

# THOUSANDS AT WHARF TO SEE SWIM CHAMPS

**Crabbe and Kalili Get a Royal Welcome As They Arrive Aboard Manoa**

**Siren's Blasts Assist In the Greeting; Stars Taken On Downtown Parade**

Blowing of sirens, honking of automobile horns, shouts of "Aloha" from thousands of citizens who lined the streets and three blasts of the Aloha Tower siren greeted Hawaii's world's champion swimmers, Clarence ("Buster") Crabbe and Maiola Kalili, when they arrived from the mainland this morning on the Manoa.

Mickey Reilly, Olympic point winner in diving, and Alberto Zorrilla, Olympic 400-meter champion, who will appear in the international swimming meet here July 17-18-19, shared with Crabbe and Kalili in the reception, as did Charlie Tong Nap, who returned from the mainland after representing Hawaii in the national model airplane competition at Detroit.

The reception given the swimmers was the most enthusiastic ever accorded athletes returning from a victorious invasion of other lands. A large reception committee composed of representatives of the Hawaiian Association of the A. A. U., the Hui Makani, Outrigger Canoe club, chamber of commerce and other organizations met the swimmers off port and the four aquatic stars were loaded with leis by the time they reached the dock.

As soon as the Manoa nosed its way into the harbor the siren at Aloha tower let out three long blasts, signaling to the people of Honolulu that the champion mermen had arrived.

## **Hundreds At the Dock**

Hundreds of sports followers were at the dock as well as the Hawaiian band, and the swimmers were given an enthusiastic welcome.

Crabbe, who has returned from victorious trips before without receiving such a reception, was stunned by the enthusiasm of the crowd.

It was "Aloha, Buster! Good work, Maiola!" from all sides.

But the reception had only started. More leis were hung around the necks of all four swimmers as well as the diminutive Nap.

It was 15 minutes before the crowd could be cleared away enough to permit the swimmers to make their way to the big automobile, loaned through the courtesy of the Royal Hawaiian hotel.

The top was down on the car and the four swimmers and young Nap sat on the back of the seats as their machine followed the Hawaiian band in a parade through the business section and then to the

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