

Outrigger Club To Drive For \$90,000 Plant

The Outrigger Canoe Club's drive for a new \$90,000 plant at Waikiki Beach got off to a flying start six months before the project was officially voted, Walter Macfarlane, president, revealed yesterday.

While plans for the bond issue voted Friday, and the designs of completely new and modern club buildings were still in the early stages, William B. Leeds, tin-plate heir of New York, gave Mr. Macfarlane a check of \$5,000, to be used for the club.

"Mr. Leeds was so enthusiastic about the beach, and the club's potentialities," Mr. Macfarlane said, "that he decided when he left here in January to do something to help perpetuate Hawaiian water sports.

"I told him about the plans for the new club. At that time we did not know whether we would seek donations or attempt to finance the project on a strictly business basis. But Mr. Leeds was interested in the rehabilitation of the club itself, and not in the details of the financing.

"He made out a check for \$5,000 and told me to regard it as a donation to the club, if we were seeking donations, or as an order for bonds if we decided to sell bonds."

The action of the club's membership Friday inaugurated a program based on the sale of \$90,000 worth of 5 per cent bonds, maturing in 1959, and providing for the construction of a new locker building, a huge beach pavilion with restaurant, sun-deck and lounge, and revision of membership conditions so that the benefits of the organization may be available to as many residents and visitors as possible.

While Mr. Leeds was a visitor to Hawaii on his yacht several months ago, he was a spectator at competitions at the Outrigger Canoe Club, and donated a cup for a surfboard race.