

# Pier 2 Presents Gay Scene As Race Preparations Made

Gala preparations were being made this morning for the big canoe race to be held this afternoon at Pier 2. Ti leaves had been arranged around the radio stands and little red candy carts filled high with cracked-seed, see-moy, and all the other delectables that Hawaiian born youths digest.

Believe it or not the Honolulu fire department has been working since 4 this morning pumping water into the harbor to make the water level high enough to launch the canoes. At least, that's what they insisted on telling a stray innocent reporter. They don't like this holiday and the low tide.

Johnny Ernestberg was down on the beach looking after his 41 year old canoe. He calls it the "white horse" and says that the black horse killed himself long ago. Johnny didn't go to the Outrigger club Wednesday night. He concentrates better without a wahine. He spent his time playing miniature golf and making a private kahuna for his canoe and team.

Sam Ahia, 25, comes to town and sees a real honest-to-goodness street car for the first time. And

how does it feel? "Nothing like Kailua," says Sam. He won't even go to the parade. He likes his canoe too much. Sam has on a unique hat of loulu and lauhala that his mother wove for him to wear on his trip.

The Kamaka family is well represented with Alice, Frank and Johnny. Mr. Ernestberg of Honolulu says these Kailua women are really men and tells about having been thrown down the stairs by one a long time ago. "They can pull better than us kanes," he says.

Alice Kamaka is seeing the capital city for the first time, too. She prefers to travel on the new streamline busses instead of street cars . . . the latter make her sick. She's all set for a trip around the island and then she wants to get back home. The family of nine is eagerly waiting to hear of the victory for Kailua.

Lei vendors are smiling harder and sweeter this morning, and the ti leaf hula skirts are appearing at the stands around the waterfront. A big day is ahead for islanders and malihinis. Maybe the white horse will win. Who knows?

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At the entrance, the gleaming bronze and gold statue of the warrior king, draped with leis extended a mute aloha to descendants of his former subjects and members of many races who have made Hawaii their homeland.

Arrangements for the celebration have been under way for many months in charge of Eben Low, executive chairman of the jubilee commission. Mr. Low, as the procession assembled, worked in shirt-sleeves. His holiday was to come later.

At the capitol grounds, where the procession halted, exercises in commemoration of the two rulers were held. Under auspices of the Order of Kamehameha a program of speakers was presented, Alii Charles Rose, chairman.

## Lane Gives Address

Charles Chillingworth spoke on the times of King Kamehameha. The invocation was given by the Rev.

P. D. Kellett. Mr. Lane gave the address on the life of King Kamehameha.

The Hawaiian address was given by Andrew Bright. David K. Bray chanted and songs were given by the Lanakila choir.

Mr. Lane praised the achievements of Kamehameha both as a statesman and as a warrior. Although the great king never abandoned the religion of his fathers, he was curious nevertheless about Christianity. He pointed out that Vancouver promised to send ministers of Christianity to Hawaii but they did not come in the ruler's time.

## Splendid Legacy

Summarizing the characteristics of Kamehameha the Great, Mr. Lane said:

"He made a deep impression upon explorers and traders, English, French and Russian. He appealed to the imagination of the world as a stalwart warrior, an enlightened ruler, a wise law giver, a just judge, a builder of public works, a friend of strangers and a father to his people.

"He bequeathed to the Hawaiian people a splendid legacy of which we are justly proud, and we should this day go forward in his spirit and in emulation of his great achievements."

The speaker, in closing, told of the dying command of Kamehameha to his comrades in war: "O ka pono au i nai ai, e ai wale no oukou, aole pau" and its translation: "The peace as established by me shall benefit the race, for it will endure."

## Stores, Offices Close

Festivities this morning followed a brilliant holoaku ball Wednesday night at the Royal Hawaiian hotel. This afternoon aquatic events will be featured and tonight a water pageant will be held on the Ala Moana.

Leading stores were closed today as were municipal and territorial offices. A number of federal offices remained open, including the postoffice, which was to remain open until noon.

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