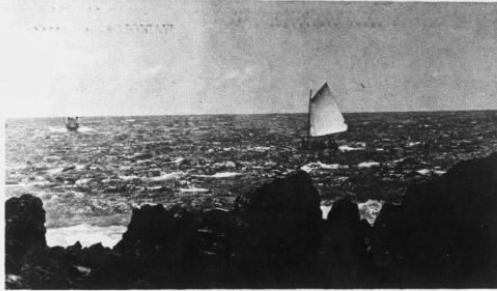


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UNDERSAIL, the canoe approaches Laupahoehoe after a brisk and exhilarating 8 to 10 knot sail from Hilo.—WHT Photos.



STRAINING ON THE STEERING PADDLE canoe captain Tommy Holmes guides the Ellis Expedition No. 2 canoe into the landing at Laupahoehoe. In front of Tommy from left to right: Thurston Twigg-Smith, Dale Fergerstrom (on ama), John Kaupu, Dr. Charles Judd, Monty Brown (behind sail) and Bob Krauss.

## Expedition has 'fantastic' sail

By Barbara Sodi

LAUPAHOEHOE—With a sharp turn upwind, the first sailing canoe on the Hamakua Coast in over 100 years came to a fluttering stop in the white-capped swells off Laupahoehoe Point at 11:10 a.m. Thursday Aug. 9.

The sun, sea and canoe handling were all brilliant. Dale Fergerstrom of Hilo's

Prince David Canoe Club told his Police Chief father that coming through the rocks to the landing was easy, "Tommy Holmes is a good steersman."

The William Ellis Expedition No. 2 left Hilo Bay at 6:40 a.m. with no wind to fill the slack sail. They paddled for an hour and a half, changing crews about every half hour. Everybody got into the

act—all the modern "missionaries", four volunteers from the Prince David Club, Doug Carr of the Hawaii Country Fire Department and former fireman Bob Shepherd, Hal Glatzer of the Tribune Herald's Orchid Isle, plus veteran Expedition paddlers Ed Lincoln and Monty Brown of Kona and Francis Kauhane of Honolulu.

THE CANOE HOLDS six paddlers plus steersman Tommy, and was equipped for rough water with a nylon zippered surfing top to help keep water out and cut down on the necessity to bail.

Sailing on a broad reach when the wind picked up, the converted surfing canoe skimmed and

skipped at about 8 knots up the coast, occasionally reaching 10 knots as they surfed the backside of a wave.

Nathaniel Lindsey, Dale Fergerstrom, John Kaupu and Ben Noeau represented the Hilo Canoe Club.

Greeting the Expedition with sandwiches and beer were Joe Garcia and Cliff Nakamura. They also announced plans for a chicken hekka dinner that evening.

Monty Brown said the canoe ride was "fantastic, and the waterfalls everywhere were magnificent."

ASKED ABOUT the adventure as a whole, James "Bud" Morgan said, "It's going to be

wonderful to look back on. I'm looking forward to the memories."

On Wednesday, August 8, the Expedition members had lunch with Mayor Shunichi Kimura in Hilo. They proposed preserving the Big Island coastline as a naturalist trail with small rest parks about every 15 miles.

Kimura said that was a matter for the State legislature, and it was a problem due to all the private land involved.

Friday morning they sailed again, landing at Waipio Valley in small surf before noon. Estimates ran that their sailing speed was about six knots under reefed sail.

Honokane Iki was Saturday's destination with a stop in Waimanu Valley where Bishop Museum is doing an archeology dig. After landing on the Kohala shore, the group walked to

Keokea Park.

Sunday they walked to a camp site near Upulo Point, Monday to Mahukona, and Tuesday sailing again reached Kawaihae. Canoe paddlers for this section are volunteers from the Kawaihae Canoe Club.

Yesterday Expedition No. 2 arrived at Kiholo. Their comments on that will be reported next week in these pages.

TODAY — Expedition No. 2 leaves Kiholo by canoe to Mahaiula where they will camp.

FRIDAY—By canoe to Kailua and the end of the trip where they will be greeted on the grounds of Mokuaiakau Church by Rev. Boshard, a group of other Kona ministers, Kentucky Fried Chicken donated by Ken Michael and Coca Cola donated by the Coca Cola company of Kailua.

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