

SEP 16 1969

Bombarded Bikini Stirs with New Life



There are fish to be caught . . .

Bikini, blistered and buffeted by the fury of 23 nuclear detonations between 1946 and 1958, has a new lease on life.

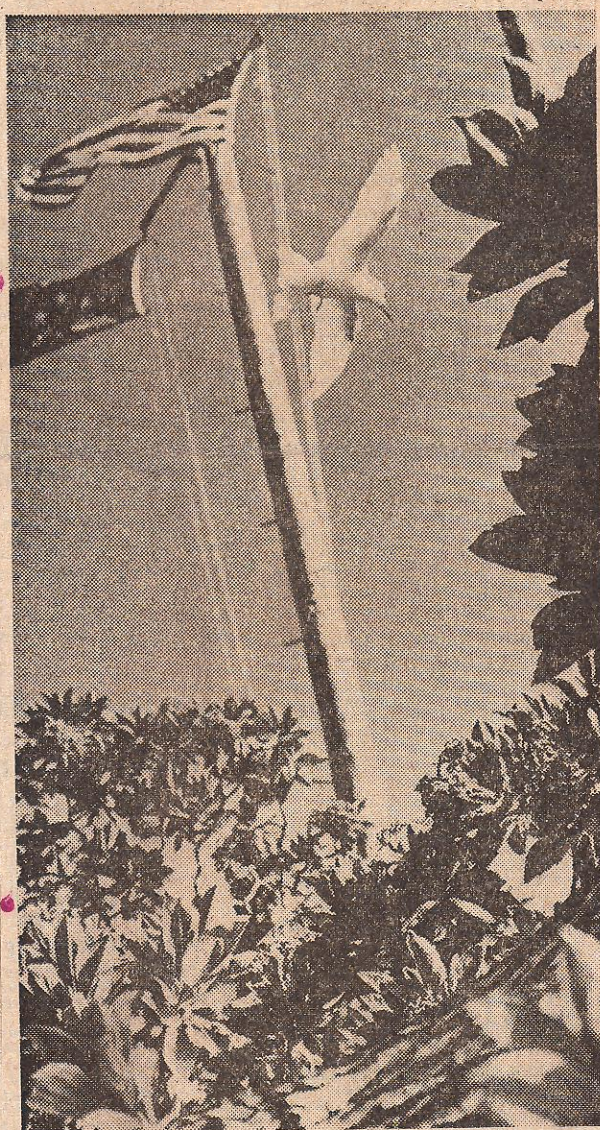
Her people are returning. Rusting and radioactive junk has been buried or dumped, by the truckload, into the sea.

Radioactivity is at a minimum, and the major islands of Bikini and Enyu have been declared safe for permanent habitation.

Bikini has much to offer her returning people—a fine airstrip, a beautiful harbor, and some of the world's finest deep-sea fishing.

These islands, doomed for 11 years as no-man's land, may one day rival Tahiti as a South Pacific tourist mecca.

The photos were taken by Warren Roll, chief photographer of the Star-Bulletin.



Two flags fly.



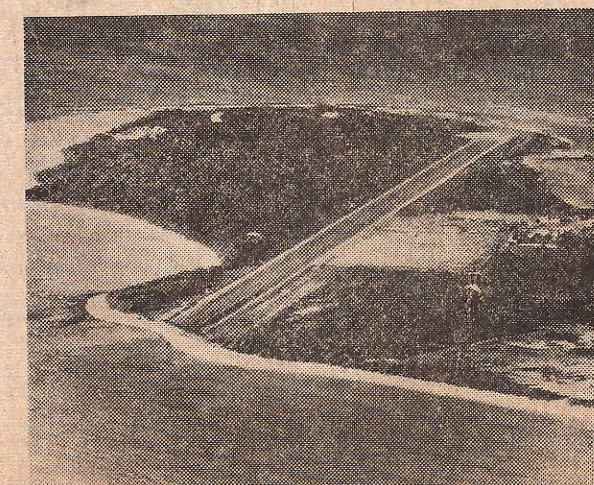
SURFBOARD DRIFTS 2,500 MILES—An Outrigger Canoe Club surfboard lost off Waikiki between 1956 and 1963 apparently drifted to Bikini Atoll. In March, a Navy boat crew found it buried in sand except for the fin. Bill Kaae, a civilian rigger at Bikini, made some repairs and surfed with it until it broke in two. Air Force Capt. Jerry Lagemann and the board's two parts are pictured at a Bikini warehouse.



There are coconuts to sprout . . .



Trees to plant . . .



An airstrip waits . . .