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## I. Man and Nature

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人与自然



# 1. Natural Scenery 自然风光

## (1) Californians 加州人

*by Pearl Buck<sup>1</sup>*

As for the people of California, they are samples of all our people. They come from every state to enjoy climate and scene—a perilous enjoyment, for the foundations of the state, which hangs between sea and mountain ranges, are unsteady. The people know this, but golden California charms them into ignoring what may happen, what must happen if we are to believe what seismologists tell us. Yet all human beings know their certain end and ignore it, enjoying life from day to day as each tomorrow becomes today.

An assorted people, nevertheless, are these people of California! All parts of the world have contributed to the variety. The Chinese are, for the most part<sup>2</sup>, the descendants of the South Chinese Laborers who came to work on the railroad at the time of the Gold Rush. Japanese farmers and gardeners settled, before World War II, in the areas around Los Angeles and south. Mexicans flooded into the Imperial Valley, and Filipinos into many towns and villages. Winemaking drew Italians and Armenians to vineyards, and dairy farms attracted the Portuguese. Scandinavians went to lumbering and black Americans to jobs in city hotels. People from every European country, Russia included, came to visit beautiful California and stayed to live there. The variety of the people is only matched the variety of the landscape from seashore to high mountains, from desert to forest.

It is no wonder, I have come to see, that the United States,

sometimes finds difficult to remain united. Each state functions as a nation in itself; each citizen may believe that his state is the best in the country and therefore his first loyalty, unexpressed or proclaimed, is to his state. We are nevertheless a nation and as a nation we take our place in the world of nations. We are a family of states, and like brothers and sisters we quarrel among ourselves, but in times of peril we present a solid front.

### 【词汇与注释】

<b>perilous</b>	[ 'perələs ]	<i>adj.</i> 危险的, 冒险的
<b>seismologist</b>	[ saɪz'mələdʒɪst ]	<i>n.</i> 地震学家
<b>assorted</b>	[ ə'sɔrtɪd ]	<i>adj.</i> 各种各样的
<b>unexpressed</b>	[ 'ʌnɪks'prest ]	<i>adj.</i> 未表示的
<b>proclaimed</b>	[ pro'kleɪmd ]	<i>adj.</i> 表明的

1. 赛珍珠 1892 年 6 月 26 日—1973 年 3 月 6 日)唯一同时获得普利策奖和诺贝尔奖的美国女作家。
2. for the most part: 多半

### 【参考译文】

#### (1) 加州人

赛珍珠

加州人凝聚了我们所有人的特点。他们从各州过来,享受好天气和好景色—可这种享受却有危险,因为加州地基不稳,处于海洋和山脉之间。大家知道这事,但是金色加州太迷人了,他们不在乎会发生什么,就是相信地震学家所说,也不在乎。全人类都知道自己的归宿,还是不把它放在心上,天天享受人生,日复一日。

然而,加州人可是五花八门!对此,世界各地都有贡献。中国人多半是中国南方劳工的后代,这些劳工在淘金热时过来建造铁路。在第二次世界大战前,日本农民和园丁在洛杉矶周围地区和南面落脚。墨西哥人涌入帝国谷地,菲律宾人挤入众多小镇和村庄。酿酒业把意

大利人和亚美尼亚人吸引到葡萄园,而葡萄牙人则迷上了奶牛场。斯坎迪纳维亚人从事伐木业,美国黑人到城里的旅馆工作。欧洲各国包括俄国在内,都有人来拜访美丽的加州,并且留下谋生。人群多姿多彩,地形也千变万化,有海岸有高山,有沙漠有森林。

我发现合众国有时难以合在一起,这一点也不奇怪。各州都像个国家在运作,每个公民都相信自己的州是国内最好的,因此,无论是否明说,他首先效忠本州。然而,我们是一个国家,是立足于世界之林的一个国家。所有的州是一个家庭,就像兄弟姐妹,有吵有闹,但是灾难临头时,我们立刻团结一致。

## (2) Hawaii 夏威夷

*By Pearl Buck*

Hawaii, our newest State, is not as distant from the mainland as it may appear. It used to seem very far away when I was a small girl traveling with my parents by steamship across the Pacific Ocean long ago. It is in fact something over two thousand miles from San Francisco, nearer than the latter is from Washington, D. C. or New York. Today, in a few hours, we mainlanders can reach Honolulu, the capital, by air.

How many happy visits I have spent in that lovely city, hanging like a jewel or like a basket of flowers, to the cliff-like mountains towering above it! The whole picture is striking and brilliant—the glittering blue sea, the rushing white surf, the colorful buildings and the high mountains with their deep dark valleys, those mountains whose heights seem always to be hooded in black clouds.

The sunshine, the sea, the sudden showers are all so dramatic, so enchanting, that they almost make me ignore, or fail to note, what is really most remarkable about this American state: it is of course the people, so subtly blended by life together that they present a foretaste of





the future of the human race, when we have all learned to live together in peace. They are the most beautiful people in the world, uniting all races into one. There are Hawaiians who boast that their grandparents came from four different countries, east and west. It is fascinating to study Hawaiian faces and see the blends and not which strains predominate—Polynesian, Asian, European, African.

### 【词汇与注释】

<b>striking</b>	[ 'strɑ:kɪŋ ]	<i>adj.</i> 妩媚动人的
<b>glittering</b>	[ 'ɡlɪtərɪŋ ]	<i>adj.</i> 闪闪发光的
<b>enchancing</b>	[ en'tʃæntɪŋ ]	<i>adj.</i> 迷人的
<b>foretaste</b>	[ fɔ:'test ]	<i>n.</i> 预示

### 【参考译文】

#### (2) 夏威夷

赛珍珠

夏威夷,我们最新的州,离本土并不像看上去那么远。很久以前,我还在孩提时代就和父母乘轮船穿越太平洋,那时它好像远在天边。实际上,它离旧金山两千多英里而已,比旧金山到华盛顿或纽约还近一些。如今,我们在本土的人乘飞机只要花几小时就可以到达州府檀香山了。

我在这个可爱的城市观光过许多次,它就像悬挂在高耸峻峭的群山上的珠宝或花篮!整个画面妩媚灿然——波光粼粼的蓝海,前推后涌的白浪,五彩缤纷的大楼。高山巍巍,幽谷深深,山巅好像一直笼罩在乌云之中。

阳光,大海,阵雨,这一切是那么引人入胜,让我几乎忽视或未能留意这个州的主要特点:那自然就是那儿的人们,他们如此融洽地生活在一起,预示着人类各种族的未来,那时我们都学会了和平相处。他们是世界上最美丽的人,所有人种合而为一。有些夏威夷人自夸他们的祖辈来自东方和西方的四个不同国家。仔细观察夏威夷人的面