

# Beach Has "Face Lifted" For Presidential Arrival

## Both the City and Private Interests Are Most Anxious to Get Work Finished

That part of Waikiki Beach between the Moana and Royal Hawaiian hotels is to have its face completely lifted and pushed back several feet before President Roosevelt arrives, it developed yesterday when workmen began dismantling the canoe shed in front of the Outrigger club to set it back about 50 feet, and thus add that much more sandy beach to the area; while Arthur Benaglia, managing director of Hawaii Hotels company, announced that a strip of land about 50 feet deep, between the Moana and the Uluniu club, has been abandoned by the company for the purpose of adding to the beach frontage. This is being stripped of grass and will be covered by sand. Several algaroba trees have also been removed in this vicinity to further enlarge the beach area.

Yesterday morning the scene of activity was visited by Mayor Wright, John Hamilton from the Chamber of Commerce and several others including Robert O. Thompson, landscape architect. It was disclosed that a row of palm trees will be set up along the new beach line, 24 in all, and in front of them will be placed several hau trees to provide natural shade.

### VOTE TO FINANCE

Directors of the chamber of commerce at their monthly meeting Thursday voted to finance the im-

provement and the contract has been given to E. E. Black. It is expected the work will be completed within a week, or at least several days prior to the arrival of the President.

A wide approach from Kalakaua to the beach through the plot between the Moana and Outrigger grounds will also be constructed and lined with trees, while the plot itself will be appropriately improved.

Mayor Wright, who has long been an advocate of an unobstructed beach from Fort De Russy to Kapiolani park, expressed keen interest in the work and regards it as another step towards his own plan. He would have beach property acquired by the city and county where it obstructs the continuous line of the beach, and would also remove a number of seawalls which now front the beach.

### STRESS CLEAN BEACH

Benaglia is particularly anxious to have the beach presentable for the President, and also for the newspaper correspondents who will be accompanying him.

Speaking for the chamber of commerce Hamilton said that it was a matter of public benefit, and one long needed which was one reason why the chamber decided to finance the improvement.

Thompson prepared the plans for the improvement, while Konrad W. Konrad, Honolulu designer, made the designs.