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# 6 Fishermen Rescued After Boat Sinks Off French Frigate Shoals



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## Fong, Tsukiyama Return

### Statehood Hopes Bright, Two Top Legislators Say

The two top officers of the territorial legislature, back from Washington, agreed yesterday that prospects are bright for Hawaii winning statehood this year. House Speaker Hiram L. Fong and senate President Wilfred C. Tsukiyama returned during the weekend.

### Marcotte Appeal Rule In 2 Weeks 2 Months Case Comes to an End

Attorney's closing arguments yesterday wound up the two-month-long Roger C. Marcotte reinstatement appeal hearing before the Honolulu civil service commission.

Chairman Herbert Kum said a commission decision probably will take two weeks. He said members intend to review the transcript of the 12 sessions before acting.

Walter D. Ackerman Jr., counsel for the appellant, waived his planned cross-examination of Personnel Director Nesta M. Galas in order for more time to be allotted to summary. Both he and (Continued on Page A7, Col. 1)

Rep Fong was the most unqualified in commenting on the territory's prospects. Where Sen. Tsukiyama said he was most "optimistic" Rep. Fong said "I think we are going to get statehood."

WHAT SOLD him, Rep. Fong said, was Speaker Joseph Martin's assurance he would do everything possible to untangle the Hawaii bill.

"When the speaker of the U.S. house of representatives give



Sen. Tsukiyama Rep. Fong

you his word like that you can be sure he will do what he says," Rep Fong said. "I have every confidence that the matter is going to be taken up by the house. I think the bill probably will have to go back to the senate and I think we have the votes there." Rep. Fong said developments favorable to Hawaii should come near the close of the congressional session. That is the time, he pointed out, when legislative differences always are worked out.

SEN. TSUKIYAMA said he

### Honolulu Men Drift 17 Hours

Six Honolulu fishermen were rescued from a small skiff last night after their fishing boat apparently swamped in "moderately rough" seas off French Frigate Shoals.

The six were tentatively identified as: Captain Helsei Shinsato, Larry Dela Cruz, K. Sakamoto, S. Tanaka, Y. Fujiwara and H. Kawaihalao, all of the Honolulu-based Osprey.

The navy vessel Pictor began picking up the men shortly before dark, some 17 hours after they abandoned ship. An SB-29 airplane from the 76th Air Rescue squadron at Hickam air force base circled over the men and their skiff until rescuers arrived. The plane was homeward bound at 6 p.m. and landed here about 9.

THE FISHERMEN first flashed word of trouble at 12:55 a.m. yesterday, radioing that water was flooding the engine room. The crew was unable to control the inflow and at 1:28 a.m. a second message was sent out saying the crew was abandoning ship and taking to a skiff.

A coast guard spokesman said the sea was moderately rough in the area. Planes were sent out by the coast guard, navy and air force. In addition, the coast guard cutter Bering Strait, the navy's Tombigbee, the Sebec and Pictor were diverted to the scene.

THE RESCUE plane, piloted by Capt. Robert S. Love, left Hickam

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