

Freshets At the Beach

IT is proposed to spend \$15,000 in shifting the exit of the storm water from the point where it now reaches the sea, between the Moana Hotel and the Outrigger Club, to the exit at Kapiolani Park or the stream several hundred feet on the Ewa side of the park. This would be a foolish waste of money. The Waikiki current is almost always from east to west, so that if the freshet water is discharged at either of the two suggested points, the muddy water will all flow down the beach, befouling not only the territory which is now muddied, but all of the bathing east of the Moana Hotel as well.

In other words, the beaches near the Moana Hotel will still suffer every time there is a freshet, although not in quite as high a degree as now, and all the bathing beach on the Diamond Head side of the Moana Hotel will be damaged much more than it is now.

The one and only means of giving complete relief is to close all three of the outlets named and conduct all of the storm water of the vicinity to sea by means of the stream bed which reaches the ocean a little west of Fort De Dassy. It is said that this will take too long. The reply is that it will take a very short time to work out a plan to connect up this exit with the streams in question, if those interested will get together, put the obstructionist in the background and go ahead.

It may take more than \$15,000 to do the job. It probably will, but when it is done it will be done for good, whereas if the money is spent at the points now proposed it will simply spread and perpetuate the nuisance, instead of terminating it.

Moreover \$15,000 will go a long way toward evolving the full plan for eliminating the Waikiki swamps.