

KAHANAMOKU TO COMPETE IN EAST

Crack Honolulu Swimmer May Be Sent to New York for A. A. U. Championships.

Local patrons of clean amateur sport are busying themselves over the proposition of sending Duke Kahanamoku to New York next February, to give him a chance to demonstrate his ability in the water with the best swimmers in the country. The suggestion that he make the trip comes directly from Otto Wahle, chairman of the records committee of the A. A. U., and success in the trials means a place on the American team that will compete in the Olympic games at Stockholm next year.

When Kahanamoku astonished the local sporting world by swimming 100 yards in open water in the world's record time of 55 2-5 on August 12 last, his time and the conditions under which it was made were sent to the A. A. U. That body, on account of its international connections, has to err on the side of caution, and has adopted a "show me" attitude toward the Honolulu swimmer. The officials want him to come to New York to compete in the annual A. A. U. swimming championships in February. If he can beat their best men, it will prove, according to Mr. Wahle, that the measurements and timing here were correct, and his record will probably be allowed. More important still is the chance of having Hawaii represented on the American Olympic team. If Duke can do his best in the East, he is pretty sure of a place.

It is up to Honolulu sportsmen to give Duke his chance. Lorrin Andrews of the local branch of the A. A. U. has spoken to several prominent men here, and has received favorable replies, although there has been no attempt as yet to pass round a subscription paper. Now it depends on how many public-spirited sportsmen are willing to go down into their pockets for the necessary wherewithal.