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ALL READY TO GO--Ten canoe clubs will participate in the first annual Canoe Regatta at Pokai Bay this Sunday, June 22. The event, slated to begin at 10 a.m. and end by 1 p.m., is under the sponsorship of the Leeward Kai Canoe Club. A sky diving exhibition by the Lou Eagles Sport Paragliding team of Hickam AFB will be held at 1:15, and Hawaiian and Tahitian entertainment will be provided by the Piilani Watkins troupe. To defray expenses, the sponsoring

club will operate a food booth selling hamburgers, salad, corn on the cob and cold drinks. Paddlers will be vying for trophies donated by Mrs. Abe Lincoln, Agnes Cope, Alvin Kekaouha, Nanaikapono Hawaiian Civic Club and friends and members of the Leeward Kai Canoe Club. Taking part will be these canoe clubs: Maili Sons, Order of Kamehameha, Hui Nalu Healani, Waikiki Surf, Outrigger, Kai One, Kailua, Hawaiian Civic, Lanikai and Leeward Kai.

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Surf Spray



by Ron Haworth

Political observation

In Monday's Star-Bulletin Tom Coffman wrote a balance sheet comparing Governor Burns' popularity with that of Tom Gill, a probable challenger in 1970 from within Burns' own Democratic party.

"... Burns' stock with the people is down and Gill's is up.

"The reasons for this are open to speculation. One is that Gill is addressing himself publicly to the worries of the people. Burns isn't."

Senate Resolution 63, which would permit high-rise hotel development at the Kewalo end of Ala Moana Park and reef fill and low-rise construction from Magic Island to Kewalo, is typical of an "isn't."

Public sentiment cannot help but be opposed to a proposal which would bring the ever-increasing tourist load into Ala Moana Park.

The natives have long since lost Waikiki, and are currently fighting to save Diamond Head. Will Ala Moana become another Alamo?

What would happen to the 500 weekend hibachis which belch smoke and delicious odors, tantalizing the summer air and 5,000 screaming kids blitzing the grass?

Well, they could go surfing — that is, if some bright individual has come up with a practical surf machine.

Maybe it could be set up where the consistent Ala Moana surf once rolled in over the reef, and once provided a healthy sport for Honolulu's youth.

Burns defended his position in a speech last week on Maui. He saw it as a "benefit for all our people."

If the destruction of world-famous surf and the creation of a tourist atmosphere in a public park is the State's idea of best interests for that public — then it is obvious that the State has lost contact with its people.

Then the State is no longer a government of and for the people; it is a government over the people.

Not in the majority

It's not clear just who these people are Burns mentions — but one thing is clear — they are not in the majority. And they are certainly not in the 10 per cent figure representing the annual increase in outdoor recreation.

(Statistics — Bureau of Outdoor Recreation, Department of Interior.)

A postcard from a concerned Kaunakakai reader (is the situation easier to see from Molokai?) supports the speech we made following the Burns address on Maui.

"We were brought to Hawaii by your surf and we don't want to see any of it killed off by population pressures and for private (or public) profits," Steven Gendel wrote. "Keep up the good fight to keep the good Hawaii."

Of course, it's you, the reader, who has to fight to save what is left of old Hawaii. Your voice now, and again in November of 1970, should ring loud and clear — and with authority.

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An excellent recreation map, prepared by Wide World & Weekend Outdoor Sports Maps, from material gathered by the firm of Donald Wolbrink and Associates, is now available from the Department of City-County Recreation.

The colorful 17x23 map indicates scuba, surfing and beach park areas around Oahu. Fifty-one surf sites are listed and pinpointed.

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The final Honolulu showings of the fine MacGillivray-Freeman film "Free and Easy" will be screened at Roosevelt High June 25-28.

If you have never seen a surf film, see this one — even if you never plan on seeing a second.

No wasted opportunity

President Nixon's Father's Day gift — a surfboard — inspired some local response. Ron Sorrell, commissioner of the International Professional Surfers Association, wrote the President informing him that he was now an honorary member of the IPSA.

And Sorrell invited the President to "hang ten" next time he visited the Islands.

Who knows, maybe the President's younger daughter, Julie, from her canoe-surfing with world champ Fred Hemmings, will prevail upon her dad to give it a try.

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The honor of paddling the new koa canoe, Paoa, to a record victory in her first race went to six 16-year-old boys. Unfortunately, in the rush to go to press the name of one, Dale Hope, was omitted from the Star-Bulletin story, "Making a canoe".

This writer's regrets go out to Dale's mother who called the oversight to our attention.

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Canoe regatta Sunday at Pokai

The first annual Leeward Kai Canoe Regatta will be held Sunday at Pokai Bay, Waianae. The first race is slated to get under way at 10 a.m.

Nine clubs — Waikiki Surf, Outrigger, Healani, Hui Nalu, Maili Sons, Lanikai, Kailua, Kamehameha and Leeward Kai — will compete in the program, sponsored by the Leeward Kai Canoe Club.

Entertainment by various Hawaiian groups and demonstrations by the Blue Eagles Sport Parachute Club of Hickam at noon will be added features of the 13-event race card.