

Luxury Hotel Waits Action, Board Told

Supervisors were told yesterday that \$5,500,000 in Mainland capital stands ready to build a luxury hotel between the Surf-Rider and Kuhio beach, "as soon as you give the go ahead sign."

The disclosure came from Lorrin P. Thurston, of the Hawaii Visitors Bureau executive committee, as the board met with a hotel expert and the planning commission to look into the stalemate on Waikiki beach. The expert labelled it an "unprecedented" problem.

The city planning commission advanced a counter-proposal that legislation be sought to force Matson Navigation Co. either to build more hotels or sell its remaining beach frontage to some other hotel interest, but supervisors were divided on the proposition.

The commission reaffirmed its position in favor of turning all of the beach frontage from the Surf-Rider hotel to the Natatorium, at least, into public parks and in a letter to the board urged immediate purchase of the private lands involved.

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PLANNING commissioners said the purchase of areas between SurfRider and Kuhio Beach, at a cost in excess of \$1,000,000, and the Queen's Surf site, would "erase any doubt in the minds of property owners or hotel investors that (these areas), at any time, will ever be available as hotel sites."

These propositions followed an earlier meeting yesterday between the planning commission and Fred W. Eckert, partner in the Chicago firm of Harris, Kerr, Forster & Co., authors of the recent hotel needs survey.

Mr. Eckert told the board of supervisors, after reviewing the hotel picture here, that the Steiner and Cleghorn properties between SurfRider and Kuhio beach appear to be the only "available

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Allied Planes Blast Korea Red Centers

TOKYO, Friday, Sept. 26 (UP) —B-29 Superforts and navy and marine fighter-bombers blasted Communist troop and supply centers today as the sun broke through clouds over the muddy Korean battlefield.

Heavy rains late Thursday bogged down ground action along the front, but the thunder of artillery duels and the whine of Allied fighter bombers returned to the battle zone today.

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MARINE warplanes bombed and burned 31 buildings in a great Communist army center on the Haeju peninsula behind the Reds' western front. Navy planes raked a wide area of northwest Korea.

American Sabre jets swept MIG alley through clearing skies without spotting any Communist jets.

Nine Okinawa-based B-29s using radar blasted 100 supply buildings and piles of supplies believed to be munitions at Hulliak on the main rail line between Pyongyang and Sinuiju.

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NAVY PLANES, taking off into clearing weather at about midday, bombed and strafed enemy positions. The battleship Iowa slammed its 16-inch shells into the Songjin area on the north-eastern coast.