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**The Cover**

The Kaimu Black Sand Beach on the Kalapana Coast (cover) is only one of many beautiful and unusual sights that AMA Clinical Convention participants will have the opportunity to enjoy. The convention (Nov 30 through Dec 5) will be held this year in Honolulu, and many conventioners will take advantage of a variety of vacation tours, offered through AMA, preceding and following the Hawaii meeting.

One such tour will take visitors to three other islands in the archipelago—Kauai, Maui, and “the big island” of Hawaii. In addition to spending days at leisure on the beaches or at poolside, vacationers can visit a restored whaling port on Maui and cruise upriver on Kauai to a grotto ensconced in a rain forest.

“Needle,” an impressive fern-covered volcanic rock-spire stands in the Iao Valley on Maui. In fact, many of the most beautiful attractions on the islands are the result of lava flow from volcanic eruptions. On the island of Hawaii, visitors situated at a safe distance can watch rivers of fire where molten rock still flows, though sometimes so slowly that movement is almost imperceptible. Also on Hawaii is the Lava Tree State Monument where hardened lava stands in cylinders formed by tree trunks. The interior walls of the hollow cylinders still bear the patterns of bark, impressed before the trees burned.

Physicians are advised to register early for the convention. Work hard, learn a lot, but don't forget that postgraduate work can be beautiful.

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