

100 Yard Tank At Waikiki Is Plan Of Aquatic Stars

With Stream Near Outrigger Diverted, Opportunity Would Be Given for 100-Yard Straightaway Course.—Cost Would Not Be Prohibitive, Says Dad Center—Would Give Hawaii Real Opportunity to Stage Championship Meets, Water Carnivals

Hawaii, the home of swimmers and the section of America which has done more for the aquatic game than any one other community, will have the best outdoor swimming pool in the United States, if the plan of a number of swimming enthusiasts is carried out. A 100 yard swimming pool at the beach is the project that has been outlined by some of the real swimming enthusiasts.

That the completion of the big swimming pool would be the biggest thing in aquatics in Hawaii since Duke Kahanamoku defeated the world famous natators at Stockholm, is certain. Honolulu would have a swimming tank which would not only take care of indoor meets, but also championships in open water.

100 Yard Pool

The preliminary plans as outlined would give a 100 yard straightaway between the bridge on Kalakaua avenue near the Outrigger Canoe Club to the sea wall. The surveyors are at present working on a plan to divert the stream near the rice fields and this would leave a hollow basin adjoining the Outrigger Canoe Club property.

Dad Center said today that he would estimate the cost of erecting such a

tank at about \$15,000. With the basin already there, there would be no cost for digging and a cement foundation could be built at a reasonable figure. Sea water could be pumped into the tank, and bleachers would be erected on the side next to the Outrigger Club.

Whether or not the plan will be taken up by the Outrigger Club or by a group of clubs is a question which will, of course, have to be taken up by the directorate, but such a tank would be a great asset for the city. Water carnivals of all kinds could be held there, and as a promotion proposition would be worth the support of the Hawaii Promotion Committee, Chamber of Commerce, Ad Club and other organizations.

Of course during war times any movement for raising a big sum is prohibitive, but when Hawaii is ready to receive tourists such a plan would naturally meet with the approval of all interested in the sport. Hawaii would have a swimming pool worthy of the name of Hawaii, where championship events could be staged. Dad Center and other enthusiasts are interested in the plan, and believe that it is something which will meet with the approval of the citizens of the city.