

# Laniakea May Be Used By Athletic Clubs of City

Alexander Hume Ford Has Plan Whereby "Homeless" Clubs of City May Cooperate and Save Beauty Spot for Club Activities—Large Rooms Would Be Used for Executive Office—Restaurant May Be Continued—Speakers to Explain Plans

Not only every athletic club of Honolulu was represented at the gathering yesterday to confer with the Pan-Pacific Union in regard to its activities in holding a Pan-Pacific conference and a great Olympiad in Hawaii, but practically every non-athletic club and organization in the city was represented in some way at the Pan-Pacific Clubhouse on Hotel street.

It was decided to accept the invitation of the Ad Club to hold a Pan-Pacific lunch session on the Roof Garden of the Young hotel next Wednesday, and every club in the city has signified its intention of having a table at the lunch and delegates to listen to the speakers, who will put the objects of the Pan-Pacific Union before the meeting.

## Want Laniakea

It leaked out after the meeting yesterday that the Pan-Pacific Union had sought to save "Laniakea" to the city, and still has hopes. The plan in view was to invite the cooperation of each and all of the "homeless" clubs in Honolulu, the women's organizations included, to unite to the extent of employing a joint office working force, and taking over "Laniakea," using two of the large rooms on the lower floor of the main building as executive offices for the clubs, and turning over the rest of the building to the Red Cross workers. The theater it was proposed to retain for club meetings, as well as for the use of the Footlights Club and other dramatic organizations while the grass village of native Hawaiian workers and the colony of artists would also be taken care of.

It was pointed out in conversation by one of the Pan-Pacific workers that the Public Service Association had been organized in a similar manner some years ago in Honolulu, when a number of clubs and organizations, such as the Outrigger Club, the Civic Federation, the Trail & Mountain Club, the Hands-Around-the-Pacific

Club, and several other kindred organizations then in straightened circumstances, contributed to the employment of a general staff, with the result that the Outrigger Club—then \$1000 in debt—was placed finally and firmly on its feet; the Civic Federation, also in debt, was boosted in its turn, until it secured fifteen hundred members, and was enabled to carry on its campaign which resulted in the securing of Liliuokalani Gardens, now a city park, and the most beautiful one in Hawaii.

## Boost For Clubs

The Public Service Association also placed the Trail & Mountain Club on its feet, so that it could build rest houses and scores of miles of trails in the mountains. The Hands-Around-the-Pacific movement, now the Pan-Pacific Union, was thoroughly established, and for two years not an Ad Club luncheon day passed that the Public Service Association force did not telephone to each member requesting his presence at the luncheon—in this way building up the attendance from fourteen to more than a hundred weekly.

It was a great lesson in cooperation, and the hope is general that in these war times such work may be revived, there being such a possibility if definite terms may be secured from the "Laniakea" management, looking toward the housing of the clubs and the Red Cross.

At the luncheon meeting on the roof garden next Wednesday, several of Honolulu's leading business men (officers of the Pan-Pacific Union) will place the general objects of the organization squarely before the clubs of the city, and ask their cooperation. Each club will have its own table, and those not members of the Ad Club but desiring to attend the lunch are requested to phone the Pan-Pacific headquarters—2989. Ladies are also invited to the luncheon.