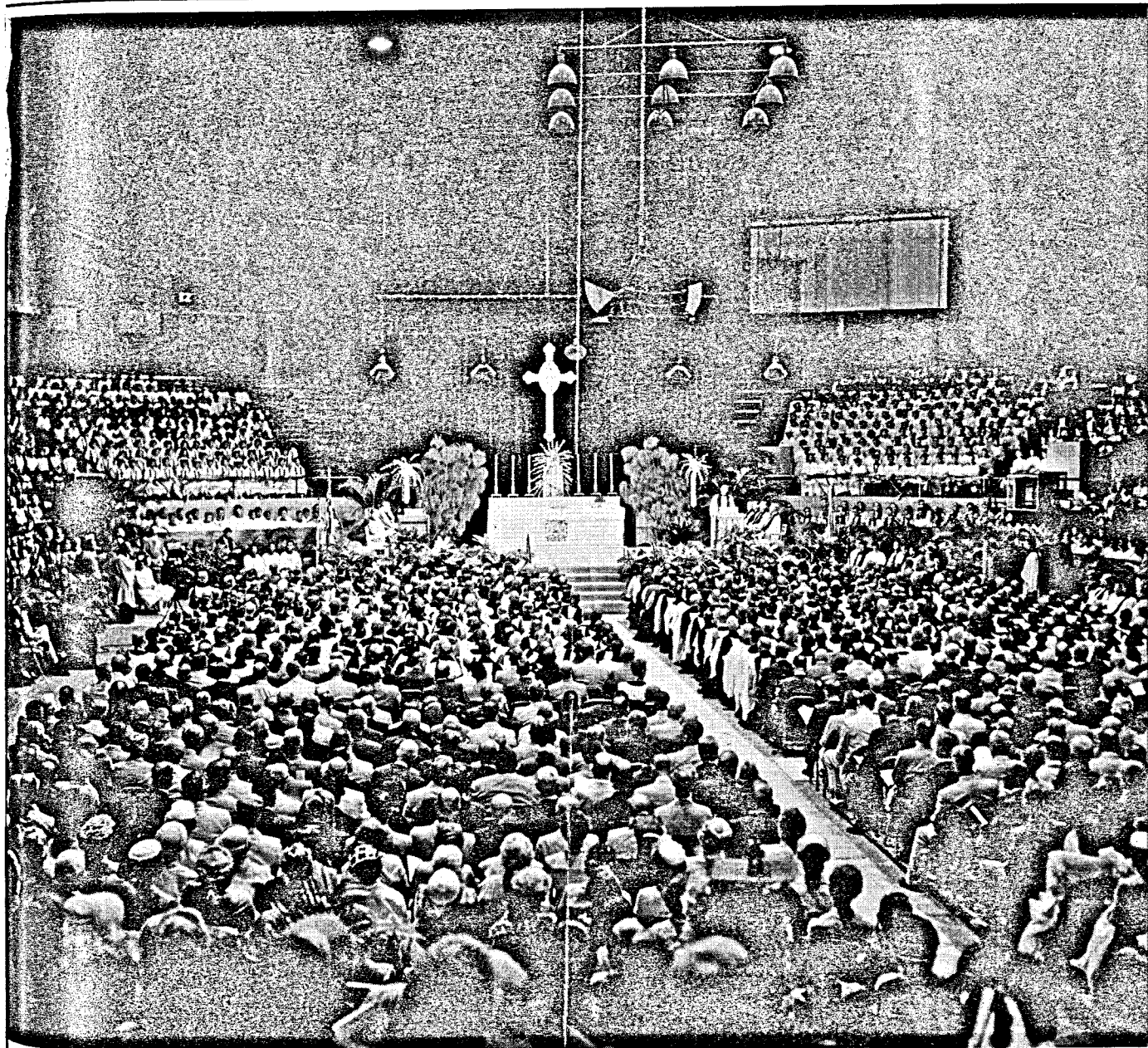


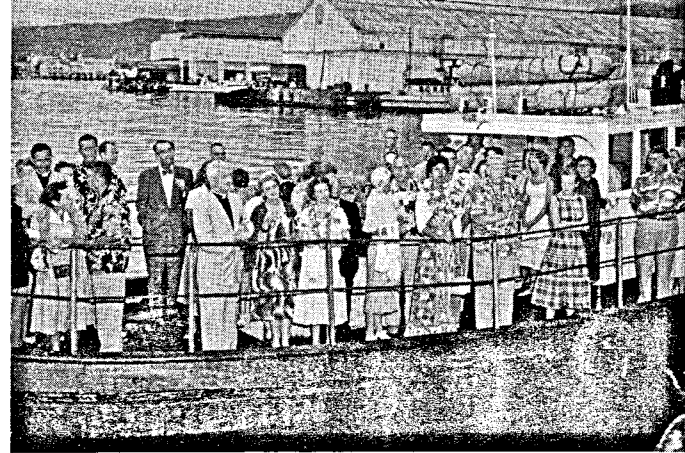
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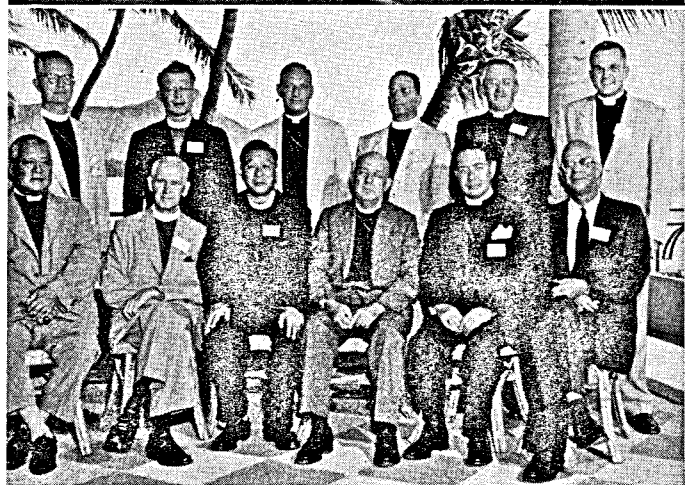


Miriam Yamakawa and Luke Kabira from Okinawa attended the Convention.



As We Saw The 58th General Convention

It seems incredible that something so many worked upon so intently for so many months and anticipated with so much enthusiasm could so soon be over — but it is. We wish that we might thank every individual personally and publically for all he or she did to bring to a happy conclusion the task that was ours, but this is impossible, so we are naming no one. We only hope that the effort expended has come back in full measure in the rich experiences we enjoyed during the period of Convention. To be intimately turning a cog to make an engine roll was a rewarding experience in itself. Everyone had a wonderful spirit in all that was done. As a consequence, our visitors returned to their homes filled with a better understanding of the missionary endeavor and knowledge of Aloha. As one clerical deputy wrote, "I must confess that I felt, before reaching Hawaii, that this 'Aloha' business was just a nice commercial gadget for the innocent tourist. I found out that it represented something else entirely — not only from the official welcomers, but from taxi men, maids, farmers, etc. etc. It was really heartwarming to



Pictures

Left — top to bottom.

The tug with official greeters, goes out to meet Convention guests on the ship, the Lurline.

A group of delegates, one of a hundred similar groups of delegates, arrive at the Airport and are met by the Convention Committee and given leis.

The Overseas Missionary Bishops met before Convention began at the Halekulani Hotel. Seated l to r: Bishops: Salinas, Mexico; Binsted, Philippines; Yashiro, Japan; Blankenship, Cuba; Melcher, Brazil; Harris, Liberia. Standing: Voegeli, Haiti; Swift, Puerto Rico; Kennedy; Kriskche, Southwestern Brazil; Gooden, Panama Canal Zone; Gordon, Alaska.



Dean Pike, of New York Cathedral, broadcasting over America's Town Meeting on September 3rd, a nation-wide broadcast.



Presiding Bishop Sherrill cuts flower lei at entrance of the pontoon bridge at dedication service while Lt. Sheard, Major General Powell, Colonel Ernest Terry, Bishop Kennedy look on.

mix with so many kinds of people so freely and naturally."

To the Hospitality Committee goes a big hand of applause for the endless hours — seemingly tireless — spent meeting planes and ships with leis, smiles and kisses! And they were just as gracious when the guests departed.

Bridge Across Ala Wai Canal

Through the graciousness of Major General Herbert B. Powell, Commanding General of the 25th Division, a pontoon bridge was placed across the Ala Wai Canal to enable the guests of Convention to cross directly from the hotels in the Waikiki area to the Iolani School Campus, where all the meetings were held. The Presiding Bishop opened the bridge on the Friday afternoon before Convention at a ceremony in which General Powell, Lt. Joseph Sheard, in charge of the construction of the bridge, and our Bishop participated. Many of the guests, in writing about Convention, spoke of the courteous treatment of the sentries, who guarded the bridge, and the convenience of the bridge.

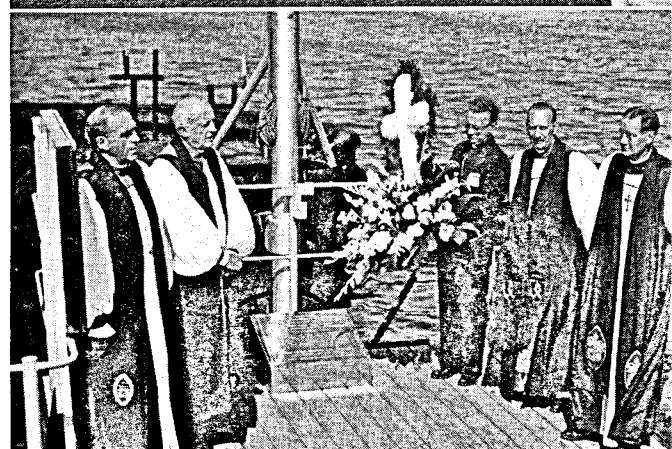
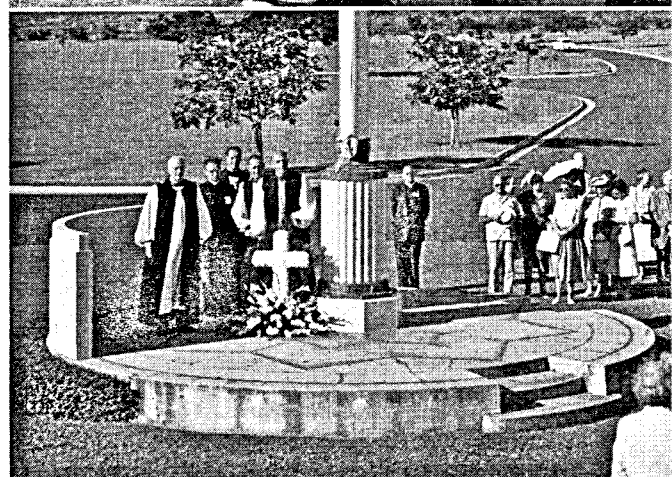
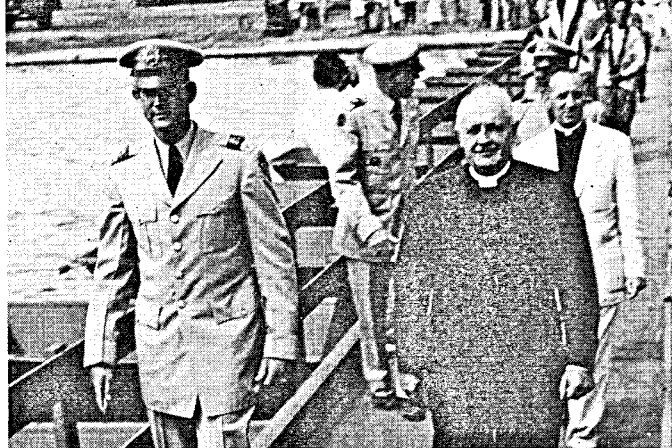
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The Presiding Bishop and Lt. Sheard are first to walk across the pontoon bridge placed across the Ala Wai Canal for the convenience of our visitors.

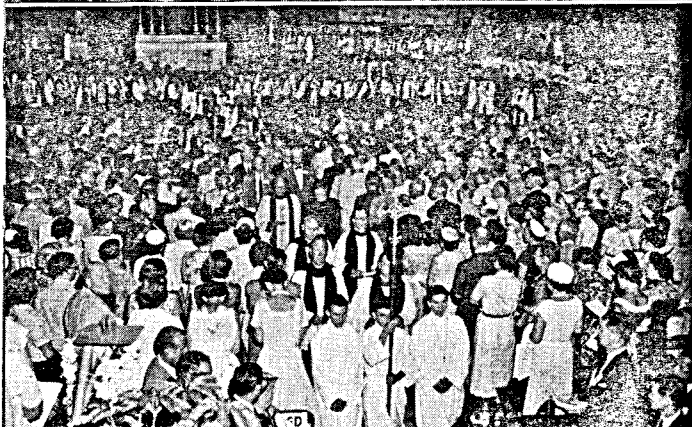
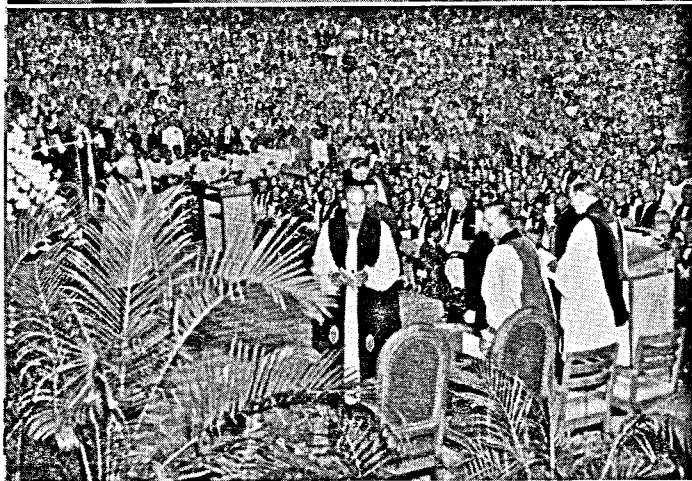
The Hawaiian Pineapple Company served cold pineapple juice during Convention in this attractive booth. The Rev. John J. Morrett, Chairman of Hospitality, and girls of Canterbury Club, University of Hawaii, and members of the Hospitality Committee serving them.

Memorial Service at Punchbowl National Cemetery and on the deck of the "Arizona" sunk at Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941. Bishop Block, of California, the Presiding Bishop, Bishop Louttit, head of the Armed Forces Division of National Council, Bishop Kennedy and Bishop Arthur Kinsolving, of Arizona, participating in the services.





The Haili Choir, of Hilo, entertains Convention guests with Hawaiian songs and dances, at Civic Auditorium.



Opening Service

The Opening Service attracted a capacity congregation of more than 6,500 Church members. Convention's Opening Service is always a thrilling occasion and this was no exception. The Procession, 1700 strong, entered Civic Auditorium that was transformed for this night into a great church. Suspended above the altar, the cross with the seal of Honolulu on it against a rich red dossal, reminded the worshippers that this Convention was meeting in a missionary district — the first such event in the long history of this Church.

The altar itself, with its six great especially-made candlesticks, was fittingly beautified with masses of tropical flowers, including the night-blooming cereus which flowered during the service.

In his address The Presiding Bishop said, "I dream of a General Convention moved by The Spirit of God to undertake a great missionary advance in every area of the Church's life, to bring spiritual understanding and strength to a world in need of redemption, to rise above petty considerations, to make real the majesty of sacredness of our task. The times call us to wise and great leadership. To this opportunity, under God, we set our hands."

The Builders for Christ Offering, presented during the singing of the offertory anthems came to \$4,113,904.57 toward the goal of \$4,150,000. The Opening Service offering, which amounted to about \$4,000, was designated for our work in Okinawa.

The altar linens made by our Diocesan Altar Guild and used for this service and the UTO service are to go to Okinawa for the Chapel in the Leper Colony at Airaku-en.

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Friends greet friends before the Opening Service outside Civic Auditorium.

The Rev. C. Rankin Barnes, Secretary of the National Council and the House of Deputies, participating in the Opening Service.

The Auditorium was filled to overflowing at this service.

Recessional of the Service.



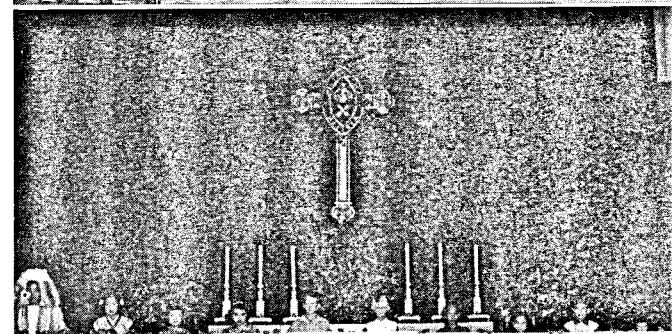
Our Bishop and Bishop John Bentley, Head of the Overseas Department of National Council, receive the United Thank Offering from The Woman's Auxiliary of the Diocese of West Texas.

Attendance

Although it was impossible to ascertain the exact count of Convention guests, we do know that some 4,000 to 4,500 were here for the occasion. At the Opening Service the Civic Auditorium was filled to capacity — 6,500. At the 8 Province Dinners, 10 Seminary Dinners and 44 other banquets and luncheons, the attendance in many cases surpassed that of any previous Convention. We had guests from Alaska, Okinawa, Formosa, Japan, Australia, New Zealand, Liberia, Fiji, Philippines, Puerto Rico, Mexico, Brazil, Cuba, and as far as Rome as well as from all our states on the mainland. Even the different Houses, contrary to prediction, the House of Bishops, House of Deputies and the Triennial Meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary, were as well attended as any previous Convention. Distance did not seem to prevent our guests from finding their way to Hawaii.

A Night In Hawaii

Colorful and delightful was the performance of the Haili Choir, from Hilo, Hawaii, given for the entertainment of Convention guests. It was so artistically done that our guests caught the beauty of the Hawaiian music and the hula dancing.



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The choir at the Opening Service of Convention.

Bishops and clergy are seated near the front of the auditorium for the Opening Service.

Children dressed in the costumes of different races line up to reveal the United Thank Offering for the Triennium. Honolulu's Offering was \$13,392.79.

The total amount for the Triennium is revealed.

\$3,149,197.8



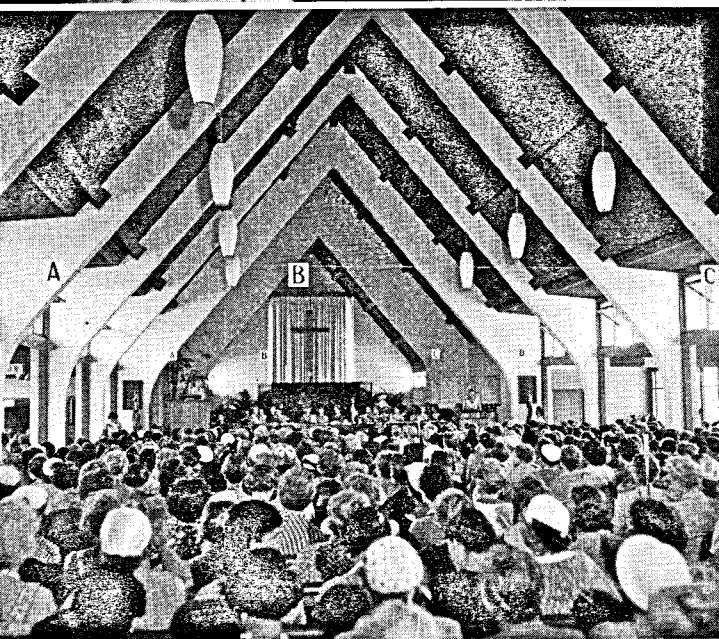
Triennial Meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary in St. Alban's Chapel, Iolani School.

United Thank Offering Service

The United Thank Offering Service was most impressive. The beauty of the altar with red Anthurium, Bird of Paradise, Haliconia etc. was breath-taking. There is always a feeling of awe as the offering of the women is placed upon the gold alms basin — because one realizes how great is the thankfulness of women throughout our Church, for the mercies and blessings of God.

The offering from this service was dramatically revealed that night at the Missionary Mass Meeting in Civic Auditorium, when a procession of children representing different countries, appropriately garbed, marched to the platform on which the altar was built. Starting with the last digit, each child one at a time stooped and picked up a large card showing his digit. When the last number came up, the 3 in the total of \$3,149,197.83, a big gasp rang throughout the auditorium. The amount had been kept secret until that moment.

Meeting of the House of Deputies in Iolani School Gymnasium.





The House of Bishops met in the War Veterans "Club 100".

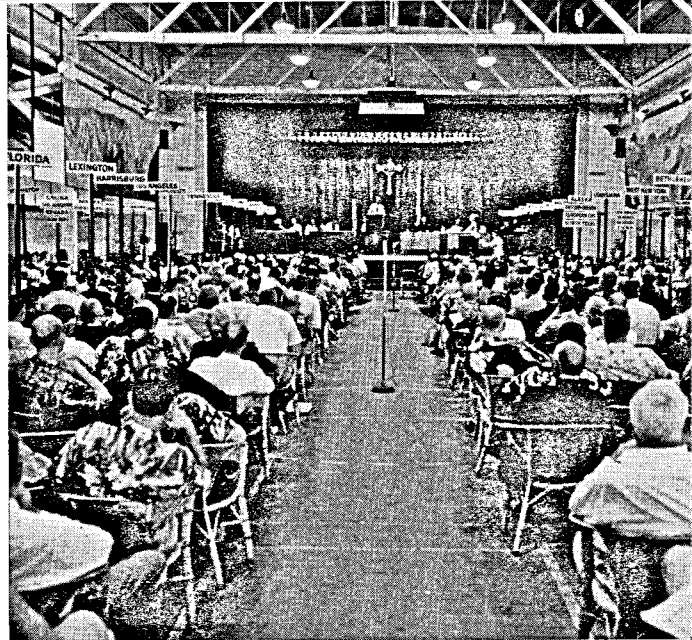
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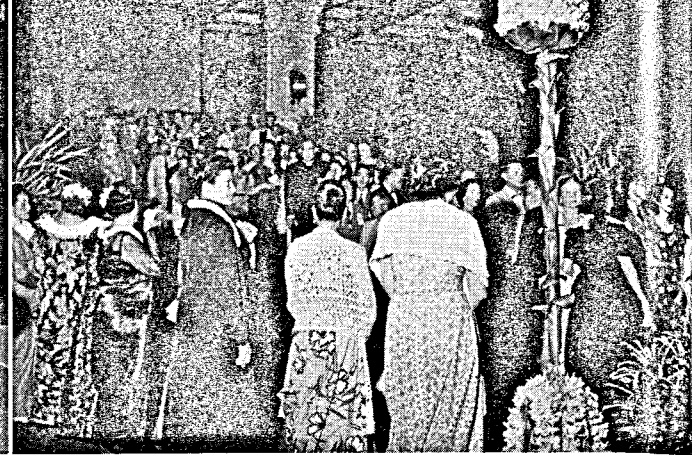
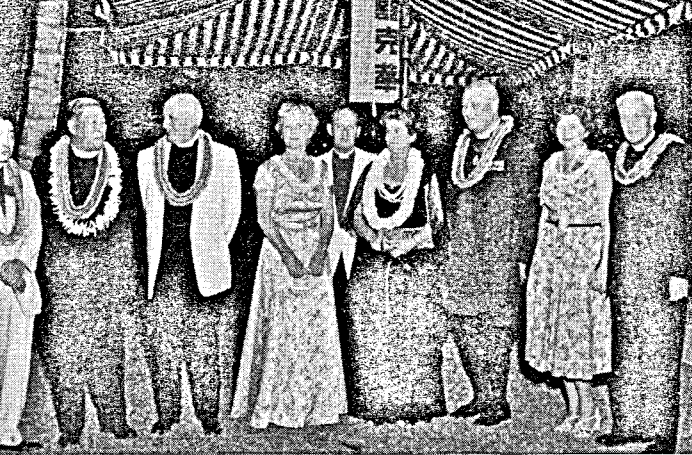
One of the most beautiful occasions ever enjoyed in Honolulu was the official reception held on the grounds of the Royal Hawaiian Hotel. The committee in charge did a masterful job in floral arrangements and entertainment. It was "Paradise" come true. The 5000 who went through the receiving lines to greet the Presiding Bishop, his gracious wife, and our distinguished guests of Convention were content to stand a long time in order to have this privilege.

House of Deputies as viewed from the rear of the gymnasium.

The Bishops listen intently to the business of the day.

Mr. Arthur Smith, Lay Deputy from Honolulu and Chairman of the General Convention, is third row right in this picture. Many of the clergy and laymen donned Aloha shirts for comfort.





Reception given by Governor and Mrs. King for the Convention guests.



From the Far Pacific

Canon William Heffner gave a splendid presentation of the work in Okinawa at the Overseas Missionary Mass Meeting. We rejoiced in having him with us after four years in Okinawa. He brought with him to Convention Mr. Luke Kabira and Miss Miriam Yamakawa, devout workers in the church there. One clergyman reporting to the "Witness" wrote, "Two young people, a man and a young woman were presented by Canon Heffner. The man spoke in Japanese with Canon Heffner translating. The young woman spoke in English. In these recent recruits in a wholly new mission there is something of the fire of the first Century Christian. The contrast between the joy, enthusiasm and true humility of these people and the restrained, cautious and jealous pride of us old line members is staggering. It may be that God in them is trying to show us how we ought to be."

Friendly Spirit Prevails

The proximity of buildings for the meetings of the Bishops, Deputies and Woman's Auxiliary gave our visitors an opportunity to become better acquainted, because wherever they turned friend met friend and people spoke, even when they did not know each other.

The Snack Bar, so perfectly run by a corps of workers, was a delightful meeting place for a cup of coffee or a glass of punch. The Tea Tent afforded another place for relaxation. The tea tables were a work of art in the beauty of the floral arrangements. Orchids flown in from the neighboring islands were given to the guests of Convention by members of the Canterbury Club, the girls dressed in colorful kimonos.

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Official Reception at the Royal Hawaiian Hotel grounds. 1 to r: Bishop de los Reyes, of the Philippine Independent Church, Bishop Yoshino, of Japan, Bishop Sherrill, Mrs. Kennedy, our Bishop, Mrs. Sherrill, Archbishop Mawli, of Australia, Mrs. Theodore Wedel and The Rev. Canon Theodore Wedel.

The officials greet guests.

Another line of dignitaries was that formed by — 1 to r: Bishop Nakamura, Tohoku Diocese, Japan, Mr. Arthur G. Smith, General Convention Chairman, Mrs. Arthur G. Smith, Mrs. Stanley Kempthorne, of Suva, Fiji, Bishop Kempthorne, of Fiji, Mrs. Alwyn Warren, of Christ Church, New Zealand, Bishop Warren, and The Rev. Paul R. Savanack, General Convention Manager.



Executive Board of the National Woman's Auxiliary.

Tree Planting Ceremony

The Tree Planting Ceremony, in which the Presiding Bishop planted a watermelon-hued shower tree near St. Alban's Chapel, on Iolani campus, while 28 Bishops and officials of the Convention named the monkeypod trees along Convention Drive and 15 Missionary and Foreign Bishops named additional rainbow showers in Missionary Grove. Mr. Larry Grant, Public Relations Manager for Iolani School, wrote, "It seemed a toss-up as to who felt the more honored . . . Iolani by having these gracious people establish a tradition for us, or those who were invited to participate. The Acolytes, who served the various Bishops in the processional, seem to have stolen their individual hearts. We plan to keep the tradition alive by sending pictures of the boys and the trees, as each grows, back to the Bishop for whom the tree was named."

The boys at Iolani of grades 3 through 5 further impressed the guests of Convention by presenting them with free-form ceramic crosses which they had designed and made. The Bishops were given small koa-wood stands which held their names in the House of Bishops, with the word "Iolani" burned into the wood.

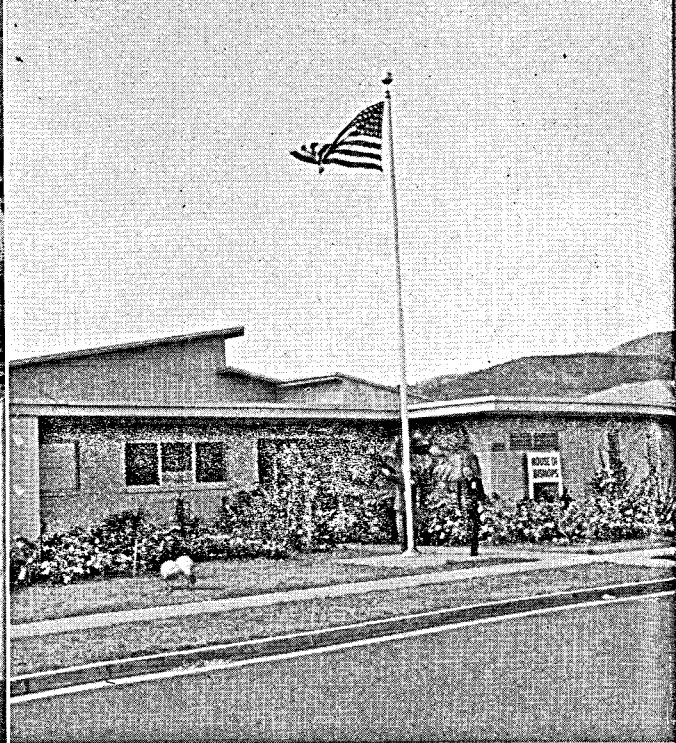


Presiding Bishop Sherrill and other bishops line up to plant trees on the Iolani School campus.

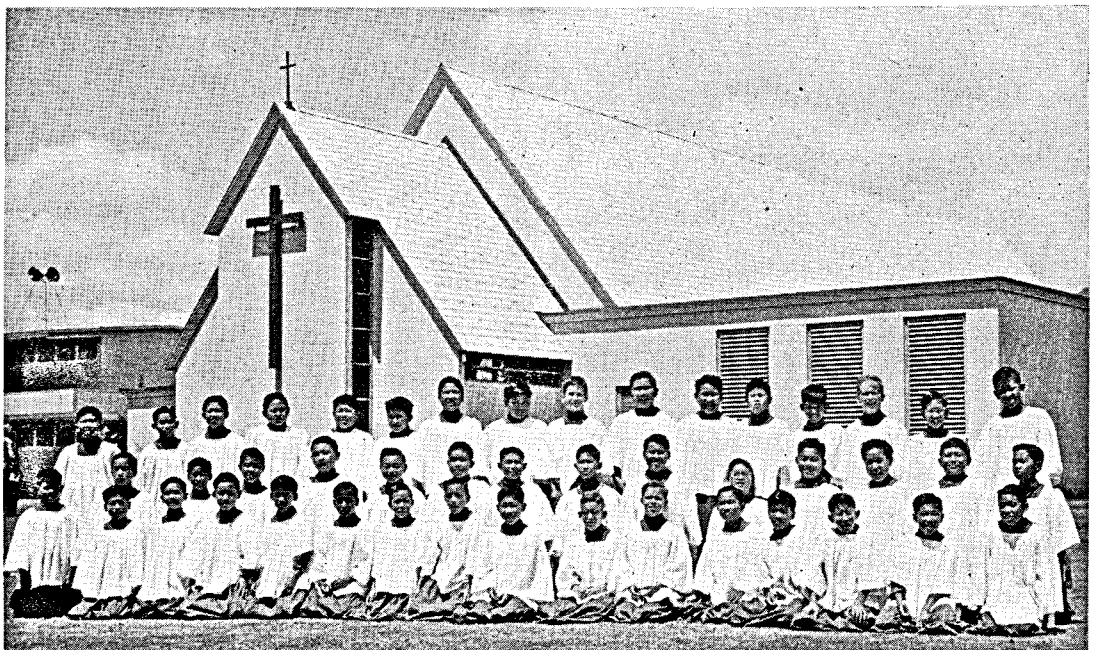
The Presiding Bishop plants his tree.



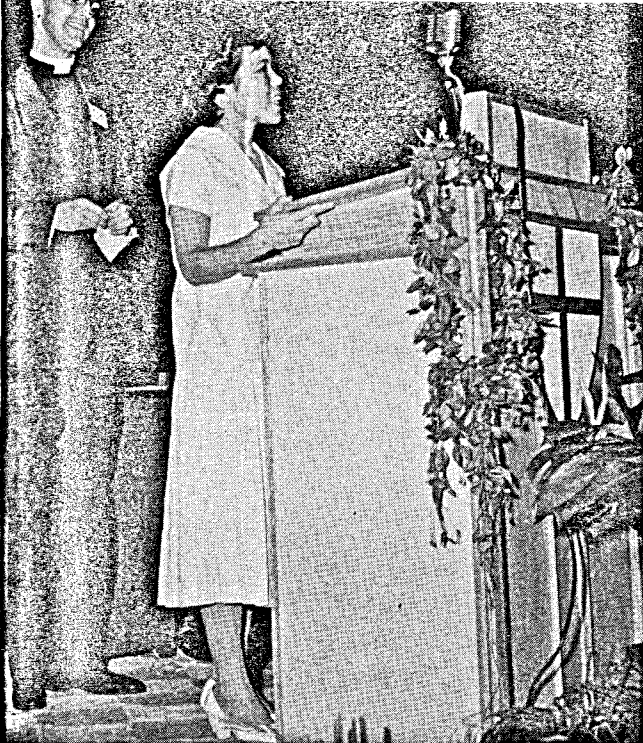
The Bishop shakes hands with Chester Sevick from Alaska as Luke Kabira, from Okinawa, looks on. Bishop Voegeli, of Haiti, has his back to the Bishop. Mrs. George Goss, Diocesan President of the Woman's Auxiliary is also pictured.



"Club 100" graciously loaned to us by the famous Japanese War Veterans of the 100th Division, World War II for our use as the House of Bishops.



Iolani Intermediate School Choir who assisted with the Tree Planting Service and sang in the Opening Service.



Canon William Heffner, of Okinawa, looks on while Miriam Yamakawa addresses a Joint Session of Convention.

Community Joins Church in Helping

It would be difficult to enumerate all the business firms and organizations that came forth to help make our guests enjoy Convention. The Hawaii Visitors Bureau excelled in all they did, as did the Chambers of Commerce, Churches, other than ours, that offered hospitality to our guests, the hotels, etc. The Aloha Motors provided cars for the Presiding Bishop and the Rev. C. Rankin Barnes, Secretary of the House of Deputies, during their stay in Honolulu. The Fisher Corporation loaned the valuable

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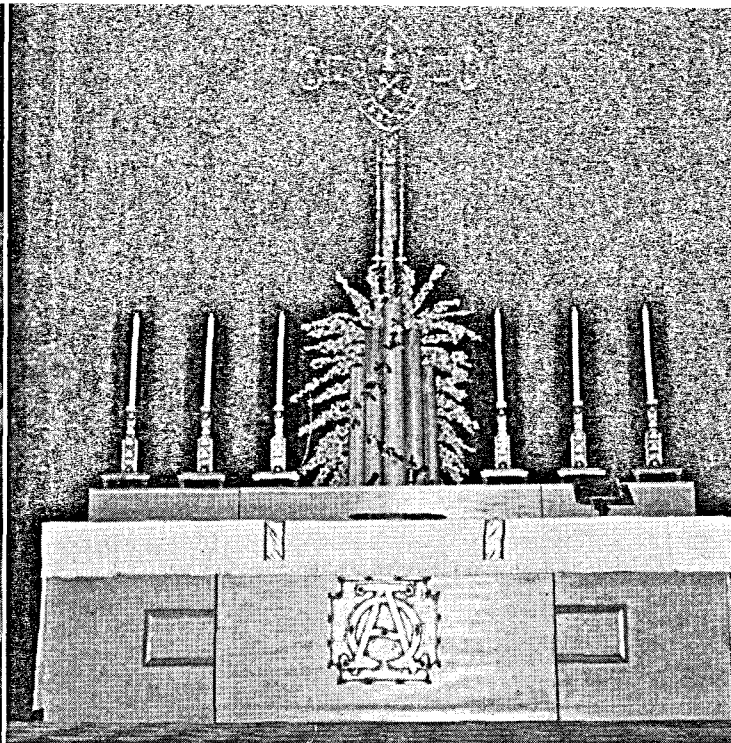
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The beautiful altar, candlesticks and cross made by Mr. Theodore Ho, of St. Peter's Church, for the Convention services.

murals that were placed in the House of Deputies to enhance the building. The Hawaiian Pineapple Company provided ice-cold pineapple juice throughout the Convention. The Governor and his wife graciously entertained the guests of Convention at Washington Place. Civil and military authorities joined in making this a memorable event. To each and to all we express our deep gratitude for a successful convention held in a mission field and outside Continental United States.

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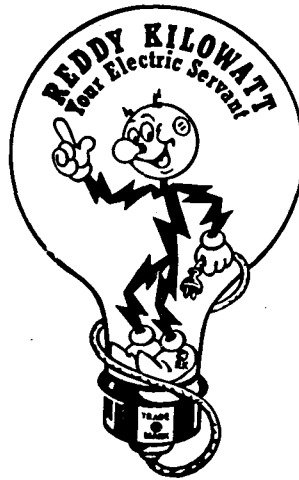
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