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Alexander Hume Ford was photographed at his desk in 1915 by his friend Ray Jerome Baker.



own Honolulu in Ford's day. Ray Jerome Baker took this 1929 photograph showing the intersection of King streets. Aloha Tower can be seen at the end of Fort Street, now the Fort Street Mall.

## Alexander Ford started something

By Bob Krauss  
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Few strangers to Hawaii have set foot in paradise with bigger dreams and as much energy to promote them than a ruffled, pint-sized intellectual named Alexander Hume Ford.

For more than 20 years, from 1907 to 1934, he was in charge of Hawaii's vision of greatness, the keeper of her place in the world.

For most of those 20 years he managed to lift his sleepy, tolerant, self-satisfied fellow islanders out of their remoteness in the Pacific and into a position of global leadership.

During those 20 years, he raised more than \$1 million to bring to Hawaii the best minds in science, education, health, religion.

And then his dream burst. His dazzling vision turned to bitter disillusionment. He died in poverty, a broken man. How many people today have heard of Alexander Hume Ford and his Pan Pacific Union?

How many people know that the Outrigger Canoe Club and the Trail and Mountain Club are all that's left of a dream of world peace?

Like so many dreamers, Ford had an ego to match his vision. He was an expert on everything. He dropped names like old John D. Rockefeller used to pass out dimes to children.

In a series of newspaper columns called "Famous Men I Have Known," he listed Mark Twain, Theodore Roosevelt, George Bernard Shaw, Porfirio Diaz, Benjamin Harrison, Grover Cleveland, William Jennings Bryan, Calvin Coolidge, Herbert Hoover, Sun Yat-sen and Alexander Graham Bell.

That's only the beginning. The list is 50 names long. And nobody doubted that it was accurate. Yet, by the time he died, the world had passed him by. Editors writing his obituary had to explain who he was.

"The later generation of islanders or newcomers has heard little of this irrepressible, talkative, energetic, thinly nervous man with unlimited imagination and a perpetual itch to 'start something,'" wrote one journalist in 1942 when Ford died with an estate of less than \$100.

"He had something about him of the prophets of the desert — undisciplined men with wild eyes and unkempt beards, who emerged from the wilderness to utter strange

truths that startled the world.

"He was fired, long ago, with a dream of world brotherhood, through a spirit and form which should develop in Hawaii and spread, like ripples of water from a thrown stone, around the globe.

"For a long while, he felt that his dream was coming true."

That's about as close as anybody has come to describing Alexander Hume Ford except that he didn't emerge from the wilderness. He was born at Charleston, S.C., April 3, 1858, in an old Southern family with excellent connections.

Ford turned to journalism and playwriting. By the time he was 21, he had a play produced on Broadway. Then he went to Chicago to write about poverty and socialism and race problems as a newspaperman and magazine writer.

He wrangled a trip to Siberia. In 1907 he landed in Hawaii with a congressional fact-finding tour of the Islands. He stood 5 feet 6 inches tall and wore shabby clothes.

Ford accompanied the congressmen from island to island. When they sailed away, he stayed behind. He had already learned to surf and

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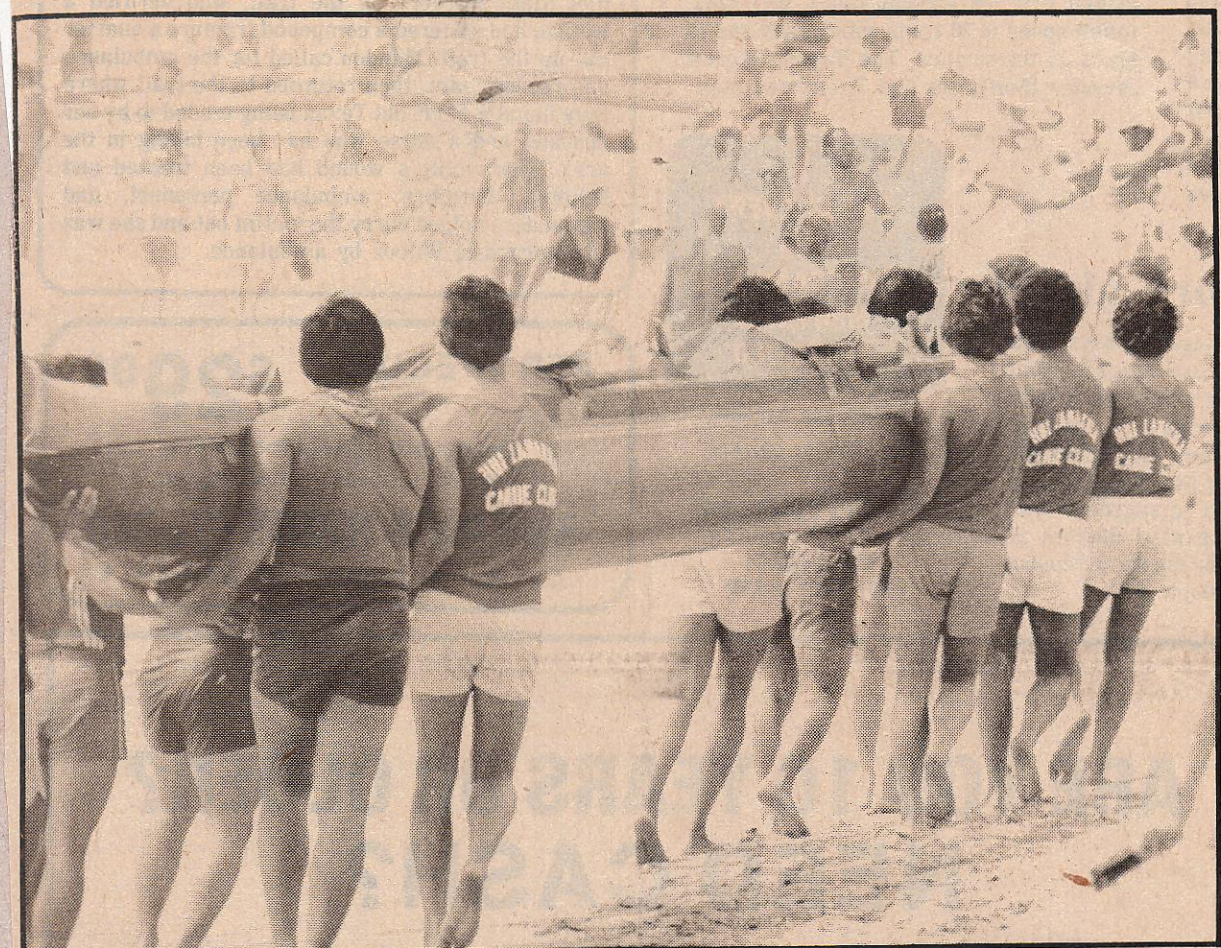
others carry it elsewhere, and others beyond them will continue to carry it."□

When not writing newspaper columns, Bob Krauss keeps his typewriter busy by turning out magazine articles and books. His seventh and most recent book is "McInerney," the story of a ship carpenter

who became Honolulu's leading clothier and whose family fortune established the McInerney Foundation.

Other Krauss books in print are "The Island Way," "Grove Farm Plantation" and "Kauai." He has just finished adding several chapters to a new edition of "Grove Farm Plantation" and is writing a book on shipwrecks and will soon begin a book about the Big Island.

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ACTION ON WATER Saturday and Sunday will follow the format laid down in traditional Prince Kuhio Ironman races from Wailua Bay to Nawiliwili. More canoes are predicted for this year's race than in years past.

## Canoe racing begins Prince Kuhio week

The Garden Island Canoe Racing Association will be hosting the Men's fortieth and Women's third Annual Prince Kuhio Day Ironman Canoe Races this Saturday and Sunday, March 20 and 21.

The Women's Race will begin at 8 a.m. at Kealia Beach and end approximately 45 minutes later on Wailua Beach (fronting Coco Palms) Maui's Na Kai Ewalu will not be here to defend its first place position of 1981. However another representative from Maui with some of the same paddlers will be here. Hanalei will be a strong contender with three crews entered. Hui Mana from Waimea will be entering for the first time.

A few always-tough clubs from O'ahu will fill out the field. There are approximately eight crews entered for this five mile long distance race. The current time

record is held by Na Kai Ewalu at 48:43 in 1981.

Both the Men's and Women's Race will have running starts from the beach. The men will leave Wailua Beach at 11 a.m. Canoes will be expected to be arriving on Kalapaki Beach (east end, fronting Kaula's Surf) from noon on.

There are entries coming from Hawaii, Maui and O'ahu. Approximately 27 crews will compete for 1st place on the 8½ mile course.

Last year's winner, Outrigger, will not be participating this year, so it should be between Hui Nalu (2nd last year) and Hanalei (3rd last year), for 1st place. Both clubs have won twice previously and a third win gives the winner the perpetual trophy to keep.

Hui Nalu beat Hanalei twice last year, but Hanalei finished as the second Hawaiian Club in the Molokai Channel Race, while Hui Nalu was the fourth Hawaiian Club. They should have two of the fastest canoes in the field - Hui

Nalu's sleek 45 ft. fiberglass canoe "Kaupiko" and Hanalei's Albizzia 42' craft "Waioli."

Other clubs expected to be contenders are: Big Island - Kai Opuia, as well as O'ahu's - Kailua, Ko'olau, Healani, Waikiki Surf (4th last year) and Lanikai (3rd Hawaiian Club Molokai race). The two latter clubs have also won 1st place twice, and are also eligible for the perpetual trophy. Awards will be presented to the top five finishers.

The current time record is held by Lanikai Canoe Club at 62:20 in the 1974 race.

The awards ceremonies will be held on the beach at Kalapaki Bay after the final canoes reach the shore.

On Sunday, March 21, there will be double hull canoe races at Nawiliwili small boat harbor at 11 a.m. The course runs to the lighthouse at the mouth of Kalapaki Bay and back to the boat harbor.

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## Weekend Sports Highlights

The next-to-last weekend of NCAA playoff action should make for a televised basketball bonanza, with the Final Four to be determined in regional shootouts. On the homefront, the State Golden Gloves swingalong and a high-powered volleyball tournament top the indoor bill of fare while, out in the sunshine (knock wood) there's a big amateur golf clambake, the high school canoe-racing championships, and lots more.



### TONIGHT

Process of Elimination: Georgetown vs. Fresno State in the NCAA West Regional basketball playoffs (delayed), 6:30 p.m., Channel 9.

### TOMORROW

Tee for Two: Second round of the 72-hole Hawaii State Amateur Stroke-Play Championships, 7 a.m., Waiialae Country Club, and final round of the 36-hole JAL Women's Invitational, 8 a.m., Mililani Course.

Intersections: Geneva College of Beaver Falls, Pa., plays Hawaii Pacific, 1 p.m., and Nagoya College of Japan meets the University of Hawaii, 7 p.m., in exhibition baseball, UH Stadium.

Dig This: Twenty four of best amateur men's and women's teams in the state compete in the Rainbow Invitational tournament, a two-day USVBA blast. The men's field includes the UH team, the Outrigger Canoe Club Masters outfit and two OCC Open teams. Among the women's teams to beat are the Aloha Volleyball Club (made up of current members of the UH Wahines team) and the Poi Pounders (featuring former UH stars), 6 p.m., pool play on two

fronts, Klum Gym and UH Practice Gym No. 1.

Tip-Top Stuff: North Carolina puts its No. 1 ranking on the line vs. Alabama in an NCAA East Regional basketball showdown (delayed), 6:30 p.m., Channel 9.