

# Kona Crews Hurl Challenge For Annual Regatta

Picked Outrigger Canoemen Invited to Classic on Kealakekua Bay in July; Event Promises to Be Outstanding in Island History

E na u'i o na moku eha!

E ala! e ala! e ala!

I Kona nei la, aina kai pohu in ka hau,  
lini wale, hauoli wale ka hoopapa ana mai,  
I ku iho ai, i ku iho ai ko i-ke.

Again the challenge has rung out, and once more the husky paddlers of canoes in Kona have challenged rival canoeists from all the other islands to match strength with strength and speed with speed in competition on the blue waters of Kealakekua Bay.

Formal defiance, politely worded but none the less a defiance, has been issued in the traditional manner of Hawaii, and on July 28 Kona's stalwarts will be hosts to a group of friendly enemies from Oahu and possibly Maui, Kauai and Molokai.

The regatta committee on Kona is making plans for a greater attendance this year than even that of last, which marked the revival of the ancient and Royal sport of canoe racing on the Big Island.

The text of the carefully worded challenge, in English, is:

*Oh, ye youths of the four isles!*

*Arise! arise! arise!*

*Here in Kona, land of the calm seas,*

*Willingly, joyfully enter the contest,*

*To match, to match your skill.*

To that defiance the rival paddlers from the other islands will reply in the traditional manner. Shortly afterward will come the invasion of Hawaii by canoe crews from the Outrigger Canoe club, the Hui Nalu, and the Queen's Surf organizations.

This year the Oahu crews will arrive earlier in Hawaii waters for training, and arrangements have been made for special accommodations for the crews from Honolulu.

A greater attendance of visiting craft of all sorts is assured this year as well since the navy's operations in the regatta area will permit destroyers and other vessels to visit at that time. A number of the yachts in the trans-Pacific race are also expected to cruise to the Kona coast for the occasion.