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## Surf Spray

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### Tour Suggested

Australian Nat Young, winner of November's Smirnoff World Pro-Am and a past world champion, wrote recently in a Sydney newspaper of the possibility of gathering the world's best surfers for the purpose of traveling as a band of professionals.

What Young had in mind was not far from what pro golf and tennis players have going for them.

In his column, Young quotes a conversation between fellow Aussies Peter Drouyn and Keith Paull (all three are charter members of the International Professional Surfers Association) in which they explored two basic questions.

They were: Would you like to see these surfers competing in a pro contest such as Smirnoff, or would you prefer a gathering run on the same lines as a pop concert where surfers merely put on an exhibition for pay?

Young later asked this question of his readers, and a future Surf Spray will go into a cross-section of those opinions.

The foresightedness of Young, Drouyn and Paull does not reach these ears as a surprise. It has been becoming more and more evident that Australian surfers are pushing forward into new frontiers with much more dispatch than surfers anywhere else in the world.

But the real shocker is how close Young's idea approaches a scheme now being reviewed by a large corporation. It is a presentation of the IPSA under the hand of commissioner Ron Sorrell.

### Series of Contests

The proposal calls for a series of 12 contests throughout the world in 1972 with the district winners qualifying for a classic of champions on Oahu in December.

A few of the proposed contest areas are Puerto Rico, Australia, Southern Califor-

nia, South Africa, Japan and France.

The IPSA has suggested cash purses for each region with \$1,500 going to the winner. The grand finale on Oahu would offer a sizeable purse, bigger than anything to date in the sport.

Top international surfers could travel the circuit and compete for the purses, but it would always be the top LOCAL finisher who won a spot in the classic of champions—no matter where he might finish. Young, for instance, would be required to qualify in the Australian contest.

True—and we hear cries from the pessimists—a sales pitch is not a sale, but IPSA business brains have opened doors once securely locked against anything as seemingly radical and non-establishment as surfing.

How accepted and sought after surfers become during the next five years will depend in no small degree on the confidence given the IPSA and its members and the need of business to leave no stone undisturbed in the never ending search for revenue.

### Canoe Race Victor

Waikiki Surf Club No. 1 was victorious in last Saturday's 8-mile canoe race from the Coco Palms Hotel to Nawiliwili. Outrigger Canoe Club and WSC No. 2 took runner-up honors.

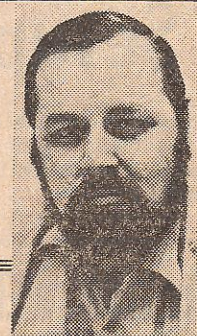
Rough seas took their casualty of Hea-lani, and Maile Sons. Hui Nalu was forced to scratch when the club's canoe was damaged in transit from Oahu.

The season's canoe regattas get under way June 13 with the running of the Kam Day races. It's the first of five, climaxing with the State Championships.

Outrigger will face the task of defending team laurels won last year at all five regattas. Off 1970's record Kailua Hawaiian Civic Club and WSC appear to have the best chance of derailing the OCC express.

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## Dave Donnelly's Hawaii

UNION PALS of labor leader Walter Kupau helped him celebrate his 35th birthday yesterday by presenting him with an unusual "cake." It was actually a Portuguese sausage decorated with 35 candles.

Keyboard Finance: Tickets are now on sale for "P.D.Q. Bach," the Peter Schickele musical (?) takeoff on the master. The program will take place April 9—Good Friday, of all days. . . . Walter Hickel and aide Pat Cullinane spent a few relaxing hours at the Ala Moana Hotel en route to Fiji the other day. They'll be returning later in the month for a brief stay. . . . The Travel Industry Management Club's annual fun-filled banquet will have the roaring twenties as its theme. It's April 19 at Oahu Country Club. . . . Cyrus Green, the shy and roly-poly music man at Kona Village Resort on the Big Island, recently tested his repertoire by singing a different tune every three minutes for five hours—everything from Tahitian to Cole Porter—and stopped only from exhaustion. . . . The Society of Seven takes to the Big Island later this month, playing in concert April 21-23 at the Hilo Armory. Elroy Osorio is promoting the shows. . . . And the Dimensions pausing out of the Ilikai's Hong Kong Junk tomorrow night after a stay of better than a year. Should be a swinging closing night. . . . Also closing tomorrow, the Friends of Mine folk group at the Outrigger Canoe Club. They're looking for a new gig. . . .



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**BOWMAN** — William Merritt Bowman, 65, of Honolulu, died Sunday. He was executive director of Foundations Self Insurance, a former manager of the Hawaiian Division of California Western States Life Insurance Company, and a former vice director of the Hawaii State Civil Defense. He helped organize the Hawaii Medical Service Association in 1938, and was its business manager until 1942. He also was one of the organizers of the National Association of Blue Shield Plans. The ashes will be scattered at sea off the Outrigger Canoe Club at 4 p.m. Thursday. Survived by wife, Marjorie G. Bowman; sons, Thomas Merritt, Craig Carl, William Merritt Jr.; daughters, Mrs. Suzanne Ramsden, Tracy Leigh Bowman; sister, Mrs. Grace Bowman Sismanovich.

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## William Bowman Dies at 65; Medical Insurance Pioneer

William M. Bowman, 65, of Honolulu, who helped organize the Hawaii Medical Service Association in 1938, died here Sunday.

A month ago, he was named executive director of Foundations Self Insurance, organized by members of the Hawaii Medical Association.

His ashes will be scattered at sea, one mile off the Outrigger Canoe Club beach at 4 p.m. Thursday.

Mr. Bowman was born in Sacramento, Calif.

He came to the Islands in 1938 to organize the HMSA and served as its business manager until 1942.

In 1943, he was named executive director of the California Physicians Service.

He was a pioneer in the organization of the Blue Shield Plan and was one of the organizers of the National Association of Blue Shield Plans.

In 1958, he returned to the islands and continued to be active in the hospitalization field. From 1961 to 1962, he

### Week in Review

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● Funeral services were held for Guy N. Rothwell, kamaaina architect and businessman, who died at the age of 80. He had helped design City Hall, Palama Settlement, several Punahou School buildings, Harris Memorial Church and some 1,000 other structures on Oahu and was a founder of the Outrigger Canoe Club.