

Board Passes \$39,819.93 In New Municipal Appropriations

Yacht Kinkajou Back from Trip To Small Isles

Dr. Coman Returns With Rare Specimen Of Equatorial Fish

After an uneventful cruise of 4,000 miles to Jarvis, Baker and Howland islands via Fanning and Christmas islands, the chartered schooner yacht Kinkajou returned to port early yesterday morning and docked at pier 12. Dr. Dana Coman, in charge of the expedition, reported that many valuable specimens of equatorial fishes and crustaceans were obtained for the Bishop museum.

At Jarvis, Baker and Howland, Dr. Coman left two Kamehameha school youths to collect samples of the natural deposits and live beings.

BRINGS LETTERS HERE

The Kinkajou brought back several bundles of letters from other Kamehameha youths stationed on the islands to gather serial data for the department of commerce, bureau of territories. The letters were addressed to relatives and friends in Hawaii. Dr. Coman reported all of the youths to be in excellent health and spirits.

Highlight of the Kinkajou expedition was a visit to Christmas Island, where four days were spent awaiting Captain Bill Anderson and his islander, who brought back supplies for the yacht.

A Cachoatolua named Frank O. Jarabek resides on the island as manager of the plantation there. He entertained the visitors with a big chicken dinner. Dr. Coman, who conversed with his host in a mixture of French-English and German, said that he obtained some rare Christmas Island stamps from the plantation manager.

GOOD SAILING

The Kinkajou was becalmed on several occasions, but otherwise the craft had good sailing weather. Captain Constantine Flink, who incidentally was master of the ship Parker on her ill-fated voyage under the leadership of Phillips Lord, received high praise from Dr. Coman for his seamanship and ability as a sailing ship master.

Dr. Coman said he would remain here several weeks before setting south again to pick up the youths left by him on the tiny island.

In the meantime the Kinkajou will go by drydock for overhauling. She is the property of Dwight Baldwin of Maui, and is under charter to Dr. Coman.

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Coman Gets Royal Welcome From Boys On Lonely Isles

The New York Times on September 1 printed the following article written by Dr. Dana Coman under date of August 26 telling of his expedition's experiences at Baker and Howland islands:

BY DR. DANA COMAN

In preparing our expedition experienced advisers had counseled against attempting to land on Baker Island, they Baker Island, they told of smashing surf on treacherous reefs, shark-infested waters. Surf boats from other expeditions, they said, had been up and smashed, the occupants narrowly averting serious injury, even possible death.

So Baker Island became our most formidable hurdle. We tackled it first. Fourteen days out of Howland we have into sight of its dazzling coral sands. It is only two miles from the reef. Above us sea level, flat and hard. Normally uninhabited and waterless, we found on it four Hawaiian youths from Howland who were living there most of this year making meteorological observations for the Department of Commerce.

The lonely, sun-blistered island is a natural airport for land and amphibious planes. It is covered with very little expenditure.

Outside the reef the Pacific is too deep for any ship to anchor. Landing was made by means of a small boat. My colleagues and I put off for our first attempt at landing, which was creating excitement among the Howland boys ashore. Six of Hawaii's most stalwart men were chosen from our crew, each carrying a small boat. They waited with true expectancy for the perilous voyage through the foaming surf.

The waters were shark-infested, sure enough. Their swift dark bodies swarmed along our ship the while. The persistent and brazen. Each Hawaiian took with him a keen knife. If the surf boat was upset there would be desperate hand-to-hand encounters.

We waited for a long swell. On its crest we shot forward our long, narrow skiffs. The water was as smooth as a leaf. Soon, much sooner than we expected, it grounded on the level, most leveling beach we had seen since leaving Waikiki.

GET A CORDIAL WELCOME

In a moment we were in the midst of a lively, cordial welcome from the Hawaiian boys, long isolated on the island. They clattered their spears and clubs, and news of Hawaii, of their homes. We had bundles of mail and newspapers for them, given to us by their relatives and friends in Honolulu. It was touching to see how affected the boys were at receiving this unexpected mail.

During that day we put ashore all the necessary camp and research equipment to be used by the two men chosen from our party to remain on the island for at least two months, making a study of landing and colonizing data possibilities, gathering data on the natural resources and collecting material.

There is no high foliage and the island is overrun by the descendants of shipwrecked rats. Terns and boobies make their special corner of the island a bedlam and the fragrance of the island is not that of violets. But compared to what we have been led to expect, the island has the makings of a little paradise.

We found at least one large intermittent fresh-water pool besides three brackish wells with water suitable for washing or gardening. The Hawaiian boys, in spite of hardships, have done well with radishes and Chinese cabbage and lettuce, and are nursing thirty coconut trees two and four feet high.

The entire corner of the island is a blaze of color with the vivid blossoming of the yellow lime portulaca vines and grasses.

The average wind is about seven miles an hour. This steady breeze keeps the scorched island pleasantly cool. Rain falls invariably at least once. In one of the once or twice monthly squalls recently, the Hawaiian boys filled all their empty water drums and every other available receptacle.

The poor, lonely youngsters said: "We didn't know who you were and we didn't care. We just hoped that you would not go away. It was worth getting stung by sea urchins to help you land."

Howland is less attractive than Baker. Black coral terraces above the narrow strip of beach make it a most beautiful sight.

The establishment of a camp on Howland for another two or three months was merely a repetition of the routine on Baker. But on Howland we set up a radio transmitting and receiving station, with which I will maintain contact with the men until I return.

Money Granted For Deficit Of Social Service

Supervisors Approve Work Funds In Lengthy Session

Passage of appropriations totaling \$39,819.93 from both the general and special funds, some only on first reading because of large amount of money involved, resulted in the time and attention of the board of supervisors in their regular weekly session.

The record volume of money bills stretched the meeting into one of the longest sessions ever held by the present supervisors and pushed the unappropriated surplus of the general fund to a new low of \$72,208.

Passed on third reading were two appropriations, one providing \$1,000 from the general fund for joint pole installation and another assigning \$1,345 from the road fund for the purchase of a new one-and-a-half-ton dump truck for the Kaneohe road district.

SOCIAL SERVICE DEFICIT

A three month social service deficit of \$11,761.50 was met by the board in an appropriation from the general fund passed on first reading and a board approval of Circuit Court Judge Norman Godbold. Judge Godbold received a board appropriation of \$6,300.41 to cover a two-month social service deficit. The board went on record as limiting the bureau to a monthly deficit of \$3,000 to be met by the board of supervisors in the future.

First readings of bills appropriating \$9,516 from the road fund for the grading of Prospect street from Magazine to Pennsylvania streets, and \$5,000 from the general fund for parks development on the new park at 7th A. expenses were also passed by the board.

Six other appropriations passed by the supervisors on first reading were as follows:

SCHOOL FUND

From the general fund \$4,000 for WPA school development program; \$2,500 from the general fund for engineering expenses in connection with the city-county PWA work; \$1,500 from the road fund for the construction of bridges at Hauula, Kamehameha, Kaneohe Bay drive, Waiwae and Kaneohe Bay drive; \$1,200 from the road fund for the construction of street corners; and \$325 from the general fund for salaries and payrolls of the building department for the third and fourth quarters.

Eight miscellaneous items totaling \$1,244.43 from the general fund were appropriated outright by the board of supervisors.

WAIWAE ITEMS

Approved by the board were two items providing for a condemnation of 8.5 acres of land in Waiwae for playground purposes and the establishment of a cross-walk for Liliha street in the 1600 block.

The board adjourned in memory of the late Supervisor John H. Aving, Mrs. Mary C. Aving, who died in Honolulu recently.

VETERAN FIGHTS PATRIOTISM

John A. Aving, (D.P.)—John Aving, 60-year-old, battle-scarred war veteran and sports writer, "enthusiast" was born in 1869 in the town of John, N. H., to attend the unveiling of a war memorial.

INDIAN CRUISE BOAT TO BE 115

REINDEER, W. V. (D.P.)—Chief of the Indian tribe of the Potomac Indians, believed to be the oldest Indian chieftain in the United States, will celebrate his 115th birthday soon.

They were early in October, when their scientific explorations for me will be complete.

Upon leaving Howland for Jarvis, 1,300 miles to the east right along the Equator, we moved in the doldrums. Not a breath of wind, the sea like oil, the day oppressive. We stripped down to join cloth, welcomed the occasional squalls of rain. In them we stood on deck, soaked ourselves, thus having the first fresh-water bath since leaving Honolulu.

A strange sight, ten bronzed men on deck in mid-Pacific, laughing and laughing like so many kids.

They were midway between Howland and Jarvis. Moving entirely under sail, we should reach Jarvis within ten days.

Scientific Evidence Tends To Shatter Suicide Theory

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When H. E. Stafford entered.

Prosecutor John C. Kelley asked the witness:

"What is meant by 'holes' marks?"

"They are bits of powder around a wound, driven in by the force of the bullet," he replied.

"Did you find any on Mrs. O'Reilly?"

"No."

"What kind of tests have you made for tattoo marks?"

"I've used targets of chamomile, placed over port with rind, and that on a block of wood."

"At what distances?"

"One a contact shot, the barrel placed right against the chest, another four inches away, others eight, 16, 24 and 32 inches."

"Did you find any on Mrs. O'Reilly?"

"No."

"At what distance did you place the bullet?"

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"No."

Now Kelley anticipated an explanation by the defense for the lack of powder marks—that blood might have washed residue away.

"Did you make any tests to show if powder marks would be washed away?"

NOT WASHED AWAY

"No," he replied. "I poured a quart of water over the bullet hole. Here are the results."

He produced a photograph showing a bullet hole surrounded by an irregular ring of powder marks.

"The photograph is the same as the one in the exhibit," he said.

"What other tests did you make with the gun?" Kelley inquired.

"I made tests with the gun at six inches, 16 inches, 24 inches, 32 inches. Powder marks showed at the largest even when fired the four thicknesses of blanket."

"What other tests did you make?"

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McVeagh replied.

"O'Reilly switched to questions about the flesh tests on the chest from Mrs. O'Reilly's body."

"What," he asked, "does the presence of powder residue around a wound mean to you?"

"That the shot had been fired from close range, depending on the gun, ammunition used, and other factors."

"What does it mean when powder residue is found within the wound?"

"That the shot had been fired within a yard, or closer than that, if the gun had been slotted."

"How many sections of this flesh did you examine?"

"Two or three."

FOUND SOME RESIDUE

"Did you find residue in the tissues?"

"We found particles of what I believed to be powder residue."

"O'Reilly produced a book."

"Here," he said, "is an issue of the American Journal of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene. It contains a paper by Dr. H. H. Henshaw, dated November 27, 1934, in which he states that he has examined the bodies of the victims of the Hawaiian Islands, including a large number of the directors of the United States Chamber of Commerce from all parts of the nation."

The Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce Bulletin further stated that the Pacific area is rapidly becoming of world-wide importance.

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BOOSTER RIDER DRIVE-SHAFT

CHILMARK, Mass. (U.P.)—Buck O'Connell had a story beneath his truck for a distance of 20 miles. A roadman on the drive-shaft casting of the truck and "rode the road" until O'Connell discovered it.

JAPAN TO GET OLD RAILS

HARTFORD, Conn. (U.P.)—Bills of the Leaky Road Railroad are being taken up and shipped to Port Arthur, where they will be shipped to Japan, where trains

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Conclave Here May Strengthen Trade Relations

Chamber Of Commerce Convention To Build Up Pacific Area

A campaign for rehabilitation of international trade in the Pacific area, and the establishment of a stronger bond in commerce relations between the United States and the Far East will be the main topics of discussion at the industrial trade conference to be held in Honolulu for three days beginning November 27, it is announced in the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce Bulletin.

The conference held under joint auspices of the Western Division of the United States Chamber of Commerce and the Pacific Foreign Trade Council, will be attended by commercial, industrial and financial leaders from various nations of the Pacific Littoral, including a large number of the directors of the United States Chamber of Commerce from all parts of the nation.

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