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LANDMARK CEREMONY PROGRAM

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# GINACA


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AN INTERNATIONAL HISTORIC MECHANICAL ENGINEERING LANDMARK



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The ASME logo consists of a square frame containing the letters "A", "S", and "M" in a stylized arrangement, with "E" below them. The letters are bold and serifed.

## GINACA

## PINEAPPLE PROCESSING MACHINE

Welcome to the Designation Ceremony	Valerie Takahashi, <i>Chairwoman, Landmark Planning Committee</i>
Opening Remarks	Michael F. O'Brien <i>V.P. and General Manager, Dole Packaged Foods Company - Hawaii</i>
Introduction of Honored Guests	Valerie Takahashi
History of the Ginaca	Glenn F. Ball, <i>V.P. Manufacturing, Dole Packaged Foods Company - Hawaii</i>
Presentation of Commemorative Plaque	Richard B. Dole, <i>Director of Research, First Honolulu Securities Inc. (Grandson of James D. Dole)</i>
Acceptance of Plaque	William J. Warren, <i>P.E., ASME</i>
Blessing of Plaque	Michael G. Binder, <i>President, Dole Packaged Foods Company - Asia</i>
Closing Remarks	Rev. David Twigg, <i>Kaumakapili Church</i>
The "Story of Dole" <i>A Multi - Media Video</i>	James F. Grogan, <i>History &amp; Heritage, ASME Hawaii Section</i>
	Valerie Takahashi

Reception Following

## ABOUT THE LANDMARKS

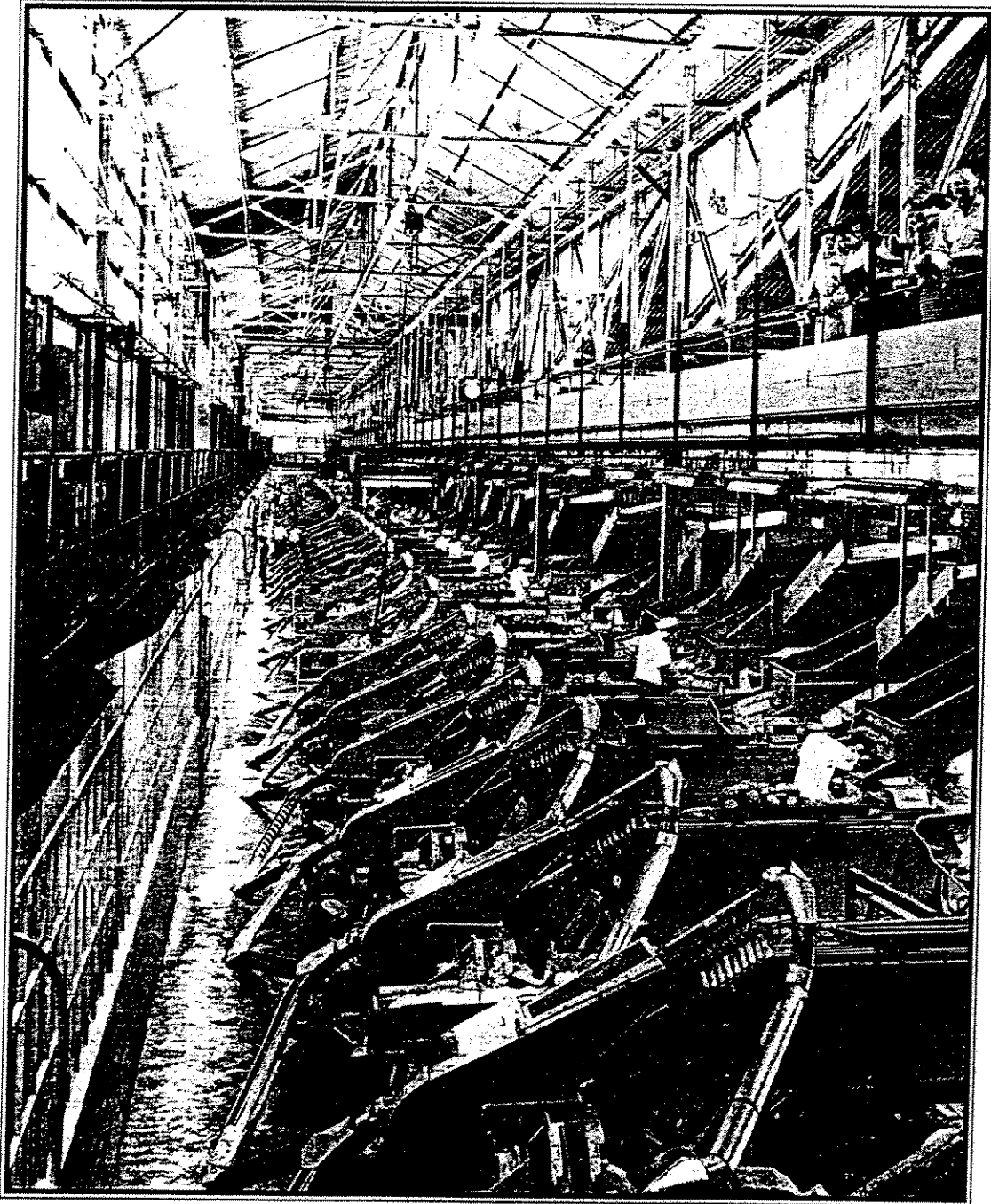
The Ginaca machine is the 37th International Historic Mechanical Engineering Landmark to be designated. Since the ASME History and Heritage Program began, 155 Historic Mechanical Engineering Landmarks, 6 Mechanical Engineering Heritage Sites, and 4 Mechanical Engineering Heritage Collections have been recognized. Each reflects its influence on society, either in its immediate locale, nationwide, or throughout the world. A landmark represents a progressive step in the evolution of mechanical engineering. Site designations note an even or development of clear historical importance to mechanical engineers. Collections mark the contributions of a number of objects with special significance to the historical development of mechanical engineering.

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Commercial pineapple production began in Hawaii about 1890. Fruit was hand-peeled and sliced to match can sizes for export. In 1911, James D. Dole hired Henry G. Ginaca to design a machine to automate the process, as fruit dropped through the Ginaca machine a cylinder was cut to proper diameter, trimmed top and bottom, and cored. This machine more than tripled production, making pineapple Hawaii's second largest crop. In the faster Ginaca machines now used around the world, the principle remains unchanged.

# GINACA

## Pineapple Processing Machine



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# The History and Heritage Program of ASME

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The ASME History and Heritage Program began in September 1971. To implement and achieve its goals, ASME formed a History and Heritage Committee, composed of mechanical engineers, historians of technology, and the Curator of Mechanical and Civil Engineering at the Smithsonian Institution. The Committee provides a public service by examining, noting, recording, and acknowledging mechanical engineering achievements of particular significance.

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