

Kona Crews Unable To Participate

Paddlers Have Scattered
In Order To Find
Employment

HOPE FOR 1938 RACES

Honolulu Coaches Express
Regret, Sympathize
With Big Island

THE canoe races scheduled to be held in Kona, August 21, have definitely been canceled. Word to this effect was received yesterday as a result of a conference held by Julian Yates, L. C. Child and Louis Macfarlane, who have been the leaders in the canoe regatta movement in Kona since the races were revived five years ago.

In discussing the matter, Mr. Yates, president of the Kona Civic club, which has had charge of the Regatta in the past, stated, "We are up against a very difficult situation. Due to the low price of coffee and the scarcity of money in the district, many of our people find their only opportunity for employment in government relief work. Some of the boys who would paddle are working over at Kohala on the airport; others with the W.P.A. are working in the Kahuku ranch section, and many of the boys have had to go to Honolulu for jobs. We have discussed the possibilities of working out an 'All Kona' crew to compete crews from Oahu, but even this plan has not been feasible due to the difficulties of getting paddlers from the many parts of Kona to a central point for practice purposes.

REGRET CANCELLATION

"It is with the greatest regret that the committee has been forced to cancel the races, as we realize what they have meant to Kona in the reviving of this old time sport. In reaching this decision we also want it known that we have every intention of holding the races in Kona next year providing local conditions make it in any way possible.

"I appreciate the good sportsmanship which has been shown by the Honolulu crews and realize that there will be considerable disappointment as a result of our inability to furnish competition this summer."

G. D. Center, coach of the Outrigger Canoe club crews, stated yesterday morning, "I realize what they are up against in Kona. While many of our boys have been working for weeks in anticipation of the trip to Kona, I am sure that they will appreciate the problem which the Kona coaches are up against. If our local boys want to, we will take part in the Regatta Day races here in Honolulu."