

# WAIKIKI TO BE IMPROVED FOR F. D. R. ARRIVAL

## Extensive Program Is Laid Out and Will Be Begun Al- most Immediately

An extensive improvement and enlargement of Waikiki beach between the Moana and Royal Hawaiian hotels will be undertaken immediately under the auspices of directors of the Honolulu Chamber of Commerce, who are financing the project.

The contract for the improvement has been given to E. E. Black and it is expected that the work will be completed within a week or at least several days prior to the arrival of President Franklin D. Roosevelt and members of his party.

Directors of the chamber approved the project, and voted to finance it, at their monthly meeting Thursday.

Robert O. Thompson, Honolulu landscape architect, prepared the plans for the improvement, and the designs were made by Konrad W. Konrad, Honolulu designer.

The narrow public right of way to the beach which runs between the Moana hotel and Outrigger club grounds is to be widened and improved.

In order to widen the beach area the canoe shed at the Outrigger club and other small structures fronting in the beach are to be moved back.

A number of algaroba and iron wood trees now in the beach area are to be removed, leaving only the coconut palms.

Mayor Fred Wright has expressed interest in the project as it constitutes a step toward plans which he has in mind for creating at Waikiki a beach which would extend from F. De Russy to Kapiolani park.

This would be accomplished, according to the mayor's plan, by the acquisition of beach property by the city and county, and the removal of walls along the beach frontage.