to date. The major points of their critique were:

1. The capitol setting in relationship to Iolani Palace should be preserved
2. The size of the building should be determined by its projected ultimate function and should be so located within the area to preclude dwarfing of Iolani Palace and to provide airy open space
3. Continual vigilance to surrounding area development, with hope for a master plan of government buildings and functions
4. A program of acquisition of land to provide for expansion of capitol setting.

The Committee plans one additional meeting with the critics.

MEETING WITH HARLAND BARTHOLOMEW

On December 28 the Committee met with Mr. Harland Bartholomew, noted city planner and former Chairman of the National Capitol Planning Commission in Washington, D. C., who was then visiting Honolulu. Two important observations were made by Mr. Bartholomew:

1. The importance of aesthetics control by law is becoming more generally accepted in regulating public buildings and adjacent area
2. Commissionsto regulate public buildings are well accepted and can be established to harmonize the over-lapping functions of Federal, State and City representatives.

CONCLUSION

The work of the Committee has^{BEEN} intensive in view of the requirement that preliminary plans be submitted during the forthcoming Legislature. It is the hope of the Committee that such plans and cost estimates can be submitted within six weeks of the covening of the Legislature.

The actions of the Committee have been and will remain flexible as every avenue of possibility is explored. Every recommendation of the architect and/or the Committee is thoroughly reviewed in meeting sessions, then developed through diagramatic drawings and reviewed again. This procedure has proven to be commendable although time consuming.

The Committee shall continue to follow a course of caution realizing that the building of our State Capitol shall be significant in the writing of the history of Hawaii.