

# Outriggers Slowed By Choppy Seas

## Surf Club Entry Out In Front Early Despite Trouble In Dash From Molokai

Three tired boat crews were scheduled to paddle their outrigger canoes up in front of the Moana hotel sometime after 3 p.m. Saturday. They traveled all the way from Molokai.

The long distance canoe race—climaxing a week of Aloha week celebration—pitted six-man crews of the Waikiki Surf club, the Hawaiian Surf club and the Molokai Civic club against each other.

**SLOWED DOWN** by choppy seas, the paddlers averaged about four miles an hour from the starting point Ilio Point, Molokai.

The Waikiki Surf club canoe took an early lead and held to it tenaciously in spite of trouble with outrigger lashings. Convoy boats reported that the lashings came loose and that every time the craft gained an appreciable lead it had to stop while four crewmen went overboard to lash the outrigger tight again.

Early in the race, the Molokai canoe took a northwesterly course, but later turned to follow a southwesterly route similar to the one taken by the Waikiki and Hawaiian canoes.

**BY THE TIME** the canoes were sighted with their convoy boats off Makapuu Point, they had slowed down as weariness and choppy seas took their toll. At 12:30 p.m., the Waikiki Surf club canoe held the lead, the Hawaiian canoe was second and the Molokai craft third.

The race began at 6:35 a.m. Paddlers had to cover 35 miles across the Molokai-Oahu channel before reaching the finish line in front of the hotel where a large crowd greeted the paddlers.