

DUKE LEAVES TOMORROW TO TOUR MAINLAND FOR RED CROSS BENEFIT

Will Join Harold Kruger and Clarence Lane on Coast to Participate in Swimming Meets in States—George Cunha May Also Join Party—Many Cities Give Assurance Cooperation

Duke Kahanamoku, the world's champion swimmer, will have an opportunity to meet many of the leading stars in the aquatic world this summer, as he leaves tomorrow for the mainland to join Clarence Lane and Harold Kruger. The three swimmers will compete in more than 35 meets during the next three months.

Clair Tait, of the Outrigger Canoe club, who will be the navy representative in the party, will act as coach of the swimmers. Owen Merrick, who arranged the publicity end of the tour, will go along as business representative and publicity man.

It is possible that George Cunha may make the tour. He is now at American Lake and if he can get away, arrangements may be made to have him join the party. Ross, McGilivray and Cunha have already secured furloughs.

The performances in the Yale Alumni meet on Saturday evening indicates that Hawaii has many stars who will take the places of the champions when they have decided to forego athletic competition. It is especially fitting that Matt Man and other men who have been prominent in Aquatic circles at Yale, will assist in making the tour of the swimmers a real success.

Open in San Francisco

The first meet will be held in San Francisco, and from there the stars will go to Portland, Seattle, British Columbia and on East as far as Chicago. Detroit, Cleveland, Buffalo, New York, Philadelphia and other big swimming centers will welcome the boys, and it is expected that the Hawaiian mermen will also compete at Atlantic City. St. Louis and other centers in the Middle West have written for dates.

In some of the cities the entire proceeds received at the meets will go to the Red Cross. In other cities the receipts, less expenses, will be turned over to the Red Cross. Duke is expected to knit a number of mufflers, and these will also be offered to the Red Cross.

Columns of publicity have already been written about the tour of the swimmers, and the official press representative has completed many stories about the swimmers to appear in mainland publications.

Altogether hundreds of pictures of the three stars will be forwarded to the various centers to be used in the newspapers. A special article has

been furnished the Red Cross Magazine. The article will be illustrated.

Carry Own Orchestra

One of the features of the tour aside from the real work of swimming, will be the appearance of the Beach Orchestra, with Clair Tait, Duke, Lane and Kruger as musicians. During his rest hour Tait will lead the orchestra, and some excellent music should be provided the mainlanders on the trains and on other occasions.

A. L. Castle has written a letter of introduction to the various Red Cross chapters in the mainland cities. He has also helped in a number of other ways to make the tour a success. The director of entertainments and exhibitions of the Red Cross in New York has thanked the swimmers for their offer and has written that he hopes to see the tour a success. Inasmuch as all money received at the meets will not go to the Red Cross, the meets cannot be held under the auspices of the Red Cross, but will be staged to donate net proceeds to that humanitarian organization.

Three Outdoor Meets

Three big outdoor meets will be held in Chicago, and according to the Chicago Athletic Club officials, thousands should witness the performances of the Hawaiian mermen. In this city all the proceeds will go to the Red Cross.

Enough dates have been assured to meet the quota of expense, and the swimmers are enthusiastic about securing a big sum for the Red Cross. It will be a big thing for Hawaii if thousands of dollars can be raised through the efforts of the swimmers. The moral effect alone will be worth much.

This evening at 7 o'clock the Outrigger Club will give a cawdow supper for the members of the party who will leave on the Sonoma. Alexander Hume Ford and "Dad" Center are the ruling spirits behind the movement. Members of the A. A. U., Pan-Pacific, Waikiki Club, Hui Nalus and others have been asked to be present.

The party will leave on the same steamer with Fanny Durack, Minna Wylie and Kathleen Durack, Australian mermaids who are on their way to the mainland. The champions from the Antipodes will be entertained during their short stay in the city by the A. A. U. committee, of which W. T. Rawlins, president of the association, is chairman. A ride to the Pali, a dip at Waikiki and a lunch will be given in their honor.