

MILITARY GARRISON AND THE BEAUTY SPOTS

Editor Advertiser: The news of the proposed condemnation of the Seaside Hotel grounds, and of the Outrigger Club premises, by the United States government, has been received here with consternation and dismay; and were it carried out, would prove little less than a great public calamity.

For, to take away these public resorts would be about equal to taking away from the public, both the Emma and Thomas squares combined; and almost as bad has to take away the Kapiolani park. Again, to take away these premises, would be to take away the most beautiful, ideal, unique, and at the same time the most charming and entertaining pleasure resorts that we have in Honolulu. And with the exception of the public baths, the Moana and the Waikiki Inn, is the only piece of the beach that is left to us; and when all combined can not compare with the Seaside grounds. Again, in these places are found the best bathing places in Honolulu and are highly appreciated by both the residents and tourists. Again, to take away these premises would be to rob us of one of the show places of Honolulu and one of the most interesting bathing resorts in the world. Now, while I think we should give up to the United States government with a good grace anything which is of vital interest to the defense of this city and country; still I do not think we should be a party to the spoliation, or to the defacement of any of the beauty spots, and great public pleasure resorts that are dear to the heart of every one unless it is absolutely necessary. And we beg to say, that it does not appear to us to be of any great importance whether these defensive works are placed a few feet nearer Diamond Head, or a little nearer Honolulu.

And as there is plenty of land to be got nearer town, that is not of so much importance, it is hoped that the government will consider the advisability of taking that into consideration instead of the Seaside Hotel grounds, and beach. I think if it were shown how much of a loss, and how much of a detriment the condemning of these premises would mean to the public and to the beauty of the city, Uncle Sam might be induced to consider the advisability of changing his mind about condemning these premises, and great pleasure resorts.

In regard to the Outrigger Club, will say, that though this club is only in its incipiency, it has been already demonstrated, that upon great regatta days of the Hawaiian sports, not even the Seaside and Moana grounds are hardly large enough to accommodate the large crowd that assembles there to witness these sports. And what is to be done, or where another place can be found, in which to conduct these sports if these premises are taken away is a quandary, and a question most difficult of solution. And it's feared it would mean the utter annihilation of the Hawaiian sports.

Very truly,

G. OSBORNE.
