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HONOLULU VS. THE NEIGHBOR ISLANDS

IN MANY RESPECTS THE VIEWS I WANT TO SHARE WITH YOU THIS AFTERNOON MIGHT BETTER BE OFFERED ON OAHU, FOR PRIMARILY MY REMARKS ARE DIRECTED TO THE PEOPLE OF THAT ISLAND. BUT I AM GIVING IT HERE BECAUSE YOU, TOO, ARE INVOLVED, NOT ONLY IN THE PROBLEM I SHALL DISCUSS, BUT ALSO IN ITS SOLUTION. ~~FOR THIS IS GRADUATION TIME, AND~~ *However coming* HOWEVER MUCH YOU LOVE YOUR FAMILY, YOUR ISLAND, AND YOUR COMMUNITY, THOSE OF YOU WHOSE AMBITIONS CANNOT BE SATISFIED BY THE OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE TO YOU HERE WILL BE LOOKING FOR OTHER WORK, OTHER PLACES TO LIVE. SOME WILL GO TO OAHU, OTHERS TO THE MAINLAND. THUS, THE PHENOMENON WE CALL "BRAIN-DRAIN" WILL COME TO ~~HAWAII~~ *Hilo* AS IT HAS TO SO MANY COMMUNITIES IN HAWAII, ON THE MAINLAND, AND IN THE LESS ADVANTAGED NATIONS OF THE WORLD.

THOUGH THIS COMMUNITY DOES NEED YOUR TALENTS, I WOULD BE LESS THAN FAIR TO ASK YOU TO REMAIN HERE, WHEN YOU ~~MUST~~ *may have to* GO ELSE WHERE TO FURTHER YOUR EDUCATION

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AND TO INCREASE YOUR EARNING POWER.

YET THE PROBLEM REMAINS.

A NUMBER OF YEARS AGO WHEN I WAS IN THE TERRITORIAL HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, I MADE A SPEECH TO HONOLULU BUSINESSMEN, AND--AS SOMETIMES HAPPENS--IT WAS NOT WELL RECEIVED! IN ESSENCE I SAID THAT BY CONCENTRATING ALL OUR EFFORTS IN HONOLULU, BECAUSE THE MANPOWER AND CAPITAL WERE THERE, WE WERE DEVELOPING GHOST TOWNS IN THE OUTER ISLANDS--AND THAT SOMEDAY THIS DEVELOPMENT MIGHT RETURN TO HAUNT US.

I BELIEVE NOW THAT DAY HAS COME. ONLY ON HAWAII AND MAUI HAS THE POPULATION "STABILIZED", WHICH DOES NOT MEAN THAT OUT MIGRATION HAS STOPPED, BUT ONLY THAT AT LEAST NUMERICALLY, THESE ISLANDS ARE HOLDING THEIR OWN IN THE STRUGGLE AGAINST GHOST TOWNS. IN THE OTHER ISLANDS THE STEADY DECLINE CONTINUES, PARTICULARLY IN THE YOUNG PEOPLE. BY CONTRAST, THE STATE AS A WHOLE HAS SEEN PHENOMINAL GROWTH, 18 PERCENT SINCE 1960, TWICE THAT OF THE NATIONAL AVERAGE. ALL OF

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AND WHAT HAS HAPPENED THERE? HONOLULU'S TRAFFIC HAS MULTIPLIED BY THE MONTH; ITS HIGHWAY PROGRAM IS HOPELESSLY BEHIND THE DEMAND; ITS AIR HAS INCREASINGLY BECOME MORE TOXIC. IT NEEDS MORE SCHOOLS, MORE SEWERS, MORE PARKS, MORE BEACH FRONT AREAS. ITS POLICE FORCE GROWS WITH ITS CRIME RATE. IT NEEDS MORE HOUSES, BUT WITH EACH HOUSE, THE AVAILABLE LAND DIMINISHES, AND AT A RATE WHICH REFLECTS AN INFLATIONARY ELEMENT BROUGHT ON BY THE SCARCITY. SINCE IT IS BOUNDED BY THE MOUNTAINS AND THE SEA, THE MOVEMENT IS UP: UP THE HILLS, UP THE SLOPES OF DIAMOND HEAD, UP PUNCHBOWL: HIGHER AND HIGHER TOWERS OF STACKED HOMES, STACKED HOTEL ROOMS, STACKED OFFICES. ITS GRASS, TREES, AND ITS VISTA HAVE BEEN EXCHANGED FOR ASPHALT AND CONCRETE AND ITS TRADEWINDS CUT OFF. THE SOUNDS OF PEOPLE AND THE DIN OF THE HONDAS STAY WITH IT THROUGH THE NIGHT. HONOLULU HAS BECOME A MAINLAND CITY. ITS WAY OF LIFE HAS CHANGED.

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THE STATE PRIDES ITSELF ON ITS GREENBELT LAWS, AND RIGHTFULLY SO, FOR THESE ARE AMONG THE MOST ADVANCED CONCEPTS OF THEIR TYPE IN THE UNITED STATES. THEY PREVENT ERRATIC DEVELOPMENT OF AGRICULTURAL LAND, AND ARE INTENDED TO SAFEGUARD THEIR USE. BUT NO GREENBELT LAW CAN FAIL TO RESPOND TO THE PRESSURES OF POPULATION.

LET ME BE SURE I AM UNDERSTOOD IN SAYING WHAT I DO. I AM DELIGHTED TO FEEL THE SURGE OF NEW LIFE THROUGHOUT THE STATE. OPPORTUNITIES UNDREAMED OF TEN YEARS AGO ARE NOW BEFORE US, AND THESE ARE ONLY A SAMPLING OF WHAT LIES AHEAD. THE PROBLEMS THAT CONFRONT HONOLULU ARE TYPICAL OF THOSE FOUND IN EVERY CITY IN THE UNITED STATES. I HAVE UNBOUNDED CONFIDENCE IN THE FUTURE OF THIS STATE. BUT I QUESTION THE WISDOM OF CONCENTRATING MOST OF THIS DEVELOPMENT ON A SINGLE ISLAND. I WONDER IF THE INSULAR NATURE OF OUR STATE MAY INTRODUCE VARIABLES NOT FOUND IN OTHER COMMUNITIES IN THE UNITED STATES, AND THAT FOR THIS REASON EXTRAORDINARY ATTENTION SHOULD NOT BE PAID

THE PHENOMENON THAT NOW

THE PHENOMENON THAT NOW IS UPON US.

CERTAINLY, THERE IS MUCH TO BE SAID FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF HAVING ALL THE MAJOR CENTERS OF BUSINESS, GOVERNMENT, EDUCATION, AND THE PROFESSIONS IN CLOSE PROXIMITY. I ALSO ACCEPT THE DESIRABILITY OF HAVING CONCENTRATED IN ONE AREA THE BETTER EDUCATED, THE MORE CREATIVE AND IMAGINATIVE, AND THE MORE AGGRESSIVE LEADERSHIP. FOR WHEN THIS HAPPENS THE TALENTS OF DIVERSE DISCIPLINES CAN BE MARSHALLED AND BROUGHT TO BEAR UPON A SPECIFIC PROJECT, IDEAS CAN BE GENERATED, AND PROGRAMS INITIATED.

BUT SHOULD THEY BE AS CLOSE AS IN HONOLULU? WITHIN LESS THAN FOUR SQUARE MILES ARE THE MAJOR PORT, THE MAJOR MANUFACTURING CENTERS, THE FINANCIAL CENTER, THE BUSINESS OFFICES, MUCH OF THE RETAIL CENTERS, THE STATE UNIVERSITY, THE HEART OF THE TOURIST INDUSTRY, THE MAJOR MEDICAL CENTERS, THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT; ALL ITS ADMINISTRATIVE BRANCHES, AND THE FEDERAL ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES. OF HAWAII'S MAJOR INDUSTRIES, ONLY THE MILITARY, SUGAR, AN OIL REFINERY,

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SOME HOTELS AND THE FEW INDUSTRIES LOCATED ON CAMPBELL INDUSTRIAL PARK ARE OUTSIDE THE FOUR SQUARE MILES OF THE CITY PROPER.

I UNDERSTAND THE HISTORICAL EVOLUTION OF THIS SITUATION. EVERY CITY HAS IT. BUT WE MUST ALSO REMEMBER THAT SUCH A CONCENTRATION IS A MAGNET WHICH PULLS A POPULATION TO IT, A MAGNET THAT IN HONOLULU DRAWS THOUSANDS OF STUDENTS, TOURISTS, SHOPPERS, AND LABORERS TO AND FROM IT TWICE EACH DAY.

BESIDES THE INCONVENIENCE IS THE OVERHEAD. LIMITED LAND AREAS ENCOURAGE HIGH RENTS, FOR OF ALL EXPENSES NECESSARY TO BUSINESS, THOSE FOR SPACE TO OPERATE MUST BE SECURED AND PAID FOR. RENTS AND OTHER HIGH OVERHEAD EXPENSES ARE PASSED ON TO THE CONSUMER TO ACCOUNT FOR THE HIGH COST OF LIVING. SINCE WAGE INCREASES DO NOT QUITE SATISFY THE RISING LIVING COSTS, WIVES INCREASINGLY JOIN THEIR HUSBANDS IN THE ISLAND WORK FORCE. SO OUR STATE CAN RIGHTFULLY PRIDE ITSELF ON ITS HIGH PER CAPITA INCOME. BUT

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CORROLARY TO HIGH INCOME IS HIGH EXPENDITURE. IN THIS BIG MONEY TURNOVER, THE TAX COLLECTOR TAKES A LARGER CUT. MAY I POINT OUT THAT OAHU PAYS 86 PERCENT OF THE TOTAL STATE TAX TAKE. THIS IS AS IT SHOULD BE. BUT THE AVERAGE TAXPAYER ON OAHU PAYS \$40 MORE PER YEAR TO THE STATE THAN DOES THE OUTER ISLANDER, AND OF THE \$31 MILLION PAID EACH YEAR IN PROPERTY TAXES, OAHU PAYS \$26 MILLION OR 86 PERCENT OF THE TOTAL. NEED I SAY THAT IT IS NOT IN THE INTEREST OF THE OAHU TAXPAYER THAT THIS DIFFERENCE IN TAX LOAD SHOULD CONTINUE TO WIDEN?

I REALIZE THAT MANY THINGS BESIDES GROUND RENT HELP TO ACCOUNT FOR LIVING COSTS IN HAWAII, BUT I ALSO QUESTION HOW THAT OR OTHER COSTS MIGHT BE LOWERED EXCEPT BY COMPETITION, AND I WOULD QUESTION HOW THERE CAN BE COMPETITION TO REDUCE COSTS EXCEPT BY DECENTRALIZATION. MAY I ALSO POINT OUT THAT NOW THE STATE IS ENJOYING PROSPERITY, AND THERE ARE JOBS FOR MOST. I EXPECT THIS TREND TO CONTINUE. BUT WHAT HAPPENS IN SO COMPACT AN ECONOMIC UNIT SHOULD THE GROWTH PLATEAU

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AND WAGES NOT KEEP PACE WITH LIVING COSTS? PENSIONERS AND FIXED SALARIED PEOPLE NOW FEEL THE SQUEEZE FROM SUCH A SITUATION. IN THE VENT OF A PLATEAU, MUST THE OUTER ISLANDERS MOVE ONCE AGAIN, THIS TIME TO THE MAINLAND? IS OAHU EVENTUALLY TO BECOME A PLACE WHERE ONLY THE WEALTHY CAN AFFORD TO LIVE? AND IF THAT IS TO BE THE OUTCOME, SHOULD WE NOT CONSIDER THE SPIRAL IN SALARIES AND TAXES THAT MUST BE PAID IN THE MEANTIME TO SECURE THE SERVICES THE COMMUNITY WILL NEED TO CARRY ON ITS FUNCTIONS?

CONSIDER FOR A MOMENT WHAT HAPPENED ~~A FEW~~ ^{Last year} ~~MONTHS AGO~~ WHEN THE FEDERAL HIGHWAY FUNDS WERE CUT BACK. UNDER THE STIMULATION OF HEAVY FEDERAL AND STATE OUTLAYS FOR HIGHWAYS, AND WITH THE PRESS FOR HOUSING AND THE BUILDING BOOM FOR TOURISM AND BUSINESS GENERALLY, TIMES WERE GOOD AND THE HEAVY CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY EXPANDED DRAMATICALLY. ALMOST ALL OF THIS EXPANSION TOOK PLACE ON OAHU. THE CUTBACKS WERE ANNOUNCED ⁱⁿ ~~LAST~~ ¹⁹⁶⁶ NOVEMBER, BUT THE FULL IMPACT WAS NOT REALIZED UNTIL ^{the following} FEBRUARY WHEN \$12 MILLION WORTH

OF EQUIPMENT WAS IDLED

OF EQUIPMENT WAS IDLED AND EQUIPMENT WORKERS HEADED THE UNEMPLOYMENT LISTS. THESE HIGHWAY CUTBACKS CREATED SEVERE REPERCUSSIONS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY, BUT NO PLACE WAS THE EFFECT AS SEVERE AS ON OAHU, FOR OPERATORS ELSEWHERE COULD MOVE TO ANOTHER LOCALITY WHERE THE JOBS MIGHT BE AVAILABLE. HERE THEY ARE LIMITED TO THE OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE IN ONE SMALL AREA, AND THESE SIMPLY WERE NOT ENOUGH TO GO AROUND. I AM SUGGESTING TODAY THAT GREATER DISPLACEMENT IN THE ECONOMY, GREATER DEVELOPMENT IN AREAS OUTSIDE OAHU WILL SERVE TO SOFTEN THE IMPACT OF SUCH FLUCTUATIONS AND THEREFORE WILL BE IN THE LONG RANGE INTEREST OF THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY.

IN MANY PARTS OF THE UNITED STATES TODAY, INDUSTRIES ATTEMPT TO LEAVE HIGH PRICED URBAN AREAS AND GO WHERE THE OVERHEAD IS LESS, EVEN THOUGH, AS IS OFTEN THE CASE, THEY MUST TRAIN AN INEXPERIENCED LABOR FORCE. TEXTILE AND OTHER INDUSTRIES, FOR INSTANCE, HAVE DEPLOYED INTO THE SOUTH. OUT OF THIS CAME BETTER WAGES AND WORKING CONDITIONS, THE DEVELOPMENT OF UNIONS, AND EVENTUALLY THE SOCIAL

AND EVENTUALLY THE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC REVOLUTIONS IN THE SOUTH, THAT LED TO THE NEGRO HAVING FOR THE FIRST TIME, BUYING POWER, ORGANIZATION, AND HOPE FOR A BETTER FUTURE.

I AM AWARE THAT MANY PEOPLE HAVE EXPENDED MUCH EFFORT TO DEVELOP NEW INDUSTRIES IN HAWAII, ANY PLACE IN HAWAII. I APPLAUD THIS AWARENESS AND EFFORT.

WE ALL KNOW THAT HISTORICALLY SUGAR AND PINEAPPLE INDUSTRIES DEVELOPED THE ECONOMY OF THE ISLANDS. ~~THEN~~ ~~CAME THE MILITARY~~ AND IN RECENT YEARS, TOURISM.

THE DECISION TO LOCATE COMMUNITY COLLEGES ON THE OUTER ISLANDS WAS A FORWARD STEP WHICH WILL SOON PROVE ITS WISDOM. THESE AND OTHER ACTIONS OF THE LEGISLATURE AND THE ADMINISTRATION HAVE DONE MUCH TO ESTABLISH A CLIMATE CONDUSIVE TO THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF THE STATE. ┌ RIGHT HERE ON MOLOKAI WE SEE EXAMPLES OF THEM IN THE LEASING OF STATE LANDS AT LOW RATES TO FARMERS TO STIMULATE AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT, ONCE THE WATER WAS AVAILABLE. WE SEE IT IN THE EFFORTS TO OPEN UP NEW AREAS FOR DEVELOPMENT. I WELCOME ALL THESE

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ACCOMPLISHMENTS. BUT WE MUST HAVE COMMUNITY-WIDE UNDERSTANDING AND SUPPORT FOR SUCH MEASURES, AND THEY MUST BE APPROACHED ON A MUCH BROADER AND MORE COMPREHENSIVE SCALE THAN HAS BEEN POSSIBLE IN THE OPINION CLIMATE OF THE PAST.

TO THE PEOPLE ON OAHU, I URGE ACCEPTANCE OF THE PRINCIPLE THAT THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE OUTER ISLANDS IS EVERY BIT AS VITAL TO YOUR INTERESTS AS IS THE DEVELOPMENT OF OAHU. YOUR ISLAND WILL GROW ANYWAY; WHAT YOU NEED IS AN EASING OF THE PRESSURES SO THAT YOU HAVE TIME TO ASSIMILATE. I WOULD SUGGEST THAT SERIOUS STUDY BE GIVEN TO HOW WE MIGHT DECENTRALIZE THE FUNCTIONS OF STATE AGENCIES, AND OUR MAJOR INDUSTRIES. AFTER ALL, WE DO HAVE TELEPHONES AND PLANES! FURTHER, MAY I POINT OUT THAT WITH THE ADVENT OF DIRECT FLIGHTS BETWEEN THE OUTER ISLANDS AND MAINLAND CITIES, ENTIRELY NEW DIMENSIONS IN BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES ARE COMING. TO DEVELOP THEM THE STATE NEEDS THE ABILITIES, IMAGINATION AND COURAGE OF EVERY SEGMENT OF OUR SOCIETY. COMPREHENSIVE OVERALL PLANS FOR OUTER ISLAND DEVELOPMENT SHOULD BE DRAWN UP AND THEN SUPPORTED.

AND THEN SUPPORTED. PERHAPS NOW ALSO IS THE TIME TO THINK IN TERMS OF TAX INCENTIVES TO NEW BUSINESSES WHICH ATTEMPT TO ESTABLISH THEMSELVES ON THE OUTER ISLANDS.

FOR MY PART, AND I AM SURE THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION HAVE DONE THE SAME, I HAVE TRIED ON EVERY POSSIBLE OCCASION TO LOCATE FEDERAL FACILITIES ON THE NEIGHBOR ISLANDS. I HAVE PUSHED FOR LOCATING TELESCOPES ON HALEAKALA ON MAUI, AND MAUNA LOA ON HAWAII, AND THE NAVAL TESTING CENTER AT BARKING SANDS, KAUAI. I HAVE PUSHED FOR DECENTRALIZATION OF THE PEACE CORPS AND A.I.D. TRAINING CENTERS. ALWAYS I HAVE HOPED THAT THESE FUNCTIONS WOULD BECOME THE NUCLEI FOR FURTHER VARIETIES OF DEVELOPMENT.

BUT THERE IS NO MAGIC IN ANY OF THIS. THE PEOPLE WHO MUST WORK IN SUCH PROJECTS ARE HIGHLY SKILLED. NO ONE WHOSE WHOLE TRAINING AND LIFE EFFORT HAS BEEN DEVOTED TO A SPECIALTY WANTS TO ISOLATE HIMSELF IN SOME REMOTE COMMUNITY, APART FROM THE CULTURAL AND INTELLECTUAL PURSUITS HE ENJOYS, OR TO HAVE HIS CHILDREN

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DEPRIVED OF PROPER PREPARATORY EDUCATION. THE COMMUNITY THAT IS MOST PREPARED TO OFFER THESE INDUCEMENTS STANDS THE BETTER CHANCE OF ADDING TO THE NUCLEUS THAT THESE CENTERS INTRODUCE.

TO YOU ON MOLOKAI, MAY I THEREFORE SUGGEST THAT YOU TAKE THE LEAD IN MOVING THE ISLAND IN DIRECTIONS WHICH WILL INVITE THE HUMAN RESOURCES YOU DESIRE. NOW YOU HAVE A REMARKABLE OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE LONG RANGE PLANS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF YOUR ISLAND. IN ADDITION TO YOUR OWN RESOURCES YOU CAN SECURE THE SERVICES OF THE REGIONAL HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT AGENCY.

WHEN YOU HAVE MADE THESE PLANS, I HOPE YOU STICK TO THEM. RESIST DOING A HONEY-BEE DANCE AT THE FIRST SCENT OF MONEY. IT IS EASIER TO RESIST LATER IF YOU ARE FIRM FROM THE START, AND MUCH FAIRER TOO, FOR YOU WILL DISCOURAGE THE SPECULATOR FROM BIDDING TOO HIGH IN HOPES OF EVENTUAL VARIANCES. AND WHILE YOU ARE PLANNING, BE JEALOUS OF YOUR SCHOOLS. YOU ARE NOT YET ABLE TO JUSTIFY EXPENDITURES FOR A COMMUNITY COLLEGE, BUT YOU

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CAN NEVERTHELESS INSURE THAT YOUR CHILDREN GET AS GOOD A PUBLIC SCHOOL EDUCATION AS CAN BE GOTTEN IN HONOLULU. I KNOW THAT THEORETICALLY ALL SCHOOLS IN THE STATE ARE EQUAL, AND I KNOW YOU HAVE BEEN BLESSED WITH MANY DEDICATED TEACHERS; BUT WHEN I COMPARE THE FACILITIES AND OFFERINGS HERE AND ON OAHU, I SOMETIMES WONDER. REMEMBER, YOU WILL GET ONLY WHAT YOU INSIST ON HAVING.

WHILE IT MAY NOT SEEM SO NOW, THE NEXT TEN YEARS WILL SEE DRAMATIC CHANGES IN YOUR ISLAND. YOU NOW ARE STARTED TOWARD A GOAL OF BECOMING THE FOOD PRODUCING CENTER OF THE STATE. OUT OF THIS ALREADY HAS COME NEW CROPS, NEW INDUSTRIES. MORE WILL FOLLOW. EVENTUALLY SUCH DEVELOPMENT WILL GIVE YOU YOUR DEEP-WATER PORT. AT PRESENT WE ARE NOT ABLE TO GET YOU ONE BECAUSE THE COST-BENEFIT RATIO IS TOO LOW. WHEN IT CAN BE SHOWN THAT A PORT WILL MAKE ENOUGH MONEY TO PAY FOR ITSELF IN BENEFITS TO THE ECONOMY, YOU WILL GET ONE. WE WERE READY TO START A FEW YEARS AGO WHEN IT SEEMED THE

PINEAPPLE CANNING FACTORY

PINEAPPLE CANNING FACTORY WOULD COME, BUT WHEN THAT DID NOT MATERIALIZE, THE PLANS FAILED. SOMEDAY THE ECONOMY OF THE ISLANDS WILL SUPPORT A FERRY SYSTEM, WHOSE SERVICE WILL INCLUDE MOLOKAI. I AM DELIGHTED WITH REPORTS THAT THE TOURIST INDUSTRY HAS DISCOVERED MOLOKAI. NOW THAT YOU HAVE YOUR FIRST TOURIST HOTEL, MORE WILL FOLLOW. THIS IS GOOD. BUT MAY I SUGGEST THAT YOU NOT PIN YOUR HOPES ONLY ON TOURISM AND AGRICULTURE, FOR WHILE THEY WILL BRING IN MONEY, YOUR CHILDREN'S OPPORTUNITIES SHOULD NOT BE LIMITED TO THOSE OF BECOMING A FIELD WORKER, A HULA DANCER, A COOK, OR A TAXI DRIVER. YOU MUST ASPIRE TO A MORE VARIED ECONOMY, ONE WHICH WILL ACCOMMODATE THE MORE DIVERSE TALENTS OF YOUR PEOPLE. THIS MAY NOT COME IMMEDIATELY, BUT AS YOU YOURSELF BEGIN TO DEVELOP YOUR RESOURCES, IT WILL COME SOONER THAN WOULD APPEAR TODAY. PREPARE NOW, AND BE OF GOOD CHEER.

IN CONCLUSION, MOLOKAI HAS MUCH TO OFFER OAHU, AS OAHU HAS TO OFFER MOLOKAI, AND THE NEEDS OF MOLOKAI
HAVE BECOME THE NEEDS

HAVE BECOME THE NEEDS OF OAHU. WE ARE SEPARATE ISLANDS, BUT ONE STATE. SOMEDAY I HOPE THOSE OF YOU WHO ARE GRADUATING TODAY AND WILL LEAVE MOLOKAI WILL COME BACK, FOR THAT WOULD BE NOT ONLY A JOYOUS REUNION, BUT A TREMENDOUS VICTORY OVER LIMITATIONS WHICH FOR SO MANY YEARS HAVE FASTENED THEMSELVES ON THE OUTER ISLANDS. THE ACHIEVEMENT OF THAT VICTORY WILL REQUIRE THE TALENTS, THE RESOURCES, THE DEDICATION, THE PATIENCE OF EVERYONE: THOSE WHO WILL STAY HERE, AND THOSE WHOSE HOMES ARE ON OAHU. I HAVE GREAT CONFIDENCE THAT VICTORY WILL COME. WHEN IT DOES, HAWAII WILL BE A BETTER, A MORE PROSPEROUS, AND A HAPPIER PLACE IN WHICH TO LIVE.