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## Money . . .

The World Surfing Championships scheduled for October in Puerto Rico are sure to cause a few waves of disension in local waters.

Money is apt to be the biggest villain, but selecting a Hawaiian team won't be far behind. Everybody will have a no-questions-about-it attitude as to who should make the trip.

Hawaii is eligible to send four men, two women and a judge to the championships, but only two fares are paid by the tournament. If last year can be used as a guide, it's likely to be a door-to-door sweetbread appeal before the last board is loaded and airborne.

As October draws closer more and more heated opinions will be aired concerning the transportation and personnel. Already there is a voice to tap wealthy clubs like Waikiki Surf.

Then there's the Hawaii Surfing Association that did so well in scuttling the Navy and achieving surfing rights for civilians at Barbers Point.

The Outrigger Canoe Club is sure to be called upon if the bite is put on a fellow member. And at this time this appears as certain as sunrise.

So appraising the situation 90 days hence it would appear there is no need for worry. We wish that would prove the case. But the powers that be run on Hawaiian time and the hands point to a last-minute effort coming up shy a few bucks.

## . . . and choices

Who are the candidates? Those certainly to be mulled over are Ben Aipa, Jock Sutherland, Joey Cabell, George Downing, Fred Hemmings, Jackie Eberle, Eddie Aikau, and Reno Abellira.

It's a near cinch that three of the above are voted in before the first draft. The fourth spot should create a real tight scramble.

The wahines have Martha Sunn as a likely first-ballot winner. Her running-mate could be one of 10 less than consistent girls.

That second girl spot could be scrapped and one of Hawaii's hot juniors sent instead. They're too numerous to name, but Clyde Aikau, Brant Ackerman and Kione Downing come immediately to mind.

The size of surf expected in Puerto Rico will have considerable weight in arriving at final selections. Last year San Diego hosted the championships and small-wave riders were worth their weight in salt water taffy.

Puerto Rico has had little fanfare until very recently — so new that very few of those surfers competing will have ever seen the waves, much less ridden them, before their arrival in the Caribbean.

## Logic and hunch

The latest issue of International Surfing Magazine gives good color coverage on Puerto Rico's surf. Waves ranging in size and character from head-high tubes of glass to wind-tipped walls like Sunset's are said to be common in the Fall.

Places that once saw the ships of Spanish priates have been dubbed by surfers as crashboat, Little Malibu and Rincon.

Rincon and Tres Palamas are reported to be able to hit 15 feet or better and resemble our North Shore. The winer storms in the northern hemisphere are the benefactors. The summer surf scene is said to be dull.

The United States has yet to find the winner's circle in the World Championships. But logic and a hunch tell us this will be the year. Given anything bigger than eight feet Hawaii could take the first two places among the men.

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Fred Van Dyke has released the dates for the fourth annual Duke Kahanamoku Championships. They will be held on any day or series of days from December 17 through 20.

This figures to conclude the contest a day before Makaha kicks off on Saturday, Dec. 21.

The Duke contest will likely bear a new title in December. It will be known as the Duke Kahanamoku Surfing Classic.