

MAY PERFORM IN OUTRIGGER MEET TO BE HELD HERE

Offer Made To Champion Swimmers of Japan To Make Visit In June

Five leading Japanese swimmers will come to Honolulu during the early part of next month if negotiations which were started Saturday by "Dad" Center and Gay Harris with the Federation of Intercollegiate Swimmers of Japan, bring results.

The swimmers will participate in the meet that is being sponsored by the Outrigger Canoe club in June.

The following radiogram was forwarded to Tadao Takamizawa, manager of the Japanese mermen:

"Guarantee return passages and all expenses here. Leave Japan May 30 on Taiyo Maru. Guarantee good for five swimmers. Please reply."

Plans Considered

Plans to bring the Japanese swimmers here have been considered for a long time. Last year, some of the local sports writers asked U. Watada, secretary of the Kauai County Y. M. C. A., who visited Japan in August, to open negotiations with the swimming federation. He returned with the news that the Japanese swimmers were very anxious to come here. The only handicap, according to Watada, was finances.

Now that the local club is guaranteeing expenses, it is predicted that the swimmers will accept the invitation.

That Japan wants to secure swimming glories in Hawaii is a certainty. Among the four leading aquatic stars, who are to be invited are, K. Takaishi, graduate of Waseda university and who is rated as the Johnny Weissmuller of Japan; H. Uyeda, T. Satake and Sugita.

Their Records

Some of the times made by these swimmers are:

One hundred meter free style, 59 4-10 seconds, K. Takaishi; 100 meter backstroke, 1 minute 15 6-10 seconds, H. Uyeda; 200 meter free style, 2 minutes 17 8-10 seconds, K. Takaishi; 200 meter breaststroke, 3 minutes 2 5-10 seconds, Sugita; 400 meter free style, 5 minutes 11 4-10 seconds, K. Takaishi; 800 meter free style, 11 minutes 25 8-10 seconds, T. Satake; 1500 meter free style, 21 minutes 58 8-10 seconds, K. Takaishi; 200 meter free style, 1 minute 53 2-10 seconds, K. Takaishi; 400 meter free style, 4 minutes 25 seconds, K. Takaishi, and 800 meter free style, 10 minutes 10 seconds, K. Takaishi.

Takaishi, who represented Japan at the Olympic games several years ago, has been making better times during the last few years. He is the holder of a number of Far Eastern swimming records.

The other swimmers are also good.

"Dad" Center plans to send the Japanese swimmers to the other islands to give exhibitions.