Foreword

This volume is a fitting memorial to the life and work of Harold S. Roberts. It reflects his lifelong concern with the major industrial and labor relations problems of his time, his scholarship, his devotion to the dissemination of knowledge and understanding, and his continued involvement with the public affairs of his adopted state.

Prior to coming to Hawaii, Harold Roberts served with the National Labor Relations Board and as chief of the collective bargaining division of the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor. In 1947 he joined the faculty of the University of Hawaii as professor of business economics and industrial relations, also serving for some time as dean of the College of Business Administration. He founded the university's Industrial Relations Center, which he directed until his death in February 1970.

During his university years, Harold Roberts' scholarship was evinced in more than forty books, monographs, and articles. Perhaps best known of these is *Roberts' Dictionary of Industrial Relations*, the first attempt to collect and define the salient historical, legal, and practical terms of the field. He served as an arbitrator and fact-finder in labor-management disputes and as the teacher of a whole generation of industrial relations practitioners in his state. In public affairs, he was a delegate to the Hawaii Constitutional Convention of 1950 and was an assistant to the governor during the 1950s. He wrote and spoke extensively on constitutional matters to civic and public groups and served actively on the state Judicial Council.

In recent years, Harold Roberts' concern with both industrial relations and public problems became merged. The 1960s have been called the decade of the "public employee revolution." This book is one result of his immediate concern with this new field. Realizing that information about these developments at all levels of government—federal, state, municipal, and educational—was needed, he began the steady collection and dissemination of pertinent documents. The selected materials presented here are a valuable collection, useful both to students and practitioners in this most vital and explosive area of contemporary industrial relations.

The book typifies Harold Roberts' tireless concern, not simply with his considerable professional reputation, but with Hawaiian and national problems. He will be missed not only by his family but also by his many professional and university friends and colleagues throughout the nation. He was a very good man and a man of worth.

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