

for Saturday night

Remarks by Gov. Burns
HIC Arena Dedication
7:15 p.m., Sept. 12, 1964

Ack Mayor Blaisdell, Chairman Doi, Msgr.
Kekumano, Rev. Akaka, Bishop Komagata et al.

IT IS INDEED A VERY REAL PLEASURE TO TAKE PART IN THE DEDICATION OF THIS ARENA TO THE LIVING MEMORY OF THE MANY THOUSANDS OF SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF HAWAII WHO HAVE SERVED AND ARE CONTINUING TO SERVE IN OUR COUNTRY'S ARMED FORCES.

IT IS MOST APPROPRIATE THAT THIS COMPLEX OF BUILDINGS--WHERE THE ENTERTAINMENT ~~ARTS~~ AND CULTURAL ARTS OF OUR STATE WILL BE CENTERED-- IS DEDICATED AS A MONUMENT TO THOSE OF OUR CITIZENS WHO HAVE MADE SACRIFICES IN THE DEFENSE OF OUR NATIONAL SECURITY.

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THIS COMPLEX OF BUILDINGS--THE ARENA, THE EXHIBITION HALL AND THE THEATER CONCERT HALL-- REPRESENTS THE KIND OF ACHIEVEMENTS POSSIBLE IN PUBLIC WORKS THROUGH CO-OPERATION BETWEEN THE STATE AND COUNTY GOVERNMENTS.

THE STATE HAS MADE A VERY SUBSTANTIAL CONTRIBUTION TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF THESE BUILDINGS. THE LEGISLATURE, IN LOOKING TO THE BROADER INTERESTS OF OUR STATE, IS TO BE COMMENDED FOR APPROVING OF STATE PARTICIPATION IN MAKING THIS CENTER A REALITY.

IT IS IN THIS SPIRIT--BEARING IN MIND THE CONCEPT THAT WE ARE ONE STATE, WE ARE ONE PEOPLE, THAT WE ALL HAVE A COMMON COMMUNITY INTEREST IN MOVING OUR STATE FORWARD--THAT THIS CENTER IS DEDICATED.

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THIS CENTER IS A PUBLIC FACILITY OF WHICH WE CAN ALL BE PROUD.

THE ACTIVITIES ~~THAT~~ THAT WILL BE HELD HERE WILL MEET THE INTERESTS OF ALL SEGMENTS OF OUR COMMUNITY.

ALL THOSE PARTIES WHO WORKED TOWARD THE ACHIEVEMENT REPRESENTED BY THIS CENTER--THE LEGISLATURE, THE CITY ADMINISTRATION, THE CITY COUNCIL, THE SYMPHONY SOCIETY, AND THE MANY OTHER CIVIC AND COMMUNITY GROUPS WHO TOOK A HAND IN IT--ALL OF THESE ~~GROUPS~~ ORGANIZATIONS DESERVE THE THANKS OF OUR PEOPLE FOR THEIR WORK IN MAKING THIS PROJECT A SUCCESS.

THIS COMPLEX STANDS AS PROOF OF THE ABILITY OF THE PEOPLE OF HAWAII AND OF THEIR FAITH IN THEIR FUTURE.

MAHALO.