

kamaaina architect Rothwell dies

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archy. I was born a Hawaiian.

"My family were imprisoned and exiled because we supported Queen Liliuokalani. We were royalists. We fought for Hawaii's last Queen.

"We were indeed truly Hawaiian, and without a drop of that blood in our veins."

SAID AMALU of Rothwell's comments:

"And of course, Guy Roth-

...e dies; Capitol

practice to San Francisco.

Besides the Capitol, Mr. Warnecke's projects in Hawaii included Diamond Head and Hawaii-Kai studios; master plans for the Honolulu civic center, Kaanapali and Lahaina on Maui, the University of Hawaii and Ft. DeRussy; the University of Hawaii campus center; and a number of apartment buildings.

He is survived by his wife Grace — daughter of the former U.S. Ambassador to Moscow, George Kennan — a son, a daughter, two sisters and six grandchildren.

well was telling the truth. He told the stories of that band of haoles who were loyal to the Hawaiian Kingdom, the royalists. And who else is left to tell their story, one that has never yet been told?

"When Guy is gone, how bare indeed will be the marketplace."

MR. ROTHWELL was born in Honolulu on Nov. 9, 1890, the son of John George and May Haley Rothwell. His maternal grandmother was Charlotte Brown Haley, daughter of the English seaman, Capt. Robert Brown, who once owned Kahuku ranch in Kau, Hawaii, and came to the Islands in 1838.

He attended Punahou School here during 1899-1900 and 1904-1909, then went to high school in Seattle, where he also continued his education at the University of Washington.

AFTER GRADUATION from the University of Washington in 1911 with a degree in architectural engineering, Mr. Rothwell returned to Hawaii to do engineering with the United States Navy at Pearl Harbor.

From 1915 to 1917, he worked with the Honolulu Iron Works Co. Also in 1917, on May 7, he married the former Mary Louise McCarthy, the daughter of Charles W. McCarthy, the governor of Hawaii from 1918 to 1923.

From 1920 to 1923, he worked as an engineer with various construction contractors here, but in 1923 he went into private practice.

IN 1925 HE formed a partnership with John H. Kanger and Marcus Lester and

memory building and the King Street, Moanalua, Haleiwa and Wahiawa bridges.

He also supervised construction of the Bishop Trust building, Harris Memorial Church, the original gymnasium and Atherton House at the University of Hawaii, Roosevelt High School and the Beretania, Kalihi and Kaimuki pumping plants for the Sewer and Water Commission.

IN ALL, Mr. Rothwell designed more than 1,000 structures on Oahu.

In a newspaper interview in February, 1960, Mr. Rothwell said of Honolulu's turn-of-the-century days:

"I first lived in Waikiki where the Moana Hotel now stands. The area as we know it today did not exist at the turn of the century.

"There were fish ponds, duck ponds and rice fields. Kalakaua Avenue was a winding road through the soggy ponds. They used to call Kalakaua 'Waikiki Road' then. It was an easier time to live.

"It used to take two hours by horse and buggy to get from Waikiki to downtown Honolulu, so only the wealthier people lived there."

IN THOSE EARLY days, Mr. Rothwell was close to Hawaii's royalty.

"Queen Liliuokalani's mansion was downtown at Washington Place. I remember her well. She was a gracious lady, the best of her race. She had a beach house at what is now Kuhio Beach.

"It was a great place for her to go with her retainers. Sort of a meeting place for the gang. She was a fine woman. Of course, there were those against her, but

that was for political reasons."

Of Prince Kuhio Kalaniana'ole, he said:

"Prince Kuhio — his nickname was 'Prince Cupid' — was a fat, brown, jolly fellow — a very friendly man who typified the very finest.

"He was greatly interested in fishing. But he was a fantastic politician. He made a wonderful delegate to Congress. He was a fine gentleman. He always paid his bills.

"Prince Cupid was something of a poker player, but not much; his uncle, King Kalakaua, was the real poker player."

AND OF THE FIRST days of the Outrigger Canoe Club, a club which he helped found:

"In the midst of all this the Outrigger Canoe Club was built by Alexander Hume Ford. He was an author — and I guess something of a crackpot.

"The club was originally organized for the boys of Honolulu. But that didn't last long. Their mothers and fathers took over and I guess never let go.

"I was the first captain of the Outrigger in 1908, and its second dues-paying member in history. The first, of course, was Alex Ford."

DURING THE FIRST World War, Mr. Rothwell served 17 months in the U.S. Navy as an officer and one year with the Overseas Transport and Cruiser force.

In 1930 he was appointed by Gov. L. M. Judd as special naval aide with the rank of Lieutenant, Naval Militia, Territory of Hawaii. He served in this capacity

through Judd's gubernatorial term, and later, on the staff of Gov. J. B. Poindexter, served as an aide with the rank of Commander.

Mr. Rothwell, as a reporter once commented, was "never . . . a man to suppress his gripes."

IN 1932 HE WENT ON public record as saying that the City-County's handling of building projects was "hideous and bungling." In 1934, he "pot-shotted at the theater code" here, and in 1945 he called the Territorial Building Code "outmoded, ineffective and contradictory."

And in 1953 when he challenged a sweeping theory of city master planning, he was, according to a news report, "believed to be the first private citizen ever to do so."

OTHER POSTS held by Mr. Rothwell over the years included a four-year term (from May, 1935) of the Territorial Board of Hospitals and Settlements, membership in the American Institute of Architects and the Engineering Association of Hawaii and a regentship at Chaminade College.

He was also a life member of the Honolulu Elks Lodge 616; a charter member and former commodore (1958) of the Waikiki Yacht Club; a member of the Waikiki Beach Improvement Panel; a member of the Harbor Commissioners Board (1957-1963); and a past president of the Hawaii Chapter, AIA.

Arrangements for Mr. Rothwell's funeral services are being handled by Borthwick Mortuary.

