

OLYMPIC TRIALS

The action of the Olympic officials in permitting Buster Crabbe to enter the Olympics at Los Angeles without going through the swimming trials, is a fine thing for the Honolulu boy.

Had Crabbe been forced to swim in the trials he would have had a long train trip from Los Angeles to Cincinnati and then back to Los Angeles again just before the Olympic competition.

This would seriously break into the swim star's training period. The way things are now lined up Crabbe will have an unbroken period of training straight through to the Olympic competition.

Crabbe has some tough competition coming up this year, chiefly from Japanese swimmers. Reports from Japan indicate that some of the distance stars to represent that country will make a strong bid for titles.

Buster was defeated the last time he invaded Japan. However, it is known that he is now in much better condition than he was in Japan and his times in recent meets show that he is swimming faster than ever before.