



DAVID'S BALI HA'I



*Well we had the best time in Maui
and we had the best time in Maui*

BALI HA'I means many things to many people. To some, it's a paradise, full of everything they can imagine that's good: sun, gentle winds, long days and cool, comfortable nights. Free of problems and worries.

But for David, Bali Ha'i is a much different, much more real paradise: the island of Maui. "I don't know why I first got the idea of going to Hawaii. Maybe because it was the thing to do at the time.

"You know, some years it's ski-ing, other times it's living in a commune. It seems that one year, going to Hawaii was 'in'!"

HONOLULU

And it has been ever since for David. Of course, he didn't just go there and decide to set up house-keeping. At first, it was the normal tourist bit: landing in Honolulu, the capital city; staying in a posh hotel on Waikiki Beach—one of

the world's most valuable pieces of property. He visited Diamond Head, the towering extinct volcano that dominates the entrance to Honolulu's harbour.

He even went to the incredibly commercial tourist area, the International Market Place, with its exotic goods from Japan, China and all the islands of the Pacific.

And finally, he left on that first visit. But unlike so many of his friends, who were just visiting Hawaii because it was "in" at the moment, something in the islands touched David deep, inside.

"I didn't really know what it was at first. I was eager enough to go back to work," David told me, "but it was like something was haunting me."

"Usually, after a couple of weeks off, I can forget my holiday and concentrate. But the whole scene in Hawaii was so perfect that I just couldn't get it out of my mind."

Of course, David couldn't just give it all up and return to the islands; there were too many things that he

wanted to do. But somehow, it was in the back of his mind. And when it came time to take his next holiday...

"I was really anxious to go. But somehow, I was a bit worried, too.

"You know what it's like. You go somewhere once and really have a great time, and you can't wait to go back. But when you finally do make it again, it's a big disappointment.

"That was what worried me. I had built the whole thing up into such a dream that I guess I afraid that it really would be just a dream."

PEACEFUL

Nothing of the sort! In fact, if anything, David was even more knocked out the second time!

"There's such an incredible sort of peacefulness about the place. I mean, Honolulu is pretty much like any city. It's warmer, and maybe there's a bit better mixture of people, but it's still a city of 300,000 or so.

"But the second time I