

# Men Tailors Fitting Bathing Suits On Women, Is Report

## Outrigger Auxiliary Directors In Formal Statement Outline Things They Object To and What They Want To Accom- plish

Men tailors fitting bathing suits on women in the tailor room fitting shops is one of the things objected to by the board of directors of the Women's Auxiliary of the Outrigger Canoe Club, and that such fitting is being offered by one of the local men's furnishing houses is known to the women of the auxiliary, according to an official statement of their position, drawn up for The Advertiser yesterday.

In this statement, the board of directors of the auxiliary states:

"For some time many of the bathing suits at Waikiki have been objectionable and it has seemed wise to the board of the Women's Auxiliary to try and remedy the situation. The rule of both Outrigger Clubs is that women shall not be permitted to wear 'men's bathing suits or suits of similar cut.' This rule has been observed by the clubs without friction or difficulty, but the objectionable suits continue to be seen. Tourists and town's people complain to the clubs, and reports continue to be received from the Coast, commenting most unfavorably upon the sights to be seen on the beach and the streets approaching the beach.

"Feeling that the question of regulation might well come from a woman's swimming club of six hundred members, the board appointed a committee to ascertain public opinion, and, if it seemed best, to petition the Honorable Mayor and Board of Supervisors to pass an ordinance (to be drafted by the city and county attorney) regulating the suits to be worn by women on the beach.

### Regulation Favored

"The committee then found the board of directors of the Men's Outrigger Club unanimously in favor of a regulation, as are also the hotels on the beach. The entire board of the Y. W. C. A., which has a swimming club at Waikiki, is most keenly in favor of the proposed ordinance, and the private property owners have for some time asked if something could not be done.

"Mrs. Fullard-Leo, who has so successfully taught life saving in many parts of the world, assured the women that the suits they proposed were comfortable and attractive, and in no way impeded swimming of any kind. The committee then spoke to the best swimmers among the women and girls and found that they all wore either women's one piece knitted suits with skirts attached or knee length slips over an under suit, either of which is what we recommend.

"The committee ascertained that a men's furnishing house is offering to fit men's bathing suits to women and young girls, in their fitting rooms, the man tailor to do the fitting.

### Want Tight Fit

"The men's department at the dry goods shops are told by certain of the women who come to buy men's suits for themselves, that they want the tightest possible suit, as Waikiki is the only place they have "to show their figures." This remark was heard by a member of the committee who was buying a suit for her little boy. It has been proved that it is not necessary to wear a man's suit, for swimming, diving, or life saving and, if men's suits continue to be worn, it will be for other reasons than these.

"The suits for women approved by public opinion may be of knitted or other material, but must be women's