

NORMAN ROSS COMING HERE FOR OCTOBER SWIM EVENT

If Local Committee Guarantees
Expenses Famous Merman
Will Be Seen Here

WOULD SAIL EARLY
IN COMING MONTH

"Dad" Center Kokuas Plan and
Milo Vanek Will Meet Busi-
ness Men Today

Norman Ross is coming to Hawaii. He will swim in the big aquatic carnival October 30, 31 and November 1. These facts were announced as certain by "Dad" Center of the Outrigger Canoe Club yesterday afternoon. The great merman has offered to come to Hawaii, has asked that ticket and passage be wired him and this will be done as soon as the funds are assured, which "Dad" declares means that the action will be taken within a day or two.

Milo Vanek, of the Henry Waterhouse Trust Company, secretary of the committee which is arranging the big affair, received the answer to his message to Ross yesterday. The cable was dated Chicago, yesterday at 9.39 a. m. and was as follows:

Chicago, Ill., Sept. 11, 1919.

Milo Vanek, Honolulu:

Team trip off wire me ticket and passage for week October fifth.

NORMAN ROSS.

The message sent a thrill through sporting circles in Honolulu and was especially cheering to those who are following the swimming game closely. It undoubtedly meant, they declared, that one of the world's greatest swimmers would soon be enjoying Hawaiian hospitality. "Dad" Center, chairman of the Victory Swimming Carnival, was immediately informed and has been wearing a broad smile ever since.

Channel Swim Off?

It is Vanek's belief that the "team trip" referred to in Ross's message is that of some outfit which was possibly going to Europe. The channel swim Ross was to undertake is probably off for the present.

Vanek will meet a committee of business men this noon and expects to be able to wire the money to Ross sometime today.

Ross is indisputably one of the biggest swimming figures in the world today. His feats in the water have been many and varied. In 1917 he won the Examiner swim across the Golden Gate. Previously in 1913 he made the Willamette-River swim at Portland in 60 seconds. He holds the Pacific Coast records for the 100 yard, straightaway tank and in open water, the 150 and the 220, being tied with Duke in the latter at Sutro baths. He holds the 330 open water, 500, 550, 660, 770 and all other Coast records up to and including the mile. Ross holds the 75-yard backstroke coast record also.

Of the standard American records under any conditions Ross holds the 440, 500, 880 yards and one mile. He set the world's quarter mile record at Detroit in 1917. He also holds various sectional records and has distinguished himself by his work at the interallied games. His most notable feat there was the winning of the swim down the Seine through Paris. Ross was a lieutenant in the army during the war.