

Anna Walinska's Travel Diary, 1954 November-1955 March

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idyllic sunset. The sky, palest violet, blending down into palest lemon yellow into the horizon of pale then deep orange banded by a line of cadmium orange. The sea against this a strange, opaque green blue. Not to forget, the delicate cloud line of cadmium &, alizarin red overshadowed by black which broke the gentle lemon yellow. Simply unforgettable.

Eve. 16th.

Got to the Royal Hawaiian Hotel at 8.45 It is simple fabulous - one can't help but be impressed. Pale apricot in color - tremendous pillars & high ceilings surrounded by magnificent native foliage. I showered, unpacked, & took myself to the Beachcomber, where the singing & the dancers are quite authentic. The atmosphere is authentic too - all plants & reed, etc. The help as everywhere Hawaiians & very friendly. I ended up by being invited to dance & in the company of

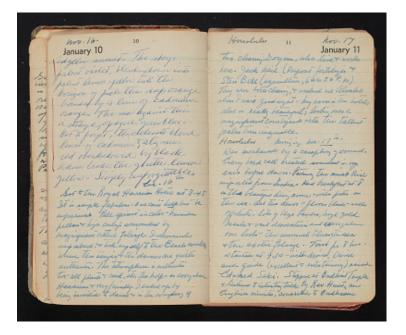
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two charming Goyim, who live & work here. Jack Hail (Dupont fertilizer & Sten Bell (agriculture, 6 AM to 6 P.M). They were both charming, & wished me Aloaha when I said goodnight. My room in the hotel, also is really beautiful; looking over a magnificent courtyard into the tallest palm trees imaginable.

Honolulu Morning, Nov. 17th,

Was awakened by a cacophony of sound. Every bird call created sounded in my ears before down. Particularly the minah bird imported from India. Had breakfast at 8 in the beautiful dining room - with patio on the sea. All the decor - floors black - walls off-white, lots of beige bamboo, huge gold mask & vase decorations and everywhere one looks the unusual blues of the sea & the exotic foliage. Tour for 8 hrs. started at 9.30 - with driver, David and guide (excellent & entertaining) named Edward Seki. Stopped at Budhist Temple & listened to interesting talk by Rev. Hunt, an English minister, converted to Budhism



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