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Surf Spray

By Ron Haworth



Two weeks back the City of Huntington Beach sponsored the 13th annual United States Surfboard Championships in that beach city known for a pier and a thousand oil wells.

A score of surfers from Hawaii competed with scores of other surfers from around the shores of the continental United States.

Somebody won; somebody lost. It had to be.

Unfortunately, for the City of Huntington Beach, it was the biggest loser for printing a story in the official program that stung the memory of the late Duke Kahanamoku.

THE ARTICLE "The Duke Was a Chicken" had no place in a program which gave first-page dedication to Duke. And it had no right to be part of a contest that annually awards an outstanding surfer award in Duke's memory.

It made a mockery of the "best all-around surfer award" (won five times by Corky Carroll) and cast disrespect on the bronze bust of Duke displayed at the Huntington Pier.

And it should tint, forever, the respect and admiration any Hawaii surfer ever held for the United States Surfboard Championships executive committee.

The writer's claim that Duke was afraid to shoot the Huntington Pier was a sad, sorry piece of pulp sensationalism not worthy of printer's ink.

WE ARE NOT concerned with the claim of whether Duke wanted to shoot the pier. The truth of this has been lost.

But we do take issue to any statement which questions Duke's courage in the water.

And we question any further use of his name in any connection, whatsoever, with the USSC.

Let them find new horns on which to hang their borrowed laurels.

EACH TIME Dr. Harry Huffaker attempts a local channel swim it requires the unselfish cooperation and valuable time of those who accompany him. In the past this has been paddlers John Marshall, Bruce Ames, Rick Steere and Mike Holmes.

Huffaker has also called upon the Outrigger Canoe Club for financing. Without the aid of Outrigger, Huffaker would not have conquered the Molokai Channel and come heart-breakingly close

to vanquishing the formidable Alenuihaha Channel.

Now new faces appear in Huffaker's corner. When a boat was needed for his attempt to swim the Molokai Channel the wrong way with the next break in the weather, Carl Penfiglio offered his beautiful 46-foot Alii Kai as escort.

Penfiglio's gesture was made with no strings attached.

Penfiglio's Alii Kai is not a stranger to the Molokai Channel. His boat annually escorts Waikiki Surf Club in the Molokai-to-Oahu canoe race and he was also escort for the club last year when the voyage of Kamehameha The Great was traced from the Big Island to Oahu.

EXPERT ADVICE has also come from oceanographer Karl Bathen. Bathen has followed Huffaker's swims from the beginning.

Bathen is positive that Huffaker can swim the Molokai Channel the wrong way if he observes and obeys the proper time signals.

Not only does he flatly state the eventual success of the swim, but he sees Huffaker accomplishing it in as little as 13 hours-30 minutes less than he took to swim the channel in 1967 the so-called right way!

Bathen has related to the swimmer-dentist that his last swim was started and concluded at the worst possible times.

"Harry's first ninety minutes in the water was wasted efforted because of the tide," he explained.

"He might as well have spent that time sleeping on the beach. And he reached Molokai on a strong ebbing tide.

"He never had a chance."

Well we remember the first hours of Harry's last swim when Makapuu Point refused to recede off our left shoulder. And can we ever forget those final hours when darkness and hopelessness settled into our minds.

Now, with Bathen calling the post time, it could be a different story.

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Dave Donnelly's Hawaii

NAME GAME: Not only movie stars change their names — editors do too. There are two good examples among those visiting here for the UPI Editors' Conference at the Ilikai. H. Roger Tatarian, editor of the entire UPI network, used to be Hrach Tatarian, but was told that everyone reading the wire would think the spelling was garbled. Since his first name was roughly pronounced "Rog," he adopted the name Roger. And John Troan, editor of the Pittsburgh Press was



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John Troanovitch until he realized he thought he was being paged every time his city editor swore ... Announcer Vin Scully mentioned during yesterday's Pirates-Giants Playoff game that he'd be arriving at Mauna Kea Friday, presumably to listen to the World Series from the sand. And Dodger shortstop Maury Wills, who must have known his team would never make it to the World Series, opens tomorrow with his banjo in Las Vegas in a date that was set weeks ago ... The Outrigger Canoe Club's wine tasting was a sell-out and judging from the tipping going on a huge success. We introduced Nadine Kahanamoku to FBI man Dick Rogge at the party as Duke's widow. "No," she corrected, "I'm Duke's wife." ...

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racers seek trophy, thrill

The Molokai-to-Oahu canoe race will be held on Sunday, Oct. 17 and will start at dawn at the Hale O Lono Harbor on Molokai and end at Duke Kahanamoku Beach at the Hilton Hawaiian Village around noon.

This race was first held in 1952 starting at Kawakui, Molokai and ending at the Moana Hotel, a distance of approximately 36 nautical miles. It was won by Kukui O Lanikaula (Molokai crew) in the time of 8 hour 55 minutes.

IN 1956 THE landing point on Oahu was changed to the Hawaiian Village Hotel, a distance of approximately 37 nautical miles and was won that year by the Outrigger Canoe Club in the time of 7 hours 54 minutes.

In 1960 Mainland crews entered unofficially in non-koas. Two classifications were started in 1963 and the site on Molokai was changed to Hale O Lono Harbor

but ending on Oahu at the Hawaiian Village, which is a distance of approximately 37½ miles.

Waikiki Surf Club won the koa class in 1963 in the time of 6 hr. 40 min., while Outrigger Canoe Club won the non-koas in 6 hrs. 51 min. Last year Healani Canoe Club won the koa class in 6 hr. 24 min., while Waikiki Surf Club won the non-koas class in 7 hrs. 10 min. 11 sec.

THIS IS ONE of the most demanding canoe races in the world because of the rough and treacherous waters of the Molokai Channel.

Various organizations, companies and individuals have donated trophies for this race. Each canoe club is escorted by a boat on which relief paddlers, coaches, helpers and officials are carried. Walter Rodenhurst is chairman of this event.

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13 canoes set for Aloha race

Thirteen canoes, including two from California, are entered in the annual Aloha Week Molokai-to-Oahu race Sunday.

Balboa Outrigger Canoe Club and Imua Canoe Club, of Newport, Calif., are the Mainland entries.

Healani, defending champion in the koa division, is entering two canoes while Hui Nalu, Kai Oni, Order of Kamehameha, Lanikai, Leeward Kai, Maile, Outrigger and Waikiki Surf are the Oahu entries. Only Neighbor Island entry is the Kauai Canoe Club.

There will be five canoes in the koa division and eight in the non-koas class.

John Kapua, coordinator for race chairman Walter Rodenhurst, announced that the race will start from Hale

O Lono harbor at 7:30 a.m. and finish at Duke Kahanamoku Beach, Hilton Hawaiian Village. The first canoe is expected between 1 and 1:30 p.m.

Healani's winning time last year in the koa division was 6 hours 24 minutes. Waikiki Surf took the non-koas (fiberglass) in seven hours 10 min. 11 sec.

Clarence Gonsalves is serving as advisor to race chairman Rodenhurst.