

Swimmer's Statue To Honor Duke; Public To Aid Fund

Tribute to the achievements of one of Hawaii's best known and beloved citizens, Duke P. Kahanamoku, will be made through the erection of a life-sized bronze statue of the famous swimmer, according to initial plans made by the Kamaaina Beachcombers' Hui.

Although no designer has yet been chosen, Theodore "Pump" Searle, president of the organization, said the statue will most likely take the form of a swimmer. It will be placed on the beach where it can serve to encourage young swimmers to excel in Hawaii's favorite sport.

According to tentative plans, the statue will be erected on property between the Outrigger and Hui Nalu swimming clubs.

It is planned to raise funds within the next six months, Mr. Searle said. The community will be asked

to contribute and subscriptions are not to be more than \$1 per person. It is expected that the statue will be completed before 1938.

Committees headed by George "Dad" Center of the Outrigger club and John D. Kaupiko of the Hui Nalu will make plans for the drive for funds.

The Kamaaina Beachcombers' hui is an organization of local sportsmen interested in promoting swimming in the islands. It is already starting to build up Hawaiian swimmers for the Olympic meet to be held in Japan four years hence.

The movement was given impetus at a gathering on Sunday at the Alfred L. Castle home at Kahuku to celebrate the 25th anniversary of Duke Kahanamoku's first world record swim in Honolulu harbor. A koa steering paddle was presented to him.