

# BEACH BOULEVARD PLANS APPROVED

## PROMOTION COMMITTEE WANTS WAIKIKI IMPROVED

The promotion committee, at its meeting yesterday afternoon, discussed the condition of Waikiki beach and approved informally any steps that might be taken to restore the closed-in spaces to the public, to divert the stream now emptying into the sea and to clear out the coral. There was no quorum of the committee, and only routine business, other than the Waikiki situation, was discussed.

A. P. Taylor, secretary of the committee, had sent memoranda to the committee members calling their attention to the beach as follows:

"After analyzing many statements, criticisms, and suggestions, by tourists in regard to various features in Honolulu, and elsewhere in the Islands, the secretary submits to the promotion committee the following matters which require action:

"1. Waikiki beach. It is urgent that the beach be cleaned from the Queen Liliuokalani property to Fort de Russy. There is need of eliminating the structures which now overhang the beach. The paramount requirement is diverting of the stream of dirty water which now empties into the beach between the Moana hotel and Outrigger club. The promotion committee has discussed this matter several times and reached definite conclusions, and has had spread upon the minutes its condemnation of the stream as paramount to the upbuilding of the beach and its popularity with the flow of tourists brought here largely through the efforts of the promotion committee.

"The matter has been taken before the department of public works of the Territory and assurances were given them then, a year ago, that action would be taken. As recently as December the department of public works intimated that nothing could be done from the revolving fund of the territory at the present time, owing to this reason or that reason.

"There is urgent need that this matter be brought to the attention of the representatives of the committee of the chamber of commerce to be brought to the attention of the legislature in this session for the elimination of this stream, which not only empties dirty waters into the very place where bathing has been most popular, but breaks down the sandy beach and exposes the coral bottom.

"Menace of coral outcroppings. Within the last week the attention of the secretary has been personally drawn by numbers of tourists to the menace of coral outcroppings in the bathing section of Waikiki beach, particularly in front of the Moana hotel, Outrigger club and Seaside hotel. The jagged coral outcroppings, in conjunction with dirty water emptying into the bathing section, has done more to cause complaints by tourists and make them condemn the whole beach generally than anything else during their visit here. Dredging or crushing coral in that section is said to be practicable."

Mr. Taylor said that the committee naturally was interested in the proposal of James Wakefield that the flats of Kewalo and Kakaako be dredged, the swamps filled in, a great boulevard built and Waikiki restored to the public. Such a plan, could it be consummated, would be splendid. The committee, however, was interested more immediately in the smaller plan of cleaning the beach of coral and dirty water and of seeing that obstructions extending beyond high water come down.

"Is this the Waikiki beach that we hear so much about?" visitors have exclaimed, Mr. Taylor said.

With the board of harbor commissioners intent upon seeing that the public gets its rights on the beach, and with the promotion committee working toward the same end, it is hoped that action will result.