

# Duke Kahanamoku Lured By Offer To Go On the Stage

Fastest Sprint Swimmer In the World Is Seriously Considering Proposition and May Leave Honolulu To Reign In the Spotlight

Duke Kahanamoku has had a plan laid before him to enter the spotlight world, and if the arrangements are satisfactory, it is possible he may accept and soon be heard from en tour of the United States in an act to be specially written to include him and his unusual speed talent in the domain of Father Neptune.

While many offers have previously been made to the "Duke" to go upon the stage and appear in diving and swimming acts, the great Hawaiian swimmer speedster declined all of them, preferring to remain an amateur and the holder of the title as the fastest sprint swimmer in the world, his laurels being given him by no less a personage than the King of Sweden at the famous Olympic games in Stockholm several years ago. No one in the world has yet been able to outspeed the Hawaiian marvel over the 50 yard course, and his championship still remains an undisputed fact.

Despite the passing of the years and the alluring offers made to him, Duke has preferred to remain "On the Beach at Waikiki," the scene of his first aquatic battles and where he attained the science which enabled him to defeat swimmers of any nation yet entered in competition against him.

With his laurels yet undisturbed, but with the possibility that he will have few opportunities to compete with others during the war, and the knowledge that he cannot attain more honors than he is now in possession of, the new offer has been laid before him by theatrical people, well known on mainland circuits, and who are now residing not only in Honolulu, but at Waikiki, where they had every opportunity to watch him at swimming.

One feature to be considered, in case Duke decides to make the tour, is his possible call to the Colors. He is of draft age, and it would be necessary for him to obtain definite exemption, although of course, he may not be included in the quota called for from Hawaii.