

NEW AND BETTER PLAN FOR ENDING STREAM MENACE NOW PROPOSED

A new plan to divert the stream now emptying between the Moana Hotel and Outrigger Club—a plan involving an expenditure of \$50,000 or \$60,000—was presented today to the finance committee of the house of representatives.

The new plan is declared to be much more adequate and workable than a former one to divert the stream to the Makee Island channel, Kapiolani park.

In explaining the plan, Engineer Fred E. Harvey said it is proposed to construct a wide channel through the unreclaimed area lying waikiki of the McCully road, beginning at Beretania street and ending at the sea, through the stream now flowing along the John Ena road. The proposed stream would cross Kalakaua avenue ewa of the Cassidy station. The construction of two bridges would be necessary, one over Kalakaua avenue and another near the beach.

Into this proposed channel at Beretania street would be diverted the waters of the Pauoa and Manoa streams, thus relieving Kapiolani park of the flood waters which prevail during heavy rains.

The proposed channel would run largely through government land, it was explained. From Kalakaua avenue to the beach the present open stream would be utilized. The channel proper would be about 60 feet wide and deep enough to accommodate at least five feet of water.

The question came up as to whether benefited property owners should be assessed for the improvement and it was pointed out that the Moana, the

Outrigger Club, Royal Grove and Beachwalk would all be benefited.

"It will benefit the whole town," asserted Supervisor F. M. Hatch.

G. H. Buttolph said the project ought to be in line with the ultimate reclaiming of all the Waikiki land.

Harvey was of the opinion that the channel would not interfere with future reclamation work, but would benefit it instead.

"This is a far better scheme than the first one," said Chairman C. H. Cooke of the finance committee.

Chairman Cooke expressed the belief that the expense money might be taken out of the sanitation revolving fund.

Another feature of the new plan is that flood waters which, in the past, have caused considerable trouble, will be drained into and carried off by the channel.

The plan worked out by Engineer Harvey, who is acting for public-spirited Honolulu citizens, does away with all the objections raised to the first scheme. It has two big advantages—it gets rid of the stream nuisance near the Outrigger Club and it will take care of a vast volume of flood waters which now bank up in the duckpond area.

The plan, it is declared, protects the costly new pavement along Kalakaua avenue from the possibility of being damaged by the heavy floods which now have no outlet except through small and entirely inadequate culverts.

Engineer Harvey's scheme is worked out expressly not to interfere with any such larger scheme as Gov. Pinkham's general reclamation project.