

SWIMMERS NOW POPULAR; BIG MEET COMING

New Celebrities May Indorse Movement to Head Trip to Mainland; Two Arrive

Honolulu swimmers are coming into their own now. Just before a swimming meet the boys are greeted with smiles and told what nice things will be done for them. After the meet is over, the boys in Honolulu who have built up swimming, are just forgotten.

It is a queer thing, but before a swimming meet some men come out with smiles and golden messages, while after the meet the swimmers of Honolulu are forgotten. It is time that the people of Honolulu realize that it has been the swimmers which have made swimming here.

W. T. Rawlins, according to information received through certain channels, has received word from Bachrach of Chicago that the Honolulu swimmers will be given a trip to the mainland, providing that everything goes right. The information comes out just before the swimming meet which will be staged at the Y. M. C. A. It is especially timely.

Bachrach is a friend of Rawlins. He brought two swimmers down here last year, including himself, and Honolulu paid the bill. The swimmers from the Windy City were beaten by some of our local swimmers who have never been given the consideration that the Chicago boys were given. The Chicago trio paid Honolulu a visit, and Honolulu paid the bill.

Perhaps Theda Bara

According to the information which was furnished the morning paper, Bachrach of Chicago and F. W. Rubien of St. George Club, of New York have asked particularly to have Rawlins personally accompany the swimmers. It is to be hoped that word will be received from President Wilson, W. G. McAdoo, Jess Willard, George Cohan, Theda Bara and possibly Willie Hoppe indorsing the movement made to arrange for Rawlins to make the tour. Of course it is possible that the swimmers might make some showing even if "Dad" Center, Charles Stillman, Ben Clark, Lou Henderson or Dude Miller were sent along. But having the indorsement to begin with will naturally be a big advantage in the race.

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Harvey Chilton said the other day that the swimmers were not given the consideration due them. This is true. "Dad" Center has worked up interest at the Outrigger Club because he has been the same with the fellows after a meet as before. This holds good at Palama and the Healan Club.

The trip to the mainland would be an ideal thing. It can be easily arranged, but it will be the swimmers who are sent into the races which will count first, and it will be a good trainer who will help them out. If the money is only forthcoming on condition that a certain man heads the team, it is a sorry mess. Duke, Clarence Lane, "Stubby," Keli, Watt, Richardson and others will be very popular for the next few weeks. Let us all hope that it continues.