


the Sam Campbell Special

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A western hotel manager said, "We never see finer folks than those on the Sam Campbell Tours. They are happy, courteous, refined, and kind. It is a joy to have them come." Just think what Hawaii has in store!

THE HAWAIIAN TOUR ---

Well (puff! puff!) since we last wrote things have been happening. Through the kind cooperation of our friends in Hawaii and at the Matson Lines, we had 30 additional reservations given us. These were taken up by waiting applicants before the ink was dry on our records. Our party now stands at 185 people, and there it is going to stand, too! We can't get any more aboard our train unless someone wants to ride with the engineer, and over in the islands they haven't even a tent available.

Roy Dickson has a list on his desk of those who are determined to go if possible. If and when cancellations come in, he will make such accommodations available to those waiting, giving preference in the order the applications have been received.

Roy is all kerfuddled and kermixed anyway. Remember the Government cut the travel tax from 15% to 10%? It was good news for most folks, but for Roy it was like taking it out of his hide. This saving has to be credited back to each tour member. It applies, of course, to only the transportation items of the tour, but then the rates on various cabins and Pullman accommodations are different and each has to be figured out separately. No sooner did he get started on this than word got through that the rates on air travel between the islands had gone up \$5.00 and just enough cents to make figuring difficult. So he has to subtract something and then add something, and then divide by so much, or else multiply -- we forget which. The result, Roy says -- if he can find out what it is without going to the Boobyhatch -- will be a saving to each tour member ranging from about \$20.00 in the lower priced accommodations to some \$70.00 in the top bracket. This adjustment will be shown on the statements to be sent out for final payment.

Our SPECIAL TRAIN promises to be a dandy. We will have the best of light weight equipment. A lecture car will be at the head of the train, and there will be parlor cars. The train will be 17 cars long as it leaves Chicago. On the back end will be an illuminated drum sign reading "SAM CAMPBELL SPECIAL TOUR TO HAWAII!" We don't know whether anyone else reads it or not but we do. Special plans are being worked out for handling the baggage as conveniently as possible. Baggage not needed on the train or at the hotel in San Francisco can be checked from Chicago to the LURLINE. More about this as the great day arrives.

CLOTHES FOR MEN ---

We promised Sam Campbell would write something on this important subject. He did! We might as well have asked one of his porcupines to discuss the H-bomb. His first attempt ran something like this: "Aboard the train I suggest sport shirts, riding breeches, and high-topped boots. On the LURLINE, I think we should wear high-topped boots, sport shirts and riding breeches. In the islands for daytime wear I suggest sport shirts, high-topped boots and riding breeches, and for the evenings, the same."

Quite naturally we rejected that and then got around his "breeches and boots" complex by asking, "Well, what do other people think we should wear?" Then he

came up with the following: "Just don't get the idea clothes on this trip are going to be radically different from those worn right at home. Moderation describes the styles. If you like to be formal, just don't be too formal -- if you like to be informal, don't be too informal.

"The good old business suit is appropriate most of the time, though remember this is a warm climate before us and a light weight suit will be best. Some men like to dress a bit extra for dinner on the LURLINE or at the Royal Hawaiian Hotel. Some don't. If you do, a white dinner jacket with a soft white shirt is O.K. -- but never 'tails.' If you don't, the business suit is fine.

"About the ship and in Hawaii, slacks and sport (Aloha) shirts are the mode. In the outer islands, such clothes are worn in the dining rooms too. Bathing trunks should be in your wardrobe and a lightweight sweater is useful for beach wear. Top coats are not needed in Hawaii, but will be appropriate in San Francisco and perhaps at times on the ship. Hats are almost unknown in the islands.

"Both on the ship and in the islands you will find suitable clothing can be purchased at reasonable prices. Another island style is to wear a smile -- that is, in addition to the clothes. You'll find these come easy in Hawaii, too -- when you look at those hula girls."

"Travel light -- that's the important thing."

OUR FOLKS --

The Indianapolis Campbellites had a grand time at their annual dinner at the Columbia Club, April 23. Fifty six came for the fine roast beef dinner, for which the Club is famous. By the time the program began there were 85 present. A Hawaiian motif ruled the evening. Guests were adorned with colorful leis. The walls of the banquet room were decorated with scenes from the islands; the LURLINE, Hawaiian murals, hula girls, beach boys and tantalizing island maps. Movies of Hawaii were shown, followed by smug smiles from those who have reservations and wails from those who don't.

At Sam's lecture in LaPorte, Mr. & Mrs. Bert Gasser of Gary, Indiana showed up. These are long time friends of Giny and Sam. They have a lovely summer home in the north woods not far from the Campbell Sanctuary. The Gassers have reservations on our Hawaii Tour.

Have you heard? Giny and Sam have built and now occupy a new winter home near Barrington, Illinois. They call it GINSAM OAKS -- guess you can figure that out. It has six acres of oak timber, a winding creek and lots of birds, squirrels, raccoons, and other small animals. Their official home will still be the north woods. This one will be winter headquarters, heretofore the Lake Shore Club. The new address is Hart and Oak Knoll Roads, Route 3, Barrington, Illinois

Sam's new book LOONY COON has been accepted for publication by the Bobbs-Merrill Company. It is the story of a cute and mischievous raccoon that lives in the Campbell forest Sanctuary. LOONY COON will be printed up and on the market by October, or perhaps earlier. Giny says it is wonderful, Sam thinks it could be better. Publishers agree with Giny.

NOTES AND GLEANS:

The Island of Hawaii has a land area of 4,030 square miles. This is nearly twice as much as the other islands combined. Every mile is studded with interest. Mauna Loa is the largest single mountain mass on earth. It rises 13,680 feet. Here occurred a 23 day eruption in 1950 -- the largest volume of lava to be produced by one eruption in historic times. Mauna Kea is a dormant volcano, but a beautiful mountain, higher by 104 feet than Mauna Loa. Snow rests upon this peak during the winter time. Kamehameha the Great, King and Conqueror of Hawaii, was born on this island. The first Christian Missionaries to visit Hawaii landed here. The

island is noted for its flowers, its beaches of black sand, its fern tree forest, its volcanos, its spectacular coast lines, its historic relics, and its friendliness. Hawaii is the most southeasterly isle of the group. An item of note these days is that coffee is grown here. The Kona brand is distributed throughout the islands and is reputed to be right good.

Kauai, the third island on our calling list (Oahu being our base of operations) is the most northwesterly of them all. It is more nearly round than anything else, and has an area of 555 square miles. About 30,000 people live on this small isle, and they like it. It boasts many interesting and beautiful scenic areas: the spectacular Waimea Canyon which has a resemblance to Grand Canyon of Arizona, and three other canyons with distinct, individual charm, Wainiha, Lumahai, and Hanalei. The Wailua River, which treads its way through tropical environment, is described as "the only navigable fresh-water waterway in Hawaii." Far up this stream is the Fern Grotto, a shallow cave which is lined with a dense growth of lush ferns. The Campbellites will make a trip to this Grotto, as well as to the other scenic high-lights of the island.

The delightful Hawaiian custom of giving leis as greetings, as a token of gratitude or evidence of affection, is unsurpassed among sentimental gestures of the world. It originated somewhere in the obscure past of Hawaii, and was among the exclusive rights of tribal royalty. The leis of these early days were made up of feathers. With the coming of the white man and the upswing of Hawaiian popularity, birds could not meet the demand for feathers, and the flower lei came into being. No taint of commercial purpose can obscure the sincere motive in the giving of leis. You will feel your heart warm as one of these beautiful tokens is placed about your neck--accompanied by a kiss if the ceremony is complete. It means welcome, friendship, good wishes -- all that is summarized in the cheery "Aloha" that goes with it. This greeting comes as the ship lands, and it is repeated as you go about the islands. Various flowers are used: the orchid, the plumeria, the pikaki, the carnation. On the island of Kauai you will see leis made of the mokihana, a purple hued berry. You may still see hatband leis of feathers -- pheasant feathers -- but not many because they are expensive and few hats are worn in Hawaii anyway. When you leave for the mainland and the ship is passing Waikiki Beach and Diamond Head, you toss your lei into the sea. Waves carry it ashore, and this ceremony seals your agreement that you will return to Hawaii again, and again, and again --

KEEP GETTING READY FOR THAT HAWAII TRIP! THE GETTING READY IS PART OF THE FUN, AND THE GREAT DAY WILL BE HERE BEFORE WE KNOW IT.

Thought-of-the-month

"I am in love with this great, green, growing world."

(Abbott)

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