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Surf Spray

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Unhappy news came to the attention of International Professional Surfers Association commissioner Ron Sorrell this week from Pan American World Airways in New York.

A proposed worldwide surf circuit of 12 contests in the most highly rated surfing locations that were also on Pan Am's flight path has been given thumbs down for the time being.

"Pan Am liked our proposal very much," Sorrell said, "and by no means have they locked the door against future negotiations."

"But, as the letter of rejection pointed out, the airline has lost in excess of \$70 million and is in no way ready for this type of expenditure."

THE IPSA WAS originally approached by Pan Am PR director for the Pacific, Paul Kendall, and asked to expand on an idea held by Pan Am.

The first meetings between Kendall and the IPSA executive board was held almost six months ago. Three more meetings were to follow before the final proposal was winged back to the New York brass.

Total purses involved would have been around \$40,000. And the final "Classic of Champions" would have been staged on the North Shore.

Although the IPSA proposal has been shelved by Pan Am, the very proposal took the sport into the inner circles of corporate America. And that, itself, is some measure of victory and hope for the sport's professional future.

Except for the outside chance that a sponsor can be enticed to throw some money into a pro purse in connection with the State Surfing Championships due this summer at Ala Moana, the local pros have only Smirnoff to look toward.

The Smirnoff World Pro-Am is tentatively scheduled for late November. Watch for a wahine pro bracket in this one.

THE BIGGEST question on the pro surf scene is what is to happen to the Duke Classic now that Kimo McVay has asked the City and County Parks and Recreation to fill the trunks of ex-meet director Fred Van Dyke?

Our guess is that the Duke will remain a pro contest and still maintain ties with the Del Webb Hotel Co.

And McVay will bank the television revenue—if any. And we know Van Dyke will be missed. This will become more and more apparent as the date nears.

Van Dyke was the Duke Classic. He was producer, casting director and stage hand. He was also Father Goose and a dandy diaper dipper for scores of surfers who, over the six years, held their egos aloft like the flag on Armistice Day.

VAN DYKE, in respect for the late Duke, withstood the slings of criticism and suffered the mental anguish of the hunted.

He was accused of selling his surfer's soul for ABC-TV; he selected the wrong days, wrong competitors and wrong sites.

He was commercialism with a heavy slur.

And yet, despite the slurs

and wounded egos, one proof is history.

Fred Van Dyke, teacher and big-wave surfer who, himself, has never surfed in a contest of any kind, produced the greatest surf epic the modern age has seen.

He blended 24 surfers into Sunset Beach surf and walked away with the satisfaction of a job well done. And he did it with beautiful consistence.

And in our book, that puts the pressure on McVay's adopted Father Goose.

IF THERE IS one day in the year when a scorecard is needed to identify the tourist on Waikiki Beach it's the Fourth of July when the Walter J. MacFarlane Memorial Canoe Regatta holds forth.

Walter "Mac" Day crams the beach with Hawaii's people wearing T-shirts proclaiming: Kai Oni, Lanikai, Kailua Hawaiian Civic Club, Hui Nalu, Healani, Leeward Kai, Outrigger and Waikiki Surf.

Which of these clubs drinks the fruits of eventual victory is hard to predict. Like no other summer regatta, surf plays an important role in the final outcome.

The regatta is run under the auspices of the Hawaiian Canoe Racing Association and sponsored by the Outrigger Canoe Club. Lloyd Wong is race committee chairman.

Surf Spray has a reader who is wrong.

Two weeks ago we stated that Outrigger's junior men won the '70 Kam Day race, but a caller later said it was won by Kailua Hawaiian Civic Club.

Not so. Records (the S-B morgue) show the results were as follows: Outrigger, Healani and Hui Nalu.

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been scheduled for Waikiki. An outrigger canoe race, the Walter J. MacFarlane Regatta, will be held at 10 a.m. Sunday, July 4. The annual attraction, which allows visitors a first hand view of an ancient Polynesian sport, starts

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THEY'RE OFF--Straining at their paddles, these sturdy Island men will compete in the Walter MacFarlane

Regatta to be held off Waikiki, Sunday, July 4.

Two Regattas Set For Waikiki Beach

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at the beach fronting the Moana Hotel.

The Outrigger Canoe Club, sponsor of the regatta, is also the defending champion.

The Waikiki Yacht Club will sponsor a sail boat race scheduled to start near the Ala Wai Yacht Club at 8:30 a.m., Saturday, July 3.

The Saturday race, the Gaylord Dillingham Regatta, will proceed around Diamond Head

then around the island to Kaneohe Bay.

The polo double header is set for 2 p.m. Sunday, July 4, at Mokuleia. Admission is \$2 for adults and free for children under 12.

The first half of the game kicks off with Culver Yale versus Hawaii followed by a musical half time program featuring the Royal Fiji Military forces band.

Mokuleia will battle

Waikiki in the second half of the game.

Islanders are fireworks enthusiasts. Apart from individual displays, the public is also invited to a spectacular performance of fireworks at the Schofield Barracks-Lightning Field at 7 p.m. July 4.

The U.S. Army Hawaii Soldiers' chorus and the U.S. Army Pacific Band will add zest to the occasion with a performance.