

THOUSANDS TO SEE HAWAIIAN CANOE RACING

Kona to Stage One of the
Greatest Spectacles of Its
Kind In Hawaii

Automobile Cavalcade from
Hilo Starts Early Today
for Kailua-Napoopoo

One of the greatest spectacles of its kind ever to be staged in Island waters will be held in historic Kealahou Bay, in sight of Capt. Cook's monumental column, Saturday morning when dozens of the territory's strongest and ablest paddlers will vie in canoe races.

Three canoe clubs from Honolulu, and others representing Molokai and Kona are competing in the various events, which includes competition for both men and women.

A record attendance is assured for the races, surpassing that of last year when the first canoe regatta was held in connection with the formal opening of the Mamalahoa Highway.

The Kona Inn and other Kona taverns are reported to be filled to capacity. When the Inter-Island steamer Waialeale, sails from Honolulu at 7:30 p. m. tonight there is every indication that she will carry a capacity list of excursionists.

Paddlers Are Ready

The last contingent of Oahu paddlers sailed for Kona waters yesterday morning on board the SS Humuula, which carried the two Honolulu women's crews. Paddlers representing the Hui Nalus, Outrigger Canoe club, and the Queen's Surf club have been in Kona since Tuesday, arriving there on the Coast Guard Cutter Itasca.

George "Dad" Center's youthful band of Outrigger paddlers will enter Saturday's canoe races favorites to repeat their brilliant triumph in last year's regatta when they ran off with three of the major events.

After two or three days of time trials, reports from Kona today indicated that the paddlers would coast today until the start at 9 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Scores Leave Here

While en route to Hawaii Tuesday morning, the Itasca stopped at Molokai to pick up Pump Searle and his Molokai paddlers.

From reports reaching Hilo, everyone and his second cousin will be on hand for Saturday's pageant. Scores of Hilo people have motored over to Kona during the week, and many more are planning to attend the races, leaving today.

All six records established in the first annual canoe paddling program last year are expected to be wiped off the books. During trial runs

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