

IT SOUNDS REASONABLE

AMONG the players, in the batch of big leaguers now on their way to play a series of games in Japan and later perform in Honolulu, is Bib Falk of the Chicago White Sox. Now Bib is a duck hunter of parts and this is his favorite story. He only tells it when some other nimrod had got around to boasting how fast certain flocks moved when he binged them.

This is the way Bib tells the story:

"It's difficult to shoot one of those ducks called a hell diver. So the best way, when you hunt them, is to smoke a corncob pipe. The hell diver always dives the minute it sees the flash of your rifle or shotgun and that's why you miss him.

"But if you blow out a puff of smoke from your pipe for a time or two you can cross him. He'll get tired of diving without hearing any bullet hit the water and then he's easy meat."

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ANOTHER SURFER JOINS

For half a decade past, ever since George (Dad) Center started the craze for 10-foot surfboards at Waikiki, the old-time surf riders have maintained that the seven and eight-foot board was "the thing" for surfing.

Nothing could convince the old-timers that the 10-foot board is the best.

Not even when Duke Kahana-moku took up the long board did the standpatters relinquish their views. They still believed that while the long board might be fine for ordinary surf it was the short

board that was the best for "first break" surf. Some of them still cling to the idea and will continue to cling to it despite all evidence to the contrary.

Among those staunch standpatters was L. Potter Thurston whom Mrs. Jack London made famous in her book as the first hawle to really surf as well as the Hawaiians. For years Potter has maintained that the short board is the best and it looked like he would cling to the belief forever.

But now Potter has decided that a long board has merits lacking in a short board, for George (Dad) Center is busy on a piece of sugar pine that is about nine feet nine inches long. It was ordered that way by L. Potter Thurston, one of the old guard of Waikiki surfers.

