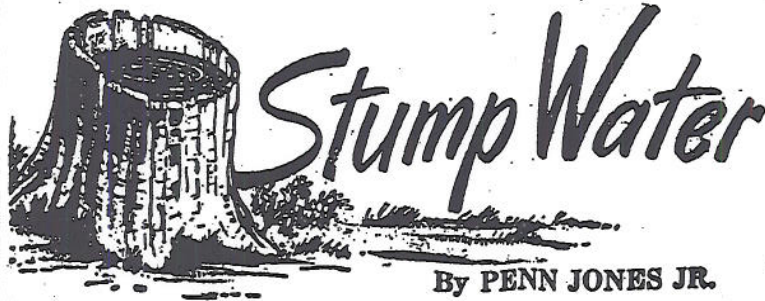


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Our three day stop in Hawaii has been great. Weather and girls—beautiful.

The island state is economically dependent on the military (60 per cent of the people are involved) pineapple and sugar cane.

We rented a small Datsun for a tour of the island of Oahu. Our first stop was Pearl Harbor. The boat ride to the Battleship Arizona is a sobering experience. Over 1,000 men still lie buried in the sunken hull resting in 38 feet of water. As with the John Kennedy Assassination almost everyone old enough remembers where he was on Pearl Harbor Day.

Agriculture is concentrated in sugar cane and pineapple. Both are completely mechanized. The pineapple gathering machine is a monster, but not in operation on Saturday.

Rainfall is as heavy as 235" in the mountains, but only 21"

a year falls on Honolulu.

This is the only state built on the tops of mountains. All the land is what sticks above the water after the volcanos became quiet. Some of the old craters still smolder, but most are dead (or apparently so) with greenery covering the once hot craters.

Our hotel, The Reef, is on the beach. Just two blocks away is Vice-President Agnew who is staying in Honolulu this week.

Of the 46 people in our group five are from Texas, four from Oklahoma, one Arizona, one Ireland, one Canada, and one from South America.

We had one day of lectures here at the University of Hawaii briefing us on the remainder of the tour. As an example: Asia has 100,000,000 farm families—with the average farm less than eight acres.

Our next report will be from Japan. The sun outside is inviting.