

## ARE WE GOING TO GIVE JAPANESE COMPETITION?

**T**HE proposed two-day swimming carnival next month under the auspices of the Outrigger Canoe club, that will feature six Japanese swimmers, is going to need something more than publicity to insure success.

If the marks credited the Japanese swimmers are correct, and there is every reason to believe they are correct, then they can swim rings around anything we have in Hawaii at the present time.

Our best swimmers are Warren Kealoha, Sam Kahanamoku, Johnny Woodd, Bill Kirschbaum and Henry Luning, and with the exception of Woodd, it is doubtful if the others have any idea of training for the Outrigger events. In fact, it is not at all sure that any of them will enter.

Kealoha has confided in friends that he did not intend to compete.

This is something the various affiliated clubs of the A.A.U. should take up at once. If Hawaiian swimmers are to make a creditable showing against the Japanese, efforts should be made at once to have them start training.

Our swimmers enjoy more than anything else trips to the mainland, but it is a cinch that unless they show a disposition to work and turn in creditable performances in competition, that no effort will be made by their clubs or others to send them to the Sesqui-centennial in Philadelphia this summer.

### WE'RE LUCKY TO GET EVEN \$200

**T**HE TIP OFF on how the National A.A.U. feels toward Hawaiian swimmers comes in the announcement that only \$200 is allotted toward the expense of a local team to the Sesqui-centennial, while \$800 is to be paid the Chicago district.

Why?

Merely because with Weismuller, Borg and others, Chicago offers a championship attraction.

If we had several titleholders in Hawaii, you can bet that every effort would be made to get the Hawaiian swimmers to Philadelphia.

Swimming may not be dead in Honolulu, but it's just about breathing through its ears, and the public appears to have lost interest.

I believe the swimmers themselves are more to blame than anything else.

If the Japanese swimmers come here next month and make a grand cleanup, perhaps the local stars will get busy.