

*Ho'opuku on beach at Waikiki June 11, 1949. Sam Fuller as King Kamehameha. Lacey, photo.*



## **Kamehameha Day Pageant to Be Held Kamehameha Day**

Kamehameha Day will be celebrated at the Outrigger Canoe Club with a pageant beginning at 1:00 P.M. followed by a series of canoe races. Celebration will be held on Monday, June 12, 1950 instead of the usual June 11.

The pageant and Ho' Opuku was instituted by the club several years ago and has been an annual affair since. It commemorates Hawaii's greatest monarch, Kamehameha the First who is credited with conquering or organizing all of the Kings and Chiefs of the Island under himself as ruler.

He was a High Chief on the Island of Hawaii who through effective military planning, cunning diplomacy and other methods, achieved this purpose. Undoubtedly, had Kamehameha lived in a larger area he would have been known as a great sovereign as his statesmanship kept his kingdom intact and he developed foreign trade in which he outwitted the shrewdest of Yankee, Russian, British and other foreigners. Kamehameha conquered Oahu with an army of 16,000 men sweeping Kalanikupule and his army of warriors up Nuuanu Valley and driving them finally over the Pali to their death. He then organized Oahu, promoted agriculture, encouraged industry and trade amongst its people. Kamehameha centralized all of the power in

his own hands destroying the ancient system of local kings. He expounded laws and punishments to suppress crime and during his rule all his subjects had peace and safety from violence, murder and theft. The seat of his kingdom was on his home Island of Hawaii from 1785 to 1803, when he returned to Oahu to stay.

He brought a vast fleet of canoes which were kept on the beach at Waikiki, probably where the Outrigger Canoe Club now stands, as in those days a fresh water stream ran down to the ocean and no doubt many of the canoes were harbored there.

Kamehameha died in 1819 and had firmly established a monarchy and lineage of noble blood which ruled Hawaii, and developed a savage country to a civ-

ilized nation, progressive, independent and hospitable. For 100 years Hawaii was independent and though she was threatened by Britain, Russia and Japan, Kamehameha and his dynasty maintained the dignity and honor of a proud and independent people. Later, a republic was established which eventually sought admission into the United States as a territory. Today, approximately 50 years later, Hawaii proudly demands statehood which she so well deserves.

In honor of Kamehameha this day is celebrated to bring back some of the old spirit and customs of Hawaii as when he ruled. The pageant will represent canoes from the major islands of Hawaii, Maui, Kauai and Molokai with their kings. They land on the beach to participate in the giving of gifts to their great monarch. These will be gifts of food and livestock from the people who under this great king lived peaceably, planting crops, tending livestock and fishing without the fear of war. On the receipt of these gifts Kamehameha held athletic contests and distributed these gifts to the winners who in turn held a great feast in thankfulness. The giving of these gifts was called, Ho'Opuku. This is the basis for the pageant and celebration held honoring Kamehameha the Great by the Outrigger Canoe Club.

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# KAMEHAMEHA DAY PROGRAM

1:00..... Canoe Landing

Hawaii

Maui

Kauai

Molokai

**JUNE 12**  
**MONDAY**

1:30..... 1. Canoe Races for Kids, 16 years and under

2. Canoe Race for Boys under 17 years of age

3. Freshmen Race for Men

4. Open Girls' Surfboard Race

5. Open Men's Surfboard Race

6. Canoe Race for Girls

7. Junior Open Men's Race

8. Novice Canoe Race

9. Canoe Race—Men's Open

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