

Carnival Swimming Meet May Be Held At Outrigger Club

Closing of Harbor to Public Prohibits Meet at Navy Slip—W. R. Hobby Said He Did Not See How It Could Be Arranged—“Dad” Center Says Outrigger Club Swimmers Will Help to Make Meet at Beach Success Should One Be Held There

Honolulu's big swimming meet during the Carnival will in all probability be held at the Outrigger Club in February. Since the harbor regulations went into effect there is little chance of a meet being held on the harbor next month.

W. R. Hobby, superintendent of public works, said today that using the harbor for a swimming meet would be a hard matter to arrange, and he thought that opening the harbor for one day to everybody would throw aside all the work that had been done in keeping the harbor and the approaches free from alien enemies. This was also the sentiment expressed by Captain Foster.

Outrigger Meet

With the navy slip eliminated the logical place to hold the big meet would be at the Outrigger Club. This club has had experience in handling meets on a number of occasions, and a 100 yard course could be marked out from the Moana Pier toward the Seaside which would allow for races any distances.

It is not expected that any swimmers would be invited from the mainland, although Norman Ross would like to come for a few days, if he could get away from his work in the Army. Platforms could be easily placed at the pier and if necessary bleachers could be erected to take care of the crowd, with a nominal admission charge for seats. In this way

the Carnival committee would have enough money to pay the actual operating expenses.

Center Favors Plan

When asked today regarding the staging of a meet at the Outrigger Club during the Carnival, “Dad” Center, one of the leading boosters for aquatics in the city, said: “You can rest assured that the members of the Outrigger Club swimming team will do everything possible to help if the Carnival committee decides to hold the meet at the beach. I know the boys will be only too glad to give their hearty support to the plan.”

Mr. Center was confident that the meet could be staged successfully at the beach, and said today that he would be pleased to do everything possible to boost it along. To begin with the Outrigger authority knows the swimming game, and his support would be a big help to the Carnival committee.

It is not expected that the Carnival would expect to make much money out of a meet this year, but those who are familiar with the situation believe that the meet at the beach could be made at least a paying proposition. The girls of the Outrigger Club are anxious to meet the Palama swimmers in events at the beach and with Duke, “Stubby” Kruger, Langer, Keli, Lane and the host of Outrigger stars in the coring meet, the affair should be a local success.