APUKEHAU STREAM TO BE CONDEMNED AND FILLED AS NUISANCE

Apukehau stream, which empties into the ocean between the Moana hotel and the Outrigger Canoe Club, is to be condemned and ordered filled by the territorial board of health, thereby eliminating a nuisance which has been a target for scathing criticism for years.

Members of the health board visited the district late yesterday, inspected the stream, and then officially condemned it as being insanitary. Its filling-in will follow the conclusion of the condemnation proceedings.

This particular stream, which for years has dumped debris and muddy water into the ocean between the hotel and club, which has interferred with bathers, and which has been particularly obnoxious during stormy weather, was not included in the fills made under the general Waikiki reclamation project, as were other streams.

Residents Complain

Recent complaints from the residents of the Ainahau district, together with complaints from bathers and other beach users, have led the board of health to take action, and within a comparatively short time the stream will be a thing of the past.

Arthur Arnold, chief sanitary inspector, wrote to the board recently concerning the stream as follows:

"I have received several complaints from the residents of Ainahau, Waikiki, in regard to the stench that arises from the Apukehau stream. Since the canal intercepted the stream above Ainahau, the water level in same has dropped about three feet. All the springs in the bottow of the stream have also dried up, so that debris of every description is exposed to the sun, which creates the stench.

Used As Garbage Dump

"The people living in the vicinity of the stream and the Moana hotel were using the banks of same as a garbage dump. I have had orders issued to the various property owners to discontinue the above practise, as the city and county garbage department calls at Ainahau twice a week, on Tuesdays and Saturdays.

"I saw Mr. Thrum, engineer in charge of the dredging, who told me that when they condemned the tract for this reclamation project, the section between the Moana and Outrigger club and the stream were left out. That is why it has not been filled.

"I would recommend that the board of health condemn this strip and order the same filled in, thereby eliminating the above nuisance."

Dry filling is now under way by the owners of the stream immediately makai of Kalakaua Ave. The Outrigger club has commenced to fill the area adjoining its premises with surplus sand.