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Huffaker comes ashore after record swim, is greeted by his wife.

## Second Molokai Conquest

# Swimmer Sets New Isle Channel Mark

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A 27-year-old dentist yesterday became the second man officially to swim the choppy Molokai Channel and he did it in a record time of 13 hours and 35 minutes.

That was about two hours faster than Keo Nakama, who swam the same 27 miles on Sept. 29, 1961, in 15 hours and 31 minutes.

Dr. Harry W. Huffaker of 4202 Keanu St., Apt. 3, body-survived the final 15 feet to shore at Sandy Beach at 5:25 p.m. yesterday.

He went into the channel from Molokai's Laau Point at 3:50 a.m.

"I could have made it in less than 12 hours but it took me two hours to swim the last two miles because of a stiff current," he said.

"I didn't realize the current was so strong off Sandy Beach and, if I had to do it again, I'd float with it to Hanauma Bay."

Huffaker, who twice tackled the English Channel but was beaten by the cold, said the Molokai Channel is rougher.

"I think it's quite a bit

tougher," he said. "It's generally rough, the water's much saltier and there's the shark problem.

"I saw sharks twice.

"The first came by when I was six hours out of Molokai

and he swam right under me. How big? I don't know, but he looked big to me.

"He disappeared.

"About 10 minutes later, another one came in from

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## Building Strike Over—Officially

The construction strike, which has stalled building operations here for two weeks, ended officially yesterday. Work was to be resumed today.

Members of the Construction & General Laborers Union and the General Contractors Labor Assn. ratified a five-year pact.

The Laborers, who met yesterday morning at Kaka'ua Intermediate School, unanimously approved their wage package.

Union members agreed on a total of \$2.08 over five years. Of that total, \$1.66 is in wages, 15 cents is for health and welfare, 25 cents

is for pension, and 2 cents is for a training fund.

The contract also provides for double time for work on Sunday. The subsistence pay for Neighbor Island work was raised from \$7 per day to \$10 immediately. It will be raised to \$11 in September of 1968.

The meeting was lively and colorful, according to a union spokesman.

"A group of business agents and some of the members put together a jazz combo which performed at the meeting," he said. "They played jazz with a Latin beat."

After the meeting, Jack C. Reynolds, executive secre-