

Life Guards Will Patrol Waikiki Beach In Future

DAVID KAHANAMOKU, newly appointed Waikiki Life Guard by the harbor commissioners, all-around athlete, and brother of the invincible Duke, is going to turn professional. After much discussion, in which Bachrach, the middle-west trainer who was here last month with Jones and Siegel of Chicago; Dad Center, of the Outrigger Club, and numerous swimming fans took part, Dave reached his decision last night. He has decided to relinquish his amateur status and join the ranks of the professionals.

"There is no one down here to teach swimming," said Dave, "and people come to Duke and myself and ask us to teach them. Duke cannot, of course, so I think I might as well turn instructor. It's out of the question for me to swim in meets because I have given so much of my time and strength to Duke in training him and giving him rub-downs, that I'm out of condition. There's no use in my remaining an amateur."

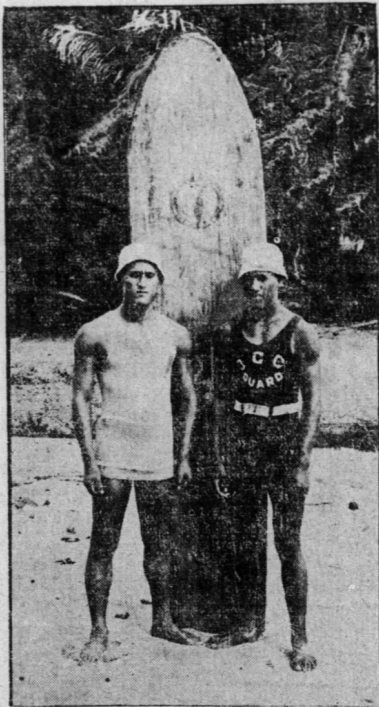
Just when Dave will take steps to sever all connection with the non-pro class is not known. He has made up his mind, however, and one more of Waikiki's famous figures will disappear from the amateur ranks.

Dave has been life guard at the Outrigger Club for some time, and two days ago he was named as captain of the new life guard company that is being organized by the harbor commission. He took over his new duties at once and is now officially Captain

Kahanamoku, of the Waikiki Life Guards.

His duties require him to be on the job eight hours a day, including Sundays and holidays. On these occasions large crowds are always in attendance at the beach, from Heinie's to Gray's, and a large patrol is necessary to safeguard the lives of the bathers. Since surfing has become so popular among the "malihinis," accidents are liable to happen, and out in the big surf a strong swimmer and a cool head are necessary. Dave has demonstrated that he has all the qualifications of a life guard. He has accomplished several rescues from the big surf, and has demonstrated that a life patrol is absolutely essential. All the big beaches throughout the world maintain a large patrol; but Waikiki, probably the most famous bathing spot anywhere, has been negligent in this respect. L. Kaupiko, one of the Hui Nalu boys, has also been appointed a life guard, and will be on duty with Dave.

The new life patrol has a system all its own in rescuing exhausted people from the water. The method is truly Hawaiian. When a call comes for help, the life guard grabs a surfboard and paddles out to the scene of trouble. The drowning person is pulled onto the board and taken to the beach, where the pulmotor and first aid is administered. If the case is serious, the emergency hospital ambulance is called and the patient given professional treatment. Both Dave and Kaupiko are expert in the use of the pulmotor and first-aid-to-the-drowning methods.



Kahanamokus and Kaupiko, who have been employed to patrol the beach at Waikiki. The former is the brother of Duke Kahanamoku.