

# "Pop" Ford's Reminiscences

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(Note: This is one of a series of articles by Mr. Ford, founder and for many years director of the Pan-Pacific Union, founder of the Outrigger club, and of other organizations.)

## HELP THE PADDLE FUND

Every birthday for the past 40 years, a fond mother has sent me a check in remembrance of the care I gave her ailing son at the Outrigger club when he was a small boy, kept temporarily out of school.

When I was heading the Pan Pacific union, I always turned in the check, but this time, with the approval of a King sitting by my side, I am using this check to begin a fund in that boy's name for the purchase of paddles for all of the youngsters who are joining canoe crews I am organizing, and one oldest members of the club, A. R. Tullock, is engraving the name plates that go on the paddle.

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I wish no birthday presents, but any adult attending my birthday party at the Outrigger club April 2, a Sunday, who wishes to bring or donate a paddle, will find it most welcomely received.

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Oh, the King! Well, when I received the check, a Javanese flying ace, Lt. Henry Paerwono Kartohiesoemohquardjo Djetis (he wrote it himself so don't blame me for the spelling), was seated by me and I told him I had once visited Djokjia Karta, Java, to invite the sultan to attend a Pan Pacific conference.

"Oh, you knew him?" the young ace replied, "he is my uncle and when he dies I ascend the throne, and if you recall a conference of Allied potentates, left in the Pacific, I hope I will be included. I think it is splendid to start a fund with that check to revive surfing sports."

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So, having royal approval, I go ahead and maybe some day I shall ask his royal highness to visit Hawaii for a little talk with a few of my friends from around the Pacific. Who can predict what I may do?