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Molokai Community Plan (Revisit – Briefing Plantation Days – CMs Crivello and Hokama)

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Pineapple plantation years were not without their problems but it was a time of a dramatic turning point in the economy life style of the rural landscape of Molokai and Lanai. The pineapple companies completely shuttered on Molokai in 1988. The plantation gave Hawaii the diverse local cultural of today. The history of the plantation whether its sugar or pineapple remains a struggle of times in the history of native Hawaiians.

On Molokai and Lanai, people embraced the change of living hood. What Hawaii has today derived from the plantation days. Labor unions were established to meet the needs of justice for the laborers. A new language and a definite sense of simple understanding of communications came from the plantation days – Pidgin English. Foods of different ethnicity were shared from table to table. Every plantation home had a garden to supplement their subsistence. More important, the local people of the plantation era are recognized as those who embodied respect for the land, strong work ethics, respect for the host cultural from the flow of immigrants and an imprint of “caring and sharing” for one another no matter the ethnicity.

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