

The Interviewees

Given the complexity of the subject matter, politics in Hawai'i (ca. 1930-1990), limited access to interviewees due to age, death, or their ongoing participation in elective politics, limitations of budget, and the difficulties of matching interviewees' schedules with video time slots, it was understood from the beginning that this work would not be a comprehensive treatment of politics in the islands.

In selecting interviewees, first priority was given to the more senior participants in island politics who were knowledgeable about prewar Hawai'i. Priority was also given to those who participated in or closely observed major postwar developments but had until now left few written records of their actions and thoughts.

Democrats, Republicans, and independents were sought as interviewees. Those who ran for county, territorial, state, or federal office as well as those appointed to positions were included. Individuals active "behind the scenes" as supporters, organizers, and advisors were also interviewed. Longtime observers of island politics were also asked to participate in this study. Interviewees were sought not only from O'ahu, but from the Big Island, Kaua'i, and Maui.

Interviewed were:

Toshio Ansai, Republican, Maui, council member and legislator
Yasuki Arakaki, Democrat, Big Island, ILWU organizer and leader
Tadao Beppu, Democrat, O'ahu, legislator
Richard Caldito, Democrat, Maui, council member
Donald D. H. Ching, Democrat, O'ahu, legislator
Hubert V. Everly, education lobbyist and educator
Hiram L. Fong, Republican, O'ahu, legislator, U.S. Senator
S. George Fukuoka, Democrat, Maui, council member, legislator, judge
Joseph R. Garcia, Jr., Republican, Big Island, legislator, council member
Thomas P. Gill, Democrat, O'ahu, legislator, U.S. Congressman, lt. governor
Helene Hale, Democrat, Big Island, county chair and council member
Richard Henderson, Republican, Big Island, legislator
Kase Higa, Democrat, Maui, party campaign chair, judge
John J. Hulten, Democrat, O'ahu, legislator
Ernest K. Kai, auditor, attorney general, secretary of Hawai'i
Elizabeth Kellerman, Republican, Con-Con, Republican national committeewoman
Herman Lemke, Democrat, O'ahu, chair and council member
Chuck Mau, Democrat, party organizer
Katsugo Miho, Republican, O'ahu, legislator, judge
Katsuro Miho, Democrat, O'ahu, Wilson supporter, statehood commission
John E. "Stu" Milligan, Republican, Maui, legislator
Robert Oshiro, Democrat, O'ahu, legislator, campaign organizer
William F. Quinn, Republican, governor
Pedro E. Racelis, Jr., Democrat, O'ahu, party worker and precinct officer
William S. Richardson, Democrat, lt. governor, chief justice
James Ward Russell, Jr., Republican, O'ahu, legislator
Toshio Serizawa, Democrat, Kaua'i and Big Island, council member, legislator
Chiyozo "Joe" Shiramizu, Republican, Kaua'i, council member
Adam A. "Bud" Smyser, *Honolulu Star-Bulletin* reporter and editor
Wilfred "Buddy" Soares, Republican, O'ahu, legislator

Jack Suwa, Democrat, Big Island, legislator
Sakae Takahashi, Democrat, O'ahu, legislator
Hannibal M. Tavares, Republican, Maui, mayor
Mike Tokunaga, Democrat, O'ahu, party organizer, Burns supporter
Daniel W. Tuttle, Jr., political scientist
John T. Ushijima, Democrat, Big Island, legislator
Meyer Ueoka, Democrat, Maui, county attorney, magistrate, legislator, BOE
Arthur Davis Woolaway, Republican, longtime central committee member
Thomas Yagi, Democrat, Maui, ILWU organizer and leader
Vincent Yano, Democrat, O'ahu, legislator
Wadsworth Y. H. Yee, Republican, O'ahu, legislator
Masaru "Pundy" Yokouchi, Democrat, Maui, party organizer, Burns supporter

Transcript Usage

These volumes include a glossary of all non-English and Hawai'i Creole English (HCE) words (which are italicized in the transcripts) and a detailed subject/name index. A biographical summary precedes each interviewee's transcript.

Each transcript is identified by a series of numbers at the beginning of each transcript. This series of numbers include, in order, a project number, audio cassette number, session number, and year of interview. For example, 17-42-1-89 identifies project number 17, cassette number 42, recorded interview session 1, and the year, 1989.

All interviewees were encouraged to read their transcripts and make any deletions or additions they considered necessary before releasing their transcripts for publication. The transcripts, published in these volumes, represent the statements which interviewees wish to leave for the public record.

Wherever possible, COH staff have tried to verify statements. But, it must be noted that unverifiable and questionable statements may be found in these transcripts. All users of these volumes are encouraged to corroborate oral historical statements before quoting them as fact.

Transcript Availability

These transcripts are the primary documents presently available for research purposes. The videotapes and audio cassettes are in storage and not available for use without the written permission of COH and KHET-Hawai'i Public Broadcasting Authority.

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Hawai'i Public Library (Hilo)
 Hawai'i Community College Library
 University of Hawai'i at Hilo Library
 Kealakekua Community Library

Kaua'i

Lihu'e Public Library
 Kaua'i Community College Library

Lāna'i

Lāna'i Public and School Library

Maui

Maui Public Library (Wailuku)
 Maui Community College Library

Moloka'i

Moloka'i Public Library