

FLEET ENTERTAINMENT COMMISSION
1925

When the United States Navy announced early in 1924 that maneuvers for the entire fleet would be held in Hawaiian waters sometime in 1925, the Honolulu Chamber of Commerce and those from outer islands organized several committees to study the needs and resources of the community. Over fifty community organizations were invited to participate in the plans for entertainment. At the same time the Army and Navy Y. M. C. A. was negotiating with its national headquarters in New York to obtain funds for fleet entertainment and for a new building in Honolulu. Negotiations with Central Union Church for the use of its old building were successfully completed and the budget submitted was approved. A transfer of staff members to augment the local staff was included in the plans. The Governor of the Territory appointed the various heads of the Chamber of Commerce on the outer islands as members of the Executive Committee of the Fleet Entertainment Commission. Sub-Committees on transportation, housing, entertainment and athletics surveyed resources and made plans. On March 12, 1925, the Legislature approved Act 4 which provided for the expenses of entertainment of the officers and personnel of the fleet and of the newspapermen accompanying them... during the visit(s) of the fleet to Hawaii in 1925. Section 1 appropriated \$75,000 from the Treasury and Section 2 provided that the money be disbursed on warrants drawn by the auditor based upon vouchers approved by the Commission of five members...appointed by the Governor within five days after the act took effect. The Commission appointed S. W. King as Executive Secretary and elected John R. Galt of Oahu as Chairman. Other members were C. D. Lufkin of Maui, H. D. Sloggett of Kauai and Dr. Milton Rice of Hawaii. The Secretary was authorized to hire assistants and the members were deputized to certify vouchers in their own counties. A cooperative arrangement was worked out with John Hamilton of the Army and Navy Y. M. C. A. to carry out the plans of the Commission.

These records are all in file folders. They consist of the following:

- #1 Correspondence and reports from the Chamber of Commerce, 1925, chronologically arranged.
- #2 Correspondence from the office of John A. Hamilton, Executive Secretary of the Army & Navy Y. M. C. A. 1924/25, chronologically arranged.
- #3 Minutes of the Commission, 1925 (including Minutes from Chamber of Commerce)
- #4 -10 Correspondence from office of S. W. King, Executive Secretary, January through July, 1925.
- #11 Carbon copies of correspondence from S. W. King, March through November, 1925.
- #12 Wireless messages and reservations, 1925.
- #13 Typewritten articles for newspapers by King and Hogue, 1925.
- #14 Communications from the Fleet, 1925.
- #15 Exhibits: schedules, permits, invitations, programs, etc.
- #16 Vouchers, receipts, statements and correspondence re expenses of Commission
- #17 Publications, 1925.
- #18 Newspaper clippings, April through November, 1925.

All records are in Box OGOV2-1