## FOR PADDLING VICTORY

It takes more than paddling and training to win canoe races. Yes, there must be someone who knows canoes and who can put them in shape. The canoes need just the right wood for iakos† and amas\* and we are fortunate in having "Toots" Minvielle who has roamed our mountains and knows where the Wiliwili grows and where to find the Hau trees.

On April 26, "Toots" having gained permission from Waialua Plantation gathered a volunteer group of Charlie Martin, "Rabbit" Guild, Bob Hoffman and Dr. Scranz. The day was spent locating, cutting down and creosoting Wiliwili logs. It was a tough job and the boys had a hard day but it was worth it for in about a month the logs will be seasoned and the Club canoes will be assured of perfect amas.

The next trip will be for Hau logs, properly bent by natural growth for iakos. With these additions our racing canoes will be second to none for racing. Few members know of the work of these members who never look for any appreciation for their hard work.

<sup>\*</sup> Floats. † Outrigger booms.