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YOU HEAR about all the big money in Las Vegas, but rumor is that Don Ho's musicians will be taking a cut in pay during his stint at the International Hotel in Vegas. . . . Tom Flynn, president of Pioneer Savings, being kidded as "the new Cliff Krueger" since he began appearing in his firm's new TV spots. Please—one new Cliff Krueger is enough. . . . Surfing champ Fred Hemmings Jr. quoted in the current Time on that artificial surfing spa at Tempe, Ariz. . . . Edgar Kaiser Jr., special assistant on territorial problems in the Department of the Interior, checking out of the Washington rat race to return to Kaiser organizational headquarters in Oakland. . . .



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## canoe race scheduled

The first Molokai-Oahu canoe race was held in 1952 with only three canoes entered. The race started at Molokai's Ilio Point and ended at the beach fronting the Moana Hotel. The finish line was changed to Duke Kahanamoku Beach in 1956 and in 1963 the starting point was changed to Hale O Lono Harbor on Molokai.

Originally only koa canoes were used. In 1960 a Mainland crew entered unofficially a fiber glass canoe, and in 1963 two classes were established, koa and non-koa. In 1968 the Outrigger Canoe Club in the koa class established a record of 5 hours 55 minutes 15 seconds, while Healani Canoe Club won the non-koa class in 6 hours 3 minutes, 28 seconds. Entries have included

canoe clubs from the Mainland and the Neighbor Islands.

The dramatic race begins at dawn on Sunday, Oct. 19, and ends at noon. It is approximately 37½ miles. Andrew (Andy) Cummings is the grand marshal and Richard Boone will be master of ceremonies. This race will be honoring the late Mrs. Elsie Ross Lane. Elmer Carvalho, mayor of Maui County, will be official starter.

Perpetual trophies have been donated by W. F. Dillingham, M. A. Blair, Ltd., H. F. Wichman, Ltd. Alfred Shaheen, Hilton Hawaiian Village Hotel, McKesson & Robbins, Trophy House, Herbert B. J. Perry and Aloha Week Hawaii, Inc.

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## Surf Spray



By Ron Haworth

### Duke Remembered

A bronze bust of Duke Kahanamoku was officially dedicated by the City of Huntington Beach during opening ceremonies of the 11th annual United States Surfboard championships last month.

" . . . Olympic swimmer, public servant, goodwill ambassador of the State of Hawaii, and considered by many to be the Father of the United States surfing movement. . . .

" . . . the principle of fair play and good sportsmanship he advocated should be preserved for all time. . . .

The plaque tells more. But it cannot tell all of a life that spanned 78 years of aloha.

The bust will be erected on a lava base at the entrance to the Municipal Pier facing seaward.

Prime mover behind the Duke bust was Vince Moorhouse, Director of Harbors, Beaches & Development.

Mahalo, Vince. Hawaii would have done something similar to honor our No. 1 known citizen . . . but somewhere along the line all the good ideas and intentions ran afoul of State and City apathy.

### More on Kuhio Widening

Skindivers have joined the swelling ranks of surfers and swimmers (Save the Seawall) who voice opposition to the State's scheme to widen Kuhio and erect sand-retaining groins 350 feet seaward.

The Hawaii Council of Diving Clubs (membership of 500 divers) is dedicated to the encouragement of the sport, study of underwater life, and the development and preservation of natural resources beneath the surface.

The HCDC feels that all of these goals are in serious peril along the leeward shore of Oahu. Beach widening, pollution and reef fill are the major threats.

Dr. Alison Kay, head of General Science (marine zoology) at the University of Hawaii, and a past president of the Conservation Council of Hawaii, offers an academic opinion regarding the Kuhio proposal.

"To widen this beach poses a more immediate threat to the Waikiki reef than does the Crown of Thorns starfish scare."

" . . . and the consequences are far wider reaching."

Dr. Kay adds: "The tropical beauty and charm of Waikiki is directly dependent on the reef which fringes it."

"Reefs are formed and maintained only when constructive processes outweigh destructive forces."

Dr. Kay points out that coral is especially sensitive to the presence of silt and sand.

"The proposed widening of Kuhio Beach will change the structure of the reef platform and the current system which presently works across the reef."

"It will thus affect the very set of equilibria which combined to build the reef—currents, circulation and deposits and reef organisms."

The HCDC is working with the Governor's task force on oceanography. Already to their credit is the establishment of Hanauma Bay as an underwater park fish preserve.

Even more recently, the organization has aided the University of Hawaii and the State Department of Fish & Game in preliminary studies of the crown of thorns starfish dilemma.

In forthcoming weeks the column will devote space to the safety of scuba diving as prepared by the Safety and Standards Committee of the HCDC.

### Blue Ribbon Canoe Event

The most prized canoe-racing victory of them all unfolds this Sunday with the running of the 18th annual Molokai-to-Oahu race.

Defending champion and race record holder is the Outrigger Canoe Club which established a time of 5 hours 45 minutes and 16 seconds last year.

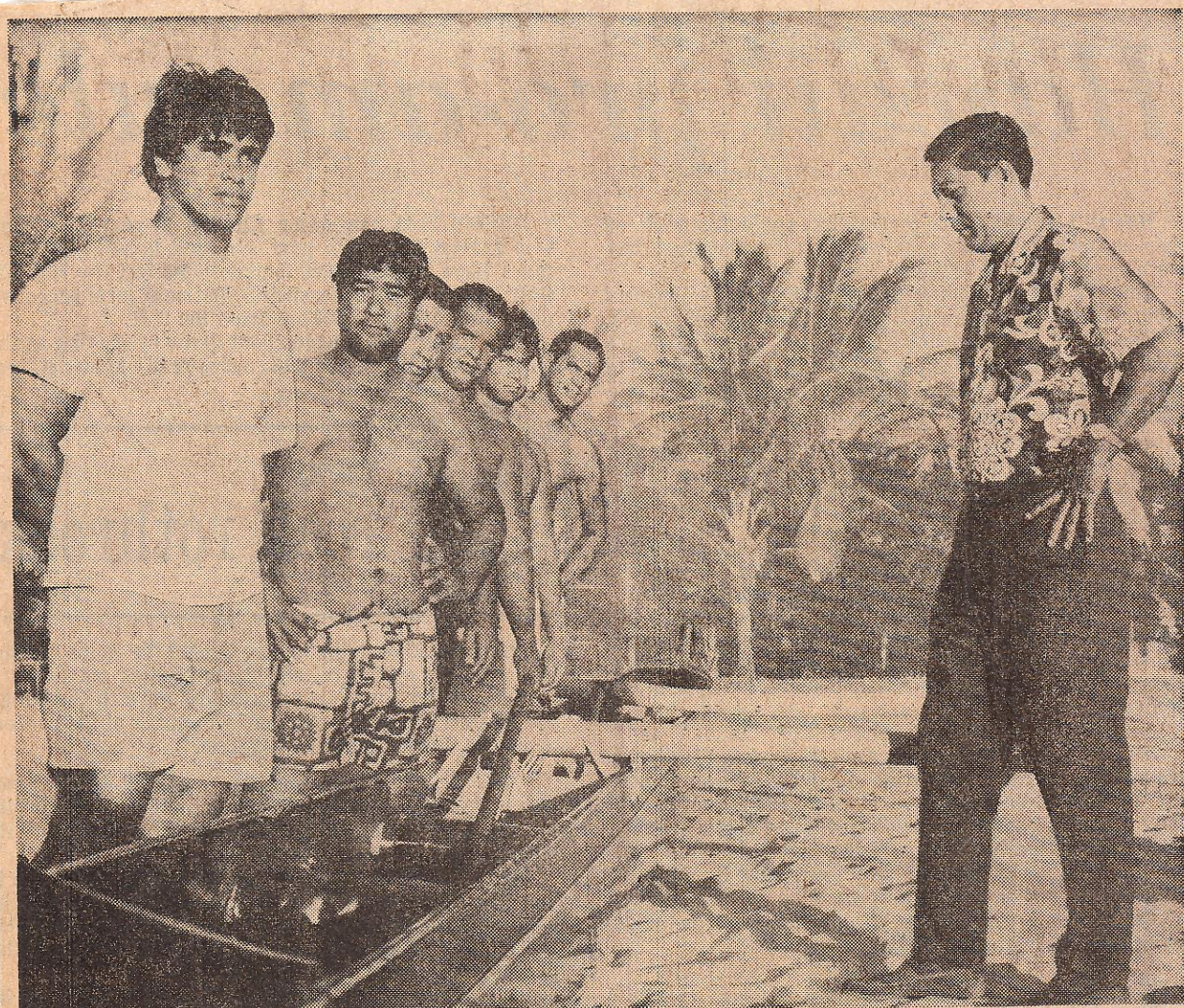
Sharing the favorite's role for this crossing is a strong crew representing the Waikiki Surf Club who has already captured blue ribbon in two long-distance races this season.

Equal portions of conditioning, team spirit, and guts will spell the difference.

The nine men who make them all jell will come into Duke Kahanamoku Beach victorious.

A writer-photographer team from the National Geographic Society will cover this year's race. Their word-picture account will later appear in a book on Hawaii.

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Standing proudly by their new \$1800 canoe, members of Leeward Kai Canoe Club are ready for Molokai Canoe Race next Sunday. Left to right: Lawrence Hanohano, Erasmus Nahalea, Melvin Keawe, John Lasconia, Sol Kaahaine, Henry Van Gieson. At right: race director Donald Dias.

## 14 canoes entered in Molokai race

A record 14 boats will compete in the 18th annual Molokai to Oahu canoe race next Sunday, announces Donald Dias, race chairman.

Boats from 12 different clubs have been entered in the two classes — koa wood and fibreglass.

Defending champion in the race is the Outrigger Canoe Club in the koa division; the Healani in fibreglass.

The colorful race will get under way at 7:30 a.m. from Molokai and the winners are expected to beach in the sand at the Hilton Hawaiian

Village around 12:30 p.m. making the trip of 37½ nautical miles in about five hours.

Clubs entered: Hui Healani, Outrigger, Waikiki, Lanikai, Kailua, O of Kamehameha, Maile, Kauai, Molokai, Lee Kai and Kai Oni C Clubs.

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## Record Entry List for Aloha Canoe Classic

A record 13 crews, nine in the koa division and four in non-koa division, will participate in the 18th annual Molokai-Oahu outrigger canoe race which gets under way Sunday morning at 7:30 from Hale O Lono Harbor.

The finish line fronts the Hilton Hawaiian Village Hotel beach.

Last year's champions — Outrigger Canoe Club in the koa class and Healani in the non-koa—are favored to win again this year. Outrigger set a koa-division record last year with the time of 5 hours, 45 minutes and 16 seconds.

WAIKIKI SURF Club is expected to give favored Outrigger its stiffest competition.

Entered in the koa division are Outrigger, Waikiki Surf, Healani, Molokai, Maile Sons, Hui Nalu, Kamehameha, Kai Oni and Kauai.

The non-koa entries are Healani, Lanikai, Leeward Kai and Waikiki Surf.

Mark Buck is coach and captain of the Outrigger entry in the koa division. His crew includes four paddlers who helped to win the title last year—Henry Ayau, Tom Conner, Fred Hemmings Jr. and William Mitchell and himself.

Donald Dias is chairman of the race which is sponsored by Aloha Week Hawaii, Inc.