

"DAD" CENTER OPENS UP ON SWIM MEET

Gives Out Exclusive Interview Sparkling With Information On Pet Hobby

The Victory swimming meet, which is to be held in the harbor the evenings of May 30-31 under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A., will be the first open-water aquatic gathering since 1917 and as such should be a big drawing card.

"From the interest being shown in the coming meet," said "Dad" Center, chairman of the general committee, yesterday, "the coming swimming meet gives much promise of being one of the best ever staged in Honolulu.

"Duke Kahanamoku, the greatest sprint and all-round swimmer of the world, is working out for this meet and is coming on in great shape. He will probably be in his best form on May 30-31 and it would not surprise his admirers to see him establish new records in some of the events.

"The Hui Nalu swimmers are beginning to work out slowly and a little more pep around their corner of the beach wouldn't hurt them and the coming meet.

"As usual, the Healanis are very quiet just now, but Lawrence Cunha never says much of what he expects his men will do. He just has them wade in and walk off with the cups nearly every time.

Dispute Over Hui Makani

"The Hui Makani swimmers, under the coaching of Harvey Chilton, are working out in fine shape and, according to their leader, will take everything in sight. They surely have a great bunch of good, young swimmers and, really, should make their mark at the coming meet. There is a question as to the eligibility of this club to compete as such, which the A. A. U. officials should decide one way or the other very shortly. If the ruling goes against the Hui Makani, then the swimmers will have to go in unattached."

Coach Chilton says he cannot see where any such dispute can arise, for his swimmers have not competed since 1917 and the rules in force say that no swimmer can compete for more than one team, club or organization inside of a year.

"It is hoped that the A. A. U. will hold a meeting this week," continued Chairman Center, "and settle the point for the swimmers.

"The Palamas are coming right along and will be very strong in the girls' department. If the Hui Makani is unable to compete as a club, the Palamas will walk away with the girls' races, as the Outrigger girls' team has run into a little hard luck, having three of their star mermaids on the sick list.

Rivalry Between Service Clubs

"The keenest rivalry of the meet will be between the service teams. The Fort De Russy team is working hard and, from the looks of things, will make a good showing for the Waikiki Beach post. However, Fort De Russy will miss that old standby—Pingry.

"The Navy team is a strong one, but nothing much is known of the swimmers, as they are keeping very quiet.

"The Aero swimming team will be watched very closely by the Fort De Russy and Navy outfits. It is suspected that the jolly tars may install a Liberty Motor on each of their swimmers.

"Claire Tait, coach of the Outrigger Canoe Club swimming team, is laid out with a bad foot from a coral cut.

"The different clubs are already reserving their sections in the seating arrangements, so as to be all together and help root their swimmers to victory. Percy Nottage of the Bank of Hawaii has charge of the seating arrangements for the coming meet.

"A general meeting of the committee in charge will be held at the noon hour tomorrow at the Central Y. M. C. A. Entry blanks may be had from Milo Vanek at the "Y." Entries for the meet will close with him on May 17."