



*George Brangier greets George Downing on his return from California where Downing took third place in the Catalina-Long Beach surfboard race in spite of severe handicaps.*

## **MOLOKAI-OAHU SURFBOARD RACE**

Our own member George "Keoki" Brangier is promoting a race to end all surfboard races. It will be a 36-mile paddle race starting at Molokai and ending at Waikiki Beach. George is interesting about 20 business and sportsmen who will sponsor the affair.

Twenty specially-built surfboards will be provided to entrants. All will be made to the same specifications. Rules as to entries, training and course will be planned in advance. The boards will be stored from year to year and used only in this major event.

After the, to say the least, sad treatment our George Downing was given in the Catalina-Long Beach event, this event will be planned, promoted and managed in a fair and open manner.

The first race will take place during ALOHA WEEK, 1956, not this year as it is too late to provide boards and allow entrants a proper period of training.

We are proud that George was instrumental in sending Downing to California and for his activities in promoting this event. This and the canoe race, originated by "Toots" Minvielle, bid fair to become worthy of world-wide acclaim and publicity for aquatics in Hawaii.