

Wailuku, Maui, T.H.  
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Dear Schuyler:

Apparently nearly six months have elapsed since I wrote to you last. Time flies, especially when one is busy. The results here while still poor are improving. This is partly because they are a bit better but mostly because I understand this thing better. As you know this whole business was based on a lot of preconceived ideas, mainly because there was nothing else to go on. Now that several months experience is in hand it is evident that these ideas need revision. Also it is apparent that this thing has other unexpected possibilities. By changing things around it may be possible to exploit these possibilities which seem real instead of beating ones head on a wall trying to carry out the preconceived ideas. Last summers results were poor mainly due to the sun being high in the sky and thereby creating a quite opaque ionosphere. With the advent of autumn the situation is returning to that of last spring. Evidently the best season of the year to make these observations is the months November thru February. Thus I expect to stay out here thru the winter and then take next summer off. Summer observations are mostly a waste of time. If this winters observations turn out well then I will probably want to come out here a couple of more winters before I finally fold the venture up. I wrote to the Research Corporation and explained about the results being much less than hoped for. The reply I got back was rather peculiar. While phrased suavely, the idea seemed to be that if I spent more money I would get better results. Apparently they have no idea of what circumstances out here are and the impossibility of finding anyone with any intelligence. This whole territory is an example of the federal policy of pumping funds into backward areas. It is just like pumping money down the drain. All it creates is a bunch of gooks living on a level far beyond their capabilities. Along with the money pumped in there is absolutely nothing to make the people want to improve or help themselves. If the military, sugar, pineapple and all the rest of the subsidies were removed this place would go back to the baboons. While it is true that Hawaii is the melting pot of the races, it is the melting pot of the lowest as over the many years the plantations have imported the riff-raff from the four corners of the earth as labor. The melting pot occurs because of the Hawaiians which are a brand of negro without kinky hair. As explained to me they are the catalyst because they will marry anybody. Thus we have Chinese-Hawaiians, Japanese-Hawaiians, Portugese-Hawaiians, Filipino-Hawaiians, Caucasian-Hawaiians.

Once these racial barriers have been broken down then the rest is easy and all cross combinations in multiple occur. Incidentally Portugese don't classify out here as Caucasians because they are a dark complected people. The Hawaiian word "Haole" is reserved for the fair skinned parts of the caucasian race. These observations can only be secured by living on one of the outer islands and doing business with the people. The whole situation is different in the Honolulu area because of the large number of transient military people. However if one goes over to the far side of Oahu in the back country the situation is the same as on the outer islands. So far I've been on all the islands except Niihau and Kahoolawe. This business about statehood is a big promotion mosly to keep Hawaii before the public and help the tourist trade. Actually the average gook knows nothing and cares less about it. There is a very small but vocal handful who would benefit. These are the local politicians. If statehood were achieved then there would open up a few big jobs and these fellows would be able to hobnob around with the Washington politicians. A much more realistic approach would to be form the territory into a county and attach it to one of the states on the west coast. Then the people would have their representation which is also mostly a bunch of ballyhoo as the average gook doesn't have any idea about what or where he is to be represented. I've tried throwing this idea up as a balloon quite a number of times. The response is very interesting. To the average fellow in the street it is received with an open mind because he has never heard of it before and it is quite evident little progress is being made on statehood. To the local politice it causes a rise in blood pressure approaching apoplexy. This is about the last thing he wants because then he would be reduced from a big frog in a little pond to a little frog in a big pond. All this is very enlightening and can only be perceived by living for a period with the people.

In regard to Christmas please don't go to a lot of trouble and expense sending a lot of thing out here. Just make up some pictures of the small fry and have them write their name or make their mark on the back. Larry must be running around jabbering by now. I'll make up a package with a token for everyone it in. In the mean time keep your fingers crossed and I'll be back in the spring.

Aloha to Jean, Andy, Jeff, Todd and Larry,