

# HONOLULU STAR SWIMMERS MAY TOUR MAINLAND FOR BENEFIT OF RED CROSS

## Duke Kahanamoku, Harold Kruger and Clarence Lane Offer Their Services to the Red Cross This Year—One Other Swimmer to Be Named—Plan Outlined Would Mean Tour From Coast to Coast—Large Sum in Red Cross Drive—Publicity

Neptune's favorite sons will battle against Mars this summer in one of the biggest Red Cross drives ever launched in the athletic world. Duke Kahanamoku, the world's foremost sprint swimmer; Clarence Lane, who ranks next to the great Duke in the sprints; Harold "Stubby" Kruger, world's champion backstroke swimmer, and one other swimmer yet to be selected have offered their services to the Hawaiian chapter of the Red Cross for the season of 1918 for a tour of the continent.

Many of the Hawaiian swimmers are now in the service, and the star natators decided that if a tour was contemplated such a trip should be made with some war object in view. Hawaii would secure a reputation for patriotic service from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and the example set by the mermen of Hawaii would in time be followed by other lesser lights.

### Duke Will Go

Duke Kahanamoku, who is known in all corners of the earth as the king of the mermen, has offered his services for the summer for such a trip. He is at present working on some material for articles and will continue this during the tour if the plan works out. Clarence Lane and Harold Kruger said before they left for the mainland that they would be ready to make the tour of America this summer.

Hawaiian athletes have gone from Honolulu before on various jaunts, but never before has a plan been outlined to send four star swimmers from the Pacific to the Atlantic. And the fact that the boys will compete only in meets for Red Cross benefits will assure Hawaii publicity that we could in no other way obtain.

Communications have been forwarded to all the large cities on the mainland offering the services of the Hawaiian stars for a series of sanctioned A. A. U. meets. Already one city has replied in favor of the plan, and it is expected that there will be a large list added within the next few weeks.

### Castle Likes Plan

A. L. Castle, secretary of the Hawaiian Chapter of the Red Cross, said that the local swimmers would be given credentials for their tour of the United States, and he has already written to the American Red Cross office in Washington. A story telling

of the proposed tour of the swimming stars will also be forwarded to the Red Cross Magazine.

In a discussion of the subject Mr. Castle said that the proposed tour has great possibilities for promotion work and in addition would give a moral boost for Red Cross work. He said that he was a firm believer in any plan which would bring about promotion for Hawaii and interest in the Red Cross.

### Halton Wanted

Fred J. Halton, secretary of the Hawaii Promotion Committee, who was responsible to a great extent for sending Clarence Lane and Harold Kruger to the mainland for the meet this month, is enthusiastic about the plan and believes that the publicity feature alone will be worth much to Hawaii. The swimmers have urged that Mr. Halton go along on the tour and give talks at the various civic organizations and show moving pictures of Hawaii wherever possible.

The plan as outlined would be to send four swimmers on the tour with a man to handle the staging of meets and look after the publicity. A trainer would also accompany the team, and this man would be elected by the swimmers, as would the manager of the tour. If the plans go through the tour will begin in San Francisco, extend through the Northwest, on to the Middle West and the swimmers would compete in meets around New York and Boston, returning by way of Kansas City.

### Expenses Received

The party would receive only expenses on tour, and all other moneys would go to the Red Cross in the city where the meet is held. According to the preliminary plan the Red Cross in each city acting with the club in that city would handle the meet and turn over the expense quota to the swimmers following each meet. In that way the Red Cross and swimming enthusiasts in each city would work together to make the meet a success.

With a large show board showing the pictures of the swimming stars carried to every city, and with cuts, articles and pictures given to the sporting editors of the newspapers along the way, a great amount of publicity for the meets would be obtained, and more publicity naturally at each meet would mean more money for the

### Y' MEET TONIGHT

Many star athletes will be represented in the big indoor track meet which will be held at the Y. M. C. A. this evening. Among the stars who will be seen in action are Kan Leong, Chris Willis, Kenneth Decker, D. Crozier, George Hawkins, Joe Stickney, Keppeler, Meinecke and Kong Tal Pong. Canario, who made such a good showing in the outdoor meet, will also be present. New records are expected in the 50-yard dash, 440 yard dash, mile run, rope climb and hop, step and jump.

Red Cross and more credit for Hawaii.

A complete list of the moneys received at each meet, together with all expenses will be forwarded to the local Red Cross, showing how much money was raised by the swimmers in each city. The Hawaii Promotion Committee will also be furnished with all information regarding the progress of the Red Cross drive.

### Outrigger Swimmer?

All of the prominent swimming clubs of the city would be represented in the tour. The fourth member of the team will in all probability be selected from the Outrigger Club, which has done much to boost swimming in Honolulu. There are a number of excellent swimmers at the Outrigger Club and "Dad" Center believes that this club can furnish a star who will make good.

With newspaper articles and talks in every city the people of the mainland would be given an idea of Hawaii in every sense of the word. The fact that the boys would swim for the Red Cross is in itself a big feature and "Dad" Center, Lawrence Cunha and other swimming enthusiasts have said that such a tour would be a great thing for Hawaii and a wonderful move for the interest of swimming.

### They Could Knit

It was suggested that during the time the boys are on the train they knit mufflers for the Red Cross and present them to the city to be sold at public auction at the meet. Duke Kahanamoku is an expert with the Red Cross needles and has already knitted a sweater. This point would be another publicity plan which would be pleasantly received.

Nothing definite has been settled in regard to the tour, but word has been sent out that the champion mermen are ready for the trip, and it is expected that definite news will be received within the next two or three weeks as to the schedule. In the meantime those interested are working for the complete success of a tour which would naturally bring much credit to Hawaii.