

AUSTRALIAN JOURNEY

Stopovers At Honolulu Top Tonic For Editor's Ulcers

By John Freeman  
(Canadian Weekly Newspaper editor and representative and editor of the Lakeshore News, Pointe Claire, who recently returned from a 20,000 mile trip with Canadian Pacific Airlines which took him to Australia via Hawaii and Fiji.)

Arrival at Hawaii is an experience no traveller will ever forget. Having read the advertising literature pertaining to Hawaii, I, like other weekly editors, had admired the copy writers' style more than I had his veracity. Phrases like "Hawaii — lotus islands of the Pacific" had sounded wonderful but unreal.

Before I left Honolulu airport next day I had cause to revise my opinion: Elegant accommodation, warm scented winds, bright sun, pounding surf, and the seemingly unending happiness of the people create a state of mind absolutely guaranteed to placate the ulcers of any number of weekly editors!

I could have spent the whole four weeks there, and to the devil with the rest of the tour!

**Hawaiian Flag Surprises**

One point that never fails to rouse the interest and curiosity of visitors to Hawaii is the sight of what appears to be the Union Jack flying in the top quarter of the Hawaiian flag next to the staff.

United States territory since 1898, when its annexation took place, Hawaii's flag is made up of "nine stripes alternate, white, red and blue, and as a union of blue the crosses of St. George, St. Patrick and St. Andrew."

A clue to this design of the flag is found in the fact that Hawaii was originally known as the Sandwich Islands, being named after the First Lord of the British Admiralty, the Earl of Sandwich.

Actually, the first European to set foot there was Captain James Cook who some years earlier had discovered and claimed Australia for the British Crown.

The famous captain was subsequently killed in a misunderstanding on a return visit to the islands and a monument stands to his memory thereon.

Besides the natural beauty of the resort and of the maidens whose charms are an obvious adjunct to the scenery (wonder if this will get past the wife), the islands themselves have a history and culture which begins for most Hawaiians from the reign of King Kamehameha I, who conquered all the islands and brought them under one government.

**Tale of Two Statues**

Through circumstances and not by design there are two bronze statues of the king, exactly similar on the island of Hawaii, and thereby hangs a tale.

According to "Paradise," Hawaii's well-read monthly magazine, the people of Hawaii commissioned a bronze statue of their beloved King from Florence, Italy. The statue was eventually finished and shipped via Boston where it was transhipped again. The last leg of the trip would take the boat around the Horn. Unfortunately however, the ship caught fire and sank off the Falkland Islands.

Luckily, all eight feet six inches of the bronze statue were insured and a copy was ordered right away. This one had a smooth trip and was unveiled in 1883 with the heavens expressing their approval and joy by pouring rain on spectators until just a half hour before the formal ceremony. Then the sun shone brightly for the rest of the day.

The punchline is in the fact that years later the original statue was found in the Falklands by a ship's captain who took it to Hawaii in the hope of finding a buyer.

His customer was the Kingdom of Hawaii which erected the duplicate statue near the famous warrior's birthplace.

**Grapefruit for Breakfast?**

Breakfast at the Royal Hawaiian was marked by the incredulous observation of the beautifully gowned Hawaiian waitresses concerning the breakfast order of my new-found travelling companion, Ron Marsh. "You come all this way to eat grapefruit in Honolulu."

Apparently the spirit of Hawaii later caught up with Ron as he had to be practically dragged on the plane as it left for Fiji Islands on what is the longest day of the whole flight—some 3,000 miles during which time we became members of the "Equator Club" and "Dateline Club" respectively, as we headed into the night flying below the "Milky Way", brightest of all the heavenly galaxies in the southern hemisphere.

When the steward announced "You are now crossing the equator," I was no different to the other passengers — all looking down for that thick black line on the earth's surface.

It's about this stage in the flight that you are caught with the impression that the airline is trying to give you back as much of the fare as possible in food and refreshment. The service is outstanding.

Our stop at Fiji was of short duration. We had a cold shower and I bought a set of lovely earrings of tortoiseshell and mother of pearl for the little woman at home. (Very helpful if one is to get the big welcome upon return, and especially so if she is doing the job of publishing the paper in one's absence!)

According to reports of the plane stewardesses, who sometimes stop over at Fiji, there is an excellent resort on the other side of the island, if one wants to really get away from

it all.

We had breakfast on leaving Fiji and landed at Sydney around 11 a.m. after a refueling stop at Auckland's airport in New Zealand.

**Arrival Sydney**

We cannot omit mention of the excellent service given tourists and visitors by the customs at Sydney airport. The familiar queue is noticeably absent and passengers are summoned by name in a quick and courteous manner. Make sure you have the "official stamp" as required on your certificate of vaccination.

I didn't, and as a result got the needle again — administered by an Australian M.O., courtesy of the Australian government.

I must check on my return to Quebec whether or not Doc MacDonald billed me for that first needle job. He told me the stamp was not necessary!

**Aussies Live Well!**

The Canadian visitor to Australia will find much to interest him in this land of some 10,000,000 people who are so much like Canadians in many ways but so different in others.

The average Australian enjoys a high standard of living, second only to the US and Canada, with nearly every family owning at least one automobile. Mainly because of dollar restrictions most autos are English or Continental make. However, many Aussies now drive the wholly Australian made General Motors produced "Holden", sometimes known as the "poor man's Chevy." It's a popular make and has astonishingly high pick-up and performance.

Residents in the higher bracket generally go for the higher priced Jaguar with some families owning, say a "Jag" and also a smaller car as a secondary automobile.

While I was in Australia General Motors announced plans to build a \$42,000,000 new plant. They also announced a profit of \$21,000,000 over the preceding year!

The climate is a direct reversal of Canada's with the heat of summer during the months of December and January! One of the most enjoyable periods in which to make the trip and yet not be in the peak travelling period would be during February, March or April.

Oh, and yes, a must for all overseas guests is a visit to one of the animal sanctuaries where good close-up pictures of Australia's strange animals may be taken — and don't forget to take some snapshots of the Koala bears. They're as cute as the publicity photos depict them.

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**RALLY DAY AT ST. JOHN'S!**  
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Chapel and Gospel Streets

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25th**

10 A.M. — RALLY DAY SERVICE IN THE SUNDAY SCHOOL  
An Open Session of Sunday School to which all parents and friends are invited.  
New members welcomed.

11 A.M. — MORNING WORSHIP  
SERMON: "THE LIVING WORD"  
(A Nursery for little children and Junior Church for children up to 13 years of age.)

**CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH MEETINGS**

MISSION BAND — Every second Monday at 4 p.m.  
EXPLORERS (girls 9-11 years) Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.  
C.G.I.Y. (girls 12-15 years) Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.  
CUBS — Monday and Tuesday at 7 p.m.  
SCOUTS — Thursday at 7 p.m.  
JUNIOR CHOIR — Thursday at 7 p.m.  
YOUNG PEOPLE'S UNION — Monday at 8 p.m.

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SUNDAY, SEPT. 25th

TRINITY XVI

The Blessings of the Harvest (B.A.C. - Corporate)

8 a.m. — Holy Communion (Primary, Jr. and Sr. Depts. and Bible Classes)

9:45 a.m. — Church School (Nursery & Beginners Classes)

10:50 a.m. — Holy Communion (Sermon: Ven. W. G. O. Thompson)

7:00 p.m. — Evensong

The Rector

(Every Thursday 10 a.m.) Holy Communion

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9:30 a.m. — Mattins

10:40 a.m. — Church School

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