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Miklos Tottossy, right, tries out a two-man kayak on the Ala Wai canal with Nap Napoleon of Outrigger Canoe Club.

Outrigger Club Takes Up Olympic Canoe Paddling

Outrigger Canoe Club, long associated with water sports in Hawaii, is going into Olympic canoe paddling with the hope of developing prospects for the United States Olympic team.

Fred Steere, speaking for the Outrigger, said the club has purchased three canoes from Europe to be used in training paddlers for Olympic competition. These canoes arrived recently.

George Downing, one of Waikiki's outstanding water sports enthusiasts, will coach the Outrigger paddlers and Miklos Tottossy, former Hungarian athlete now attending Stanford University, will assist in teaching candidates the technique of paddling.

TOTTOSSY ARRIVED Wednesday night by United States Overseas Airlines and is staying at Ft. De Russy. During his two-week visit he will conduct paddling classes at the Ala Wai canal and also give instructions on Greco-Roman wrestling.

"The Outrigger Canoe Club feels there is a need for training young men in Olympic paddling to give our country stronger representation at Olympic Games," Steere said yester-

day in disclosing plans to go into this sport.

"We hope to find several outstanding prospects from within our own membership on the beach.

"We have looked into this sport and have found out that most of the men who represented the United States in Olympic paddling were seniors, men around 50 years of age," he added.

Steere pointed out that the Molokai to Oahu outrigger canoe paddling races have proven that Islanders are strong and capable of long distance paddling.

"With our climate here and our natural love of water sports, we feel that there is a great opportunity for our boys and young men in Olympic canoe paddling.

"Only the matter of learning proper technique and gaining experience in the sport need to be mastered," he further pointed out.

TOTTOSSY got in some canoeing on the Ala Wai yesterday morning and in the afternoon he instructed a class in Olympic freestyle wrestling at the Kaneohe Marine Corps Air Station. To top off his day, the former Hungarian Freedom Fighter put in

two hours of gymnastics at the Central YMCA gym.

He said the climate for canoeing here is perfect. He reported also that the Ala Wai is an ideal place for the sport.

"You can lay out a 10,000 meter course and also have a straight-away course for sprint races of 1,000 meters," he declared.

Tottossy found members of yesterday's class in wrestling very interested in the sport but noted also they did not know much about the Olympic style of wrestling.

"Olympic free style wrestling differs from the intercollegiate type in that it requires close body contact and hard mat work," said Tottossy.

The Stanford senior, who is now a permanent resident of the United States, feels that those who take up wrestling should also lift weights.

Tottossy's trip here is being jointly sponsored by the Armed Forces, Honolulu Athletic Coaches and Directors' Association, Hawaiian AAU and USA.

Hawaiian Club

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