

DUKE'S TROUBLE IS NO SURPRISE

Head of Hawaii A. A. U. Fears Swimmers May Lose Amateur Standing

"Just what I expected," said W. T. Rawlins, president of the Hawaiian Association of the A. A. U., when shown an Associated Press dispatch reporting that Duke Kahana-moku, Harold ("Stubby") Kruger, and Clarence Lane were in trouble with the Central States A. A. U. over alleged padded expense accounts.

"The pity of it is," continued Mr. Rawlins, as quoted in the Pacific Commercial Advertiser, "that if such a thing has been done the three Hawaiian swimmers will have to stand the consequences and if the charge is sustained it may mean that they will be judged professionals.

Men' Have Manager.

"Of course, we all know that the swimmers are not managing the tour. Before the Hawaiian swimming party left Honolulu, Frederick W. Rubien of New York, Secretary-Treasurer of the National A. A. U., notified all associations of the organizations that only the expenses of the three swimmers were to be deducted from the receipts of the meets in which they took part. They were informed that no expenses of the manager or trainer were to be considered. The swimmers were to be allowed actual traveling expenses, including hotel and meals, the latter two not to exceed five dollars per day.

"I am sorry that this thing should crop up, for the Hawaiian boys will likely to be the sufferers."

"All this means that we will have to get busy and send a representative to the national meeting in September," announced President Rawlins last night. "We will have to make a fight for the reinstatement of the three Hawaiian boys should the present muddle result in their losing their amateur standing."

Soper Regrets Also.

"I am sorry to hear this," said John F. Soper, chairman of the registration committee of the local A. A. U. society, to whom the despatches were shown.

"Only two reports have reached me from Owen Merrick, the manager of the tour, and they were both signed by him, although under the rules of the A. A. U., the Hawaiian swimmers are required to make statements of their traveling expenses each under his own signature, to the secretary of the registration committee of their local organization and to forward copies of the same to the secretary-treasurer of the national body."