



WIDER WAIKIKI—If the advertising men want to write that Waikiki Beach is bigger and better than ever before, they won't be wrong. Waves used to wash right up to the wall at the Moana Hotel at right. Now sunbathers have a wide stretch of sand all their own.—Hawaii Visitors Bureau Photo.

Sunbathers Find Waikiki Beach Growing Larger

Within a year Waikiki Beach has grown about 20 feet wider in the most popular swimmers areas.

Beach personalities observe with fatherly pleasure that where high tides used to force sunbathers to give way, bathers now sun themselves without fear of getting lapped by water.

The expansion of the beach section from Kuhio Beach to the ewa side of the Royal Hawaiian Hotel is an aftermath of the dumping of millions of pounds of sand in the Breakers-Kuhio beach section.

Though the sands were put in at Kuhio, the sea has been redistributing them in an ewa direction so that now much of the sand has been added to the area in front of the big beach hotels—a

Nursing School Great Advance

In the course emphasis is placed on nursing as a community skill.

The curriculum includes practical training in psychiatric nursing, tuberculosis care, rural hospital care, child development and city hospital experience.

A feature of the tri-winged school building will be the nursing arts laboratory to be equipped with a 12-bed unit.

blissing the beach boys consider not unmixed.

WORK HARDER

Though the lazy beach-side bathers are happily groveling in the extended sand areas and enjoying sand underfoot when bathing, instead of coral, the more active Waikiki-ites, the canoe and surfboard addicts, have to work a little harder for their thrills.

Not only are the rides shorter now, but some of the "thrill" is gone, according to veteran surfboard riders. Worse luck, when the wave breaks, "You get dumped but good."

The sand has filled in much of the bed of the waters off Waikiki, and waves break sooner with the resultant more shallow waters.

It hasn't affected the waves farther out, however, according to Sally Hale, beach manager for The Outrigger Canoe Club.

But the "inside picture has changed completely."

Outrigger canoes, he reports, have to be carried out about three times as far as before the shifty sands changed the topography of Waikiki's waters.

And where waters used to be 10 to 12 feet deep in some spots, they are now only waist deep.

GONE FOREVER

Gone forever are the many hollow caverns in which little fish used to gambol, and gone are many of the seaweed (limu lipoa) "ranches," that used to be harvested by limu eaters.

Many seaweed beds are still there, however, and can be seen from the shore, sharply contrasted

against the white sand beds underneath the water.

Water "channels," familiar to surfers, are changing too.

The "Canoe Surf," the channel between Kuhio Beach and the Outrigger, is much shallower and the channel in front of the Outrigger to the Canoe Surf is now about 3 to 4 feet deep, half what it was.

Other channels, from the Elks club ewa-ward, are: Castle's Surf, Public Bath, Cunhas, Queen's channel Canoe Surf, 1st Break Canoe Surf and the Cornucopia Surf in front of the Royal.

Papanui and Popular surf are farther out, on opposite sides of 1st Break Surf.

THE KEY TO FAME?

Lt. Albert T. Fraga, head of the police identification bureau, will never forget his near bid for "stardom" in the John Wayne movie in production here, "Jim McLain."

The lieutenant earlier this week was at a Waikiki night spot when he was suddenly summoned by a call from the Chief's office.

"Some people from the movie company want to see you. Stand by," he was told. Minutes later, Lt. Fraga says, he was besieged by technicians.

"They viewed me, scanned me, shook my hand and I thought I was in for a starring role in the picture."

The lieutenant's dream ended as suddenly as it began when he was told all the movie people wanted was his key to the police photo laboratory.