

OUTRIGGER CANOES

Of Kamehameha the Great

TO GREET WARSHIP

Characteristically Hawaiian and recalling the days when the first vessels of the United States navy rounded Diamond Head under a cloud of canvas, will be the greeting given the battleship New York Wednesday morning by members of the Outrigger Canoe Club. In the old days Hawaiian canoes pushed off from the shore and greeted the visitors and tomorrow some of the same canoes, decorated with flags and garlands, will set sail from the Outrigger Club and, braving the surf on the reef, make for the gray monster of the modern navy. A dozen great sailing canoes belonging to the club will comprise the fleet and will be manned by members of the organization.

Wanted To Present Leis

Some of the active members of the Outrigger Canoe club put the proposition up to "Dad" Center, club captain and he approved it instantly, referring it to the athletic committee in charge of the welcome to the visiting ships. Center said the boys wanted to take music with them and suggested that a young woman and young man be placed on board the New York, the girl to present a lei to Secretary Daniels and the man to present one to Mrs. Daniels. This would be a unique welcome to Hawaii.

Last night Major Castle stated to The Advertiser that his committee approved the plan highly but doubted whether it would be possible to make the lei presentation as he understood that there would be no opportunity for

the ship to be boarded before she docks. This information has been confirmed from other sources so it is probable that the Outrigger paddlers will only sail out to the battleship and maneuver alongside.

To Use Kamehameha Canoes

For the expedition the Outrigger members are preparing the three largest canoes in their fine collection. The largest of those in commission is 45 feet in length and was once the property of the great Kamehameha. It may have easily met the first United States naval vessel to reach these isles as it is much over a century old.

Friday afternoon's demonstration of aquatic sports at the Outrigger will probably surpass anything of the sort ever attempted by the local club. The best swimmers, surf riders and paddlers of the club will be on hand to show the navy boys Hawaii's premier sports. Every canoe will be in commission and every available surfboard will be used. It will be a real Hawaii day at Waikiki.

Duke Kahanamoku plans to stage a novel stunt in connection with the Outrigger greeting to the New York. The swimmer believes he can ride the "bone" in the teeth of the battleship as she makes her way at reduced speed along Waikiki beach. At any rate surf boards are to be part of the equipment of the sailing canoes which will meet the ship. Duke will try to get on the long diagonal wave extending from the vessel's bow and ride alongside the big craft. If it can be done no doubt Duke will do it.