

THAT MOLOKAI RACE

On Tuesday evening, April 26, a meeting was held at the Outrigger Canoe Club to discuss a plan for holding the longest canoe race in the world. This race, a dream of Arthur "Toots" Minvielle, one of the best canoe steersmen and a designer of fine canoes, proposes a canoe race between competing clubs in Hawaii from Lau Point in Molokai to Waikiki Beach at the Outrigger Canoe Club. It would be held shortly after the arrival of the competing yachts of the Trans Pacific Yacht Races and he proposes that a Regatta be held of these and local yachts which would sail out to meet the canoes as they arrive.

FISCHER ACTS AS CHAIRMAN

The meeting was called to order by Bob Fischer, member of the Board of Directors of the Outrigger Canoe Club who briefly stated the plan and asked for suggestions and ideas from those present. Those present were: Bob Fischer, Arthur "Toots" Minvielle, John Hollinger, Niel Iversen, Herbert Oliviera, Tommy Kaukukui, "Fat" Guard, "Dad" Center, Gay Harris, Mark Egan, John D. Kawpiko, Harold "Dope" Yap, Wally Frossieth, Elmer Lee, William Holloway, Sally Hale, Ernest W. Stenberg, Bill Morris, Bill King, and Louis Abrams, amongst whom were representatives of the University of Hawaii, Waikiki Surf Club, McCabe, Hamilton & Renny, the Trans Pacific Yacht Races, the Hawaii Visitors Bureau, and others interested.

VISITORS BUREAU WILL KOKUA

Mark Egan, after hearing the discussion by others, promised the complete kokua of the Hawaii Visitors Bureau in any way that they could be of help. Suggestions were made that the merchants of Hawaii be contacted for donations for prizes and for cost of setting up a training table for the contestants. "Toots" Minvielle stated that he would attempt to get a crew and make a trial run of the course to determine what problems should be surmounted. Discussion was held in regard to taking the canoes and the contestants to Molokai by barge where they would camp on the beach over night, starting early on a Sunday morning to take advantage of the best weather conditions by an early start, probably between 2:00 A.M. and 4:00 A.M. in the morning.

PUBLICITY ASSURED

"Dad" Center agreed that the race could be carried out but suggested that all the Islands be asked to participate in furnishing canoes and contestants. The general opinion was that such a race, if held, would result in tremendous publicity to the Islands in newspapers, radios, movies, magazine articles and otherwise, and that it would also generate a great interest in canoeing and surfing.

NEXT MEETING—MAY 3

Refreshments were served to those present by the Outrigger Canoe Club, Ted Magill, Manager acting as host. At the conclusion of the meeting a number of

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those present were asked to report back on Tuesday, May 3 at 5:00 P.M. with their answers to certain questions such as the availability of canoes, type of canoe to be used, what clubs would participate, the preparation of an expense budget, possible donations by merchants, publicity and other items of interest. At this meeting a final decision is to be made as to whether the race will be held.