

CLOSE CALL IN BIG SURF SUNDAY

TWO CANOES CLASH; NONE HURT

About a dozen "malihinis" who cannot swim owe their life today to the fact that they were born under lucky stars and to the prompt action of the surfriders Sunday at Waikiki. It was a close call for all of them.

"Dad" Center and "Small" Cook took the party out in the biggest canoe at the club. It carries 19 and of that number six could not swim. So Center warned them to hang to

the canoe in case it swamped.

His canoe was lying at the place where the surfing starts, nearer to the beach than that of "Typhoon" Spencer's who had No. 3 out. Because of the big load and the strong wind Center started his canoe early and did not know that Spencer's canoe, which was behind him with a load, had also started. The wave reached "Typhoon" first and he caught it going on the town side of the breaker and about 10 feet from the outrigger on Center's canoe.

---By Ripley

How It Happened

"Dad" did not see "Typhoon" catch the wave but glancing over his right shoulder he saw that the wave was about to break. Accordingly he headed his canoe a little towards the townside in order to slide out of "the break."

When he did see "Typhoon" right beside him and in the way of his sliding path, he tried to straighten out the course but it was too late. The outrigger of the big canoe lifted up and the bow of it hit the front gunwale of Spencer's canoe. Then luckily the heavy amu lifted up high again and did not come down until the other canoe had shot far enough ahead to barely graze the stern, throwing "Typhoon" out.

Then the amu lifted clean up and over spilling the contents of its own canoe. There was Center and Cook in the water and six non-swimmers.

To the Rescue

"Hang on to the canoe," yelled "Dad" as the next comber came dashing towards the overturned boat. Everybody hung on and then "Dad" signalled to the surfriders who, led by Duke Kahanamoku and "Mouse" Smith, came to the rescue. "Sonny" Ruttman paddled out another canoe and picked up the passengers scattered about on boards and the big canoe was bailed out and taken into shore.

Meanwhile Spencer's canoe had continued on the wave without steerman. It went right in to shore without deviating from its course with the result that "Typhoon" is now being given the razzberry on the grounds that it is the intelligent canoe and not him that can steer best.

