

Easing Of Liquor Ban Here Urged

The restoration of whisky and soda for Oahu's adults may hinge on the results of a 10 a. m. meeting at the Iolani palace today between five Honolulu citizens and Col. Thomas H. Green, executive officer in the office of the military governor.

Chosen at an Oahu commission meeting late Friday in the city hall, the commission presented a request for the modified resumption of liquor sales with stress on "morale building" features of an occasional drink, and the financial importance of the industry to Hawaii from economical and tax standpoint.

Members are Frank E. Thompson, attorney, representing the hotels; Senator Francis K. Sylva, representing the wholesale liquor dealers; Wylie Mather, representing the dispensers general; Carl Christiansen, representing the central labor council; Senator David K. Trask, attorney, an ex officio member, and R. C. Anthony, representing the retail liquor dealers.

The solid "wet" front to end the liquor ban phase of martial law was presented by nearly 50 representatives of the industry to the commission which had consented to act as a "sounding board" for public opinion and go-between for the military governor's office.

Mr. Christiansen, also spokesman for the Sailors' Union of the Pacific, said that the 15,000 AFL members on Oahu favor the sale of liquor.

John A. Owens, representing the AFL, said: "It is the opinion of practically all defense workers that their morale will be higher if they have a little stimulant."

Senator Trask, representing a large group of downtown liquor dispensers, gave the meeting an international flavor. He said:

"We know that the United States army and navy take second place to nobody. But the British navy, as part of its rations, hands out hard liquor. Certainly the British have taken it and are continuing to take it, and I don't know if liquor had made any difference, but certainly

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