

CANOE RACING

The first thing that comes to mind with those two words is work. As mentioned before, the *Leilani* has been completely reconstructed by George Perry. The boat is in beautiful condition and will be ready for the season's races. John Jenkins is hard at work putting the final touches and many fine coats of varnish on the hull. Glen Perry and your editor put in a long Saturday not long ago sanding the hull prior to the finish varnish. Thirty-nine feet, times a lot of sand paper, is a long way. In addition to the *Leilani*, the *Kakina* is getting a general overhaul by George Perry. The *Kakina* has long been in need of expert attention. When she returns there will be more sanding, anyone ready?

The club has commissioned the building of a new koa racing canoe. The Molokai Race brought all too close to

reality just how fragile a thing a 39' canoe can be. In the interest of the sport and its continuation your board of directors very wisely commissioned a new boat. Right now the new boat is in the form of a huge koa log located at Ulu Mau Village. When George Perry has finished with that log it will represent the very latest in the art of canoe design and building, and there will be more sanding if anyone is interested.

For anyone interested in seeing our excellent Molokai-Oahu Canoe Race films, leave word at the front desk and arrangements will be made.

We have one canoe, a very old and fine one with a long and interesting history, the *Hanakeoki*. She no longer fills our particular needs. She is a racing canoe and has been used in Molokai-Oahu races. We would like to see her sold to a club that will continue to use her for a racing boat. If this cannot be done she will be sold for display uses.

The summer racing program will soon be upon us, keep an eye on the *Forecast* for announcements. One news note in advance: the Hawaiian Canoe Racing Association has not yet decided on a location for the State Championships but Kauai is the top contender at this time.