

## Championships in Puerto Rico

# Hawaii To Send Strong Team to World Surf Meet

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Hawaii will be sending a very powerful surfing team to the World Surfing Championships to be held in Puerto Rico, Nov. 7-14. All nine members (seven men and two women), have extensive competitive backgrounds. In fact, five are past Makaha champs.

Originally, Hawaii was to have only four men and two women representatives, but Hawaii's selection committee

chairman, Wally Froiseth, requested and received permission for three additional men.

Men's selections are Ben Aipa, power surfer deluxe; Jimmy Blears, Lord "Tallyho" Blear's son; Richard Trier, a proven Island competitor and Makaha Champions Reno Abellera, Joey Cabell, George Downing and Fred Hemmings. Alternates picked are Clyde Aikau and Kevin Johns.

The women's team is com-

posed of Makaha winner Martha Ann Sunn and Sharon Weber with Luana Froiseth as alternate.

Sadly missing from the men's list is Hawaii State and Duke Invitational kingpin, Jock Sutherland. Because of heavy college obligations, Jock, who placed second in the last World Contest at San Diego in 1966, will not be able to compete.

The members were chosen by chairman Froiseth's selection committee of Kevin

Johns, president, Hawaii Surfing Assn., John McMahon, chairman, Outrigger Canoe Club Surfing Committee, and George Downing of the Waikiki Surf Club.

Selections were based upon proven contest performance in Hawaiian and international surfing events as well as anticipated wave conditions in Puerto Rico at contest time.

Separate competition will be held in big and small surf and paddling events are to

be included. The object is to determine the world's top all around male and female surfer.

Congregating on Puerto Rico's lush beaches will be teams from Australia, Ecuador, France, Great Britain, Japan, Mexico, New Zealand, Peru, South Africa and the United States. The U.S. will have three teams, one from Hawaii, the West Coast and the East Coast.

There are some new things planned for this year's con-

test. An Olympic - style parade of participants will open the seven days of activity. There also may be a new sportsmanship rule instituted.

While competitors may appear courteous to each other from the beach, often they battle fiercely for wave position. This rough jockeying can result in an advantage for the bigger, more aggressive surfer.

This year, a new rule is being contemplated that

would seriously jeopardize any one's chances of winning if he competes unfairly.

The World Contest is put on every two years by the International Surfing Federation. The ISF majordomo is the suave Peruvian, Eduardo Arena. He has been hard at work for many months coordinating accommodations for all the teams, transportation for the competitors and all the many details that an event of this size and complexity demands.

The past three events were held in Australia, Peru and San Diego, in that order. Ironically, Hawaii, surfing's birthplace and Mecca for the sport worldwide, has not been able to host surfing's foremost international contest. Perhaps, some day, someone here will surmount the formidable financial obstacles and bring the big show home. Surfing and Hawaii deserve to have the prestige event in the world's best waves.