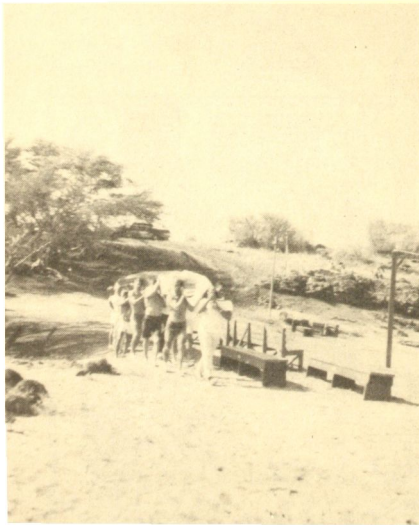
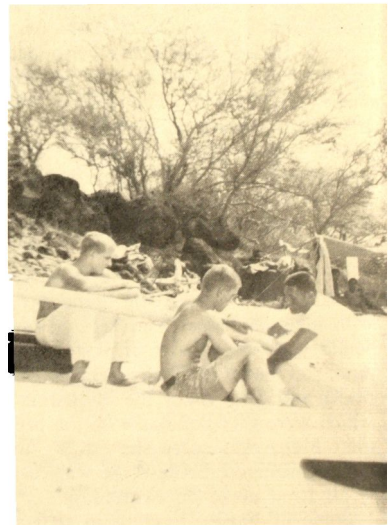




Coach Rabbit Kekai directs his crew in Operation Canoe Hapai at Kawakin Beach parking area where bus ride from airport ended.



That steep hill behind the canoe bearing crew was a tricky one to negotiate while carrying more than 400 pounds of boat on your back.



Rabbit, with the help of Scotty Gaffney and moral support of Tommy Fearon lashes the taku to the ama of the Leilani.

OCC Earns 4th Place in Molokai Canoe Race

Outrigger Crew

Rabbit Kekai, Coach
Doug Carr, Steersman
Mike Sheehan
Dodd Balock
Tom Replogle
Randy Piersig
Scotty Gaffney
Peter Guard
Mark Buck
Richard Sylva
Tom Fearon

Results of Race

1st—Waikiki Surf
2nd—Lanikai
3rd—Kai-Oni
4th—OUTRIGGER
5th—Santa Monica
6th—Balboa
7th—Healani

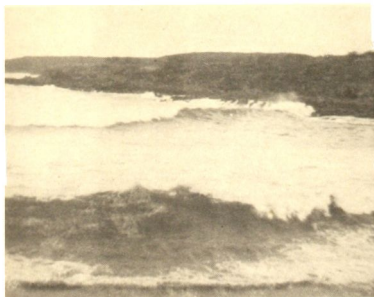
And they really earned it the hard way when they fought turbulent waters with swells up to 20 feet, rain squalls, wind, fog and seasickness during their more than nine hour paddle from Kawakiu Beach to Duke Kahanamoku Beach. Of the nine paddlers participating in the race for the Club only two, Doug Carr and Dodd Balock, had paddled the channel before. There were times when the Leilani had only six paddlers in the boat due

to the seasickness of some of our crew. Doug Carr steered the whole course without relief and we think that he and the other crew members deserve a whale of a lot of credit for displaying such pluck, endurance and determination during a real grueling race.

Many of the official boats had escorted crews in the Molokai-Oahu race since its start in 1952 and all agreed that this year's weather was the worst they had ever encountered. And in that relentless ocean our crew, whose age averaged 17, kept paddling, paddling, paddling. For many of the canoes the direction they were paddling in was sometimes in doubt, what with the rain and no island to use for a bearing since both Molokai and Oahu were "socked in" for quite a while.

OCC's escort boat was the Lei Malia from which coach Rabbit Kekai watched his team plow on towards Honolulu. He had the good fortune not to get seasick but there were recording officials aboard who never touched a pencil from Molokai to Honolulu. So the "on deck" passengers were pressed into service.

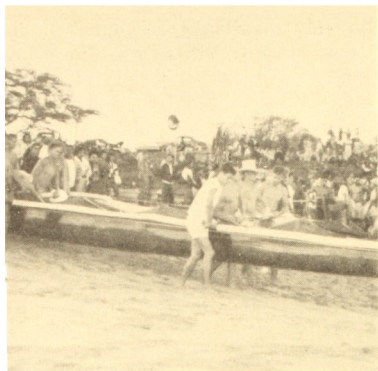
When the Outrigger's canoe hit the beach the crew members were a mighty tired lot . . . as were all the other paddlers that day.



This is the main reason the start of the race was delayed for an hour. Crews had to wait for lulls between sets of high and strong waves which smashed onto the beach with a thunderous roar.



Portion of the Crowd "up before the crack of dawn" to watch the start of the race. Some of the beach lights are still on. Can you spot them?



Our crew gets set to launch its canoe.



Abhh! In the water at last. Note the lack of turbulent wave action during the lull. But it wasn't like this for long!