Canoe Races Tomorrow Mark Big Day for Julian R. Yates

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It'll be a big day tomorrow, sportswise, for one of the most colorful figures of Big Island politics—Julian R. Yates.

Tomorrow the second annual Territorial outrigger canoe racing championships, named after him, will get under way at Kona, the rapidly growing Big Island district that owes many of its benefits to the efforts of the man referred to as the "pint sized political giant of Kona."

Meanwhile far away on the greens of California, one of his 14 children, Jackie has been winning national attention golfing in the annual Women's Mid-Summer golf tournament.

Mr. Yates was born at Kapapala Ranch, Ka-u, Hawaii, 68 years ago. He is the grandson of an English sea captain and is of part Hawaiian ancestry.

ACTIVE IN SPORTS

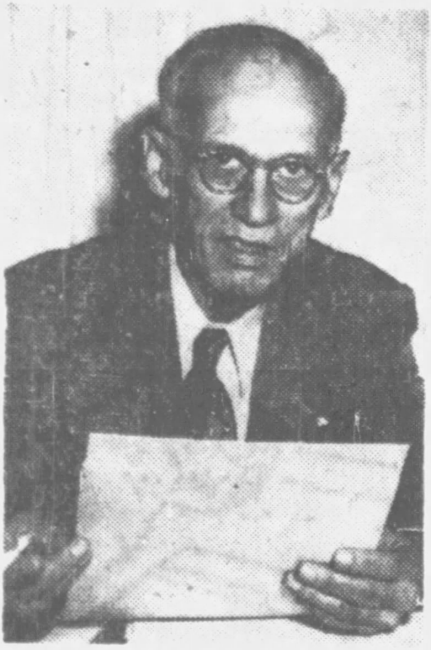
Though his reputation in Hawaii is more widespread through his activities as a Republican in politics, Mr. Yates is nevertheless recognized as a staunch pillar of the sports world of Hawaii.

He has been actively engaged in baseball and football, and always supports Kona teams in all sports.

He organized and coached the Honaunau Canoe Club of Kona, which, with the Kai Opua Club, also of Kona, are the two host teams for tomorrow's races. Six Oahu clubs are represented in tomorrow's fete.

Mr. Yates was long a Republican member of the Hawaii County Board of Supervisors from West Hawaii.

He was a guiding financial influence in county administration for some two decades, and is credited with much of the physical development of West Hawaii.



JULIAN YATES

Mr. Yates served for nine years, until 1949, as executive director of the Hawaiian Homes Commission.

Though it seemed as if the had then retired from the ring of Hawaiian politics when he retired from his H.H.C. post in 1949, he returned again in 1950 as successful contender from West Hawaii to the House of Representatives.