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 also planned to donate \$5 million-\$10 million to displaced sugar workers in land and/or cash, he said.
 Attorney James Case, who previously did legal work for Hamakua Sugar, said the Bishop

estate has the resources and patience to do a good master plan... to put this land into long-term productive use."
 Resort development once was planned for nearly 3,000 acres of Hamakua Sugar land. In late

invalidated the Council's approval, on the grounds that adequate public notice had not been given.
 Yesterday's sale of the 30,500 acres leaves Hamakua Sugar

said that any claims against Hamakua Sugar would be transferred to the new owner.
The Associated Press contributed to this story.

Some Hawaiians oppose Bishop move

Ka Lahui fears that estate will develop lands

By Paula Gillingham
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Hands clasped, representatives of the Alliance to Save Hawaiian Lands prayed yesterday that the sale of Hamakua Sugar Co. land to Western Farm Credit Bank would be canceled.

Their prayers were answered, but maybe not quite the way some would have liked.

The Bishop Estate ended up with the Big Island land after U.S. District Judge Alan Kay yesterday allowed bidding on the land to be re-opened. The estate topped Western's earlier bid of \$20 million by \$1 million.

Kaleo Paterson of Kauai organized the alliance Sunday evening and said he and others made calls to rally Hawaiian groups to present a unified front at yesterday's hearing. There were 25 groups represented at the hearing.

"We want to demonstrate solidarity and consensus," he said. "We demand the federal court listen to the voice of Hawaii's people. If not, we will protest with our bodies — not with violence but with our



Abraham Kamakawiwoole, left, and Clara Kakalia of Ka Lahui Hawai'i and Sam Kealoha of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs appear at a news conference yesterday on the Hamakua sale.

presence."
 Paterson said the Alliance wants a moratorium in place until the Hawaiians have a governing entity.

Mahealani Cypher of Ka Lahui Hawai'i, a member of the alliance, said she had reservations about the sale to Bishop Estate.

"Bishop Estate has a history of developing lands and might not respect our position," she said. "Ka Lahui will contact

them to determine that the free and clear lands be kept as a trust."

Bishop Estate spokeswoman Elisa Yadao said Bishop Estate is an institution based on land and perpetual trust.

"We've been hearing, we've been listening," she said. "They should take comfort in knowing that we, too, are Hawaiian."

Abraham Kamakawiwoole, Ka Lahui legislator for the Ha-

makua area, said he felt Bishop Estate should advance the education system on the Big Island and consider the people of Hamakua when deciding the fate of their newly acquired lands.

"They should build a Kamehameha campus there," he said. "And they should focus on agriculture, providing jobs for those already living there."

Clayton Hee, chairman of the board of trustees of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, said he was satisfied with the results of the sale.

OHA, which is not a member of the alliance, also had made inquiries about the land.

"There are certain economic realities," Hee said. "Bishop Estate has 50 times the money as OHA, and money talks — they got the talking power. The main thing is that we keep Hawaiian lands in Hawaiian hands."

Bishop Estate, the largest private landowner in Hawaii, was created by Princess Bernice Pauahi Bishop to benefit the children of Hawaii. The sole beneficiary of the estate is Kamehameha Schools.

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