

SWIMMING GAME SEEMS ALL BUSTED

Is Duke Going Away Without Backing? Is Question Asked Freely

Duke P. Kahanamoku, world's champion these many years in the short sprints, is leaving this month to participate in the Neptune Beach, California, swimming meet.

There is no question at all but that Duke will hold his own, for the swimmer who will wrest the honors from him in the fifty and hundred is probably unhorn.

But, now that Duke is going to the Coast to hold up Hawaii's aquatic honors, would it not be wise to send along with him at least three other local swimmers?

Send Clarence Lane, Duke's closest local rival; "Stubby" Kruger, John Kelii or A. V. Kaehu, and Hawaii would have a team the mainland stars would have to work overtime to beat. Pick three of these with Duke included and there is no really team in the swimming world today that could come near winning from them.

Draft Bugbear Drawn

It has been advanced against Kelii's going that he is subject to the draft. This is pure piffle. Kelii could go if those interested would only lend a helping hand. Hawaii is not noted for slackers, for many under the draft age have gone away and those within this limitation are anxious to take transportation to the mainland.

Kaehu is in the navy and he did not wait for the draft, being a volunteer. Those interested could certainly get him leave of absence.

"Stubby" Kruger is below the draft age and so is Clarence Lane. And there are many other who could go along with Duke and keep honors at home.

The only trouble seems to be that there is a local fight among the swimming clubs and the Territory is to suffer because of their petty squabble.

If there is any way of bringing together the warring factions, it would be wise to do so very shortly, before Duke goes on his way. Duke is subject to the draft, but there seems no disposition about hindering his going away. Why, then, should there be about Kelii?