

SPORTS About Town

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"Coach Soichi Sakamoto is the greatest swimming coach in the world."

That statement came from one who ought to know. He is none other than our Bill Smith Jr., who needs no introduction. Bill uttered that remark at the Quarterback club meeting Monday.

Bill gave further evidence of his faith in Coach Sakamoto by returning to Hawaii from Ohio State University to place himself under Sakamoto's charge.

Hawaii needs the University of Hawaii coach at the Olympics and the QBs are doing their part.

Coach Sakamoto let known his feelings with, "it has been my fondest dream to go to the Olympic games."

Andy Johnson, chairman of the drive, reported that to date \$379.80 has been collected.

Johnson outlined a plan whereby personal contacts will be made.

George Pottorff, general chairman, said that he and Rep. Walter Dillingham plan to fly to Hilo to generate the drive there. Mr. Dillingham has offered his private plane for the trip.

The guest of honor was Sir Frank Beaurepaire, whom Dad Center described, "as the guy who always had his name in the record books when Hawaii dominated the swimming world some years back."

GREAT SWIMMER

Sir Frank, the greatest middle distance swimmer in his day, is credited by Mr. Center as the man who taught Hawaiian swimmers the

technique of swimming from 300 yards to the three miles.

According to "Dad," Sir Frank was asked to remain in Hawaii in 1920 to instruct our swimmers.

The Australian nobelman outlined his plans to obtain the 1956 Olympics for Australia. He feels that he has a good chance of putting the "Olympics for Australia" over.

"Australia and Hawaii have been closely connected in sports, especially swimming, for over 30 years and I believe that we should work together towards getting international sports played here and in Australia," he said.

OTHER SPEAKERS

Others spoken were:

Dr. Fred McKenzie, recently appointed line coach of the University; Carlos Rivas, KGMB sportscaster; Gay Harris, former manager of the Outrigger Canoe club and a great swimmer in his day.

Dr. Iwao Miyake, acting UH athletic director, and Nigel Crawford, visiting here.

Chappie Chapman mastered the ceremonies.