

HAWAIIAN STARS GET BIG WELCOME

Crabbe Brothers Write About Their Arrival In Japan

Hawaii's swimmers who recently competed in two big swimming meets in Tokio and Osaka were given a royal welcome when they arrived in Japan, according to word received by E. C. S. Crabbe from his two sons, Clarence and Edward, who are members of the team.

According to Clarence's letter nothing was left undone for the Hawaii swimmers and they were entertained and provided with everything they needed.

A portion of Clarence's letter follows:

"Well, we are having one grand time in Japan. On the boat we also had a nice time. We arrived off-port at 8 o'clock and the doctors came on board. After that we pulled up to the pier—but you should have seen the thousands of small boats the same type as the sampans around Hawaii.

"We got off the boat at 11 o'clock, went straight to the depot to catch the electric car. Gee! They sure do go fast. But when we got to the Tokio station we were greeted royally. I guess about 3000 persons greeted us there. First we went to the Hawaii Shinbun and met the heads of that newspaper. Then we visited the other newspaper offices. At noon we went to the Imperial hotel for luncheon—and what a lunch.

"By the way this is the most beautiful and best hotel I have seen. It skins the Royal Hawaiian hotel by miles. After lunch we visited 23 different newspapers and had our pictures taken about a thousand times. After that we went to the place where we are going to stay while in Japan. Mr. Sasaki, president of the Japan Electric Co., owns the place. Talk about a wonderful place to live. It is a regular training quarters. We have a separate building to ourselves and also a swimming pool, 25 meters long and about 12 meters wide. Gee! I think I can make the 100 meters in about nothing flat because the water is so cold.

"We have three waiters, an expert chef, two butlers and we also have our laundry done free."

"The streets of Tokio are very dirty and are asphalt only in some places. There are many American automobiles in Japan. There certainly are a lot of people in Yokohama and Tokio. We live about four miles from the center of Tokio so you see we are out where we get plenty of fresh air.

"It is quite warm today. Dad gave us a slight workout today and we are going over this afternoon to see the pool where we are to swim. This evening there is to be a big reception in our honor at one of the fashionable restaurants in Tokio. We swim on September 7-8 and September 11-12. I will write later and tell you more about what we are doing."