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## Japan's Top Volleyers Open Series Sunday

The Yashica women's volleyball team, Japan's national champion, will play three exhibitions matches at the McKinley High School gym.

The visitors meet a Hawaiian team on Sunday and Monday evenings. They will then split their team and close their Hawaiian stand with an all-Japan match.

A men's match between Outrigger and Central YMCA at 7:30 will precede

the women's matches each evening.

Thirteen players, a manager and two coaches and a leader make up the Japan party.

The Japanese have been on a worldwide volleyball tour which has taken them to more than a dozen cities, including Los Angeles. They left Japan on August 11 and are stopping here on the last leg of their trip before returning home.

SHARON PETERSON, voted the top player of this year's Nationals at Knoxville, Tenn., and Fanny Ho-  
peau are two of the outstanding players on the Hawaiian team, both having been members of last year's U.S. team.

Calvin McGregor and Harry Kealoha are handling the Hawaiian squad.

Admission is \$1 for each night. Tickets may be purchased at either Central or Nuuanu YMCA.

### Japan spikers face Isle gals

The Yashica women's volleyball team of Japan will show here Sunday evening at McKinley High School gymnasium.

The Japanese team which left Japan Aug. 11 and has played in Europe, South America and North America, is due here Sunday at 1 p.m.

The Yashica spikers will play against an All-Hawaii Girls team at 8 p.m. Sunday and then will split up to play a two set match.

In a preliminary game at 7:30, the Central Y and Outrigger Canoe Club men's teams will clash.

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Dr. Huffaker

## Swimmer Making 3rd Channel Try

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Swimming like a "mechanical man," Dr. Harry Huffaker broke past the halfway mark at 9 a.m. today in his third attempt to become the first man to swim from the Big Island to Maui.

Elated supporters, accompanying him across the 29½-mile, shark-infested Alenuihaha Channel in the "Spooky Luke," were optimistic that this time he would make it.

The 29-year-old Honolulu dentist left Upolu Point on the Big Island at 12:08 a.m.

and estimated that he would reach Maui at about 3:30 p.m. at the earliest.

"HE'S GOT everything going for him," Ron Haworth, the Star-Bulletin's surfing columnist, reported by radio from the vessel.

"His spirits are extremely high; he looks very good, and the channel today could not be any calmer unless they took the water out.

"His perseverance and the prevailing weather should put him on Maui before 6 p.m."

Haworth, coordinator of the swim, was at Huffaker's side on a surfboard from sunrise until 8 a.m.

"He expects to finish the swim," Haworth said. "He hasn't said so — he doesn't talk much — but I can see it in his eyes."

He said Huffaker had stopped three or four times for an orange drink. He ate half of a turkey sandwich and a candy bar, and took a pill to suppress his appetite.

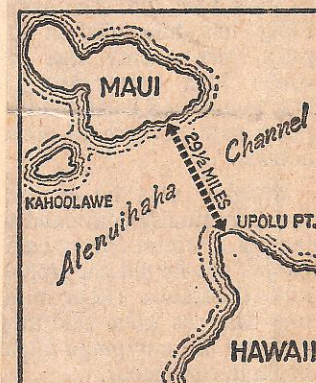
"He swims like a mechanical man — looking straight ahead," Haworth said. "He's going to keep going until he gets to Maui."

HUFFAKER HAD a "momentary fear" about 1 a.m. when he was surrounded by what he thought were sharks.

However, they turned out to be porpoises. And they swam along with him for about 45 minutes.

Since then, Haworth said, "All we've seen are a few small sea birds."

Huffaker tackled the channel last April, but had to quit



Huffaker's route.

two miles short of his destination because of adverse currents and a drop in his body temperature.

He was ready for another stab at it last month, but postponed the swim after two days of bad weather.

On his first attempt, he plunged into the water directly from Upolu Point. He

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also planned to do this last month.

But this time he was taken by boat near the point. He swam to shore, touched land, and then took off.

Huffaker's wife, Chris, and his father, flew to Maui and planned to drive up and down the Hana coast with a walky-talky until the swimmer's landing spot is pinpointed.

The crew of the "Spooky Luke" fetched a glass ball out of the water which they intend to give him at the finish of his swim as a reminder "that he wasn't alone out here."

Huffaker swam the Molokai Channel two years ago in a record 13½ hours. Keo Nakama was the first person to accomplish that feat.

### Japan VB stars here

The Yashica women's volleyball team of Japan, one of the best in the world, will show tonight at the McKinley High School gymnasium.

The women athletes are due today at 1 p.m. and will show in two matches.

They will take on a All-Hawaii women's team at 8 o'clock and then will split up into two teams for another match.

A preliminary game between the men's teams of the Central Y and Outrigger Canoe Club will get under way at 7:30.

The Japanese women's team will complete its world tour with its matches here. It has performed in Europe, South America and North America.

## Honolulu's Swimming Dentist Feels He Accomplished Feat

Harry Huffaker swam for 20 hours and four minutes Saturday and he feels he accomplished his goal, crossing the Alenuihaha Channel from the Big Island to Maui.

Technically he didn't. He got out of the water at 8:12 p.m. Saturday about a mile or so from the Maui coast. But, he explained, he was still swimming well and got out only because of darkness.

The darkness made it dangerous for the escort boat, "Spooky Luke," to continue toward shore. At the same time, two men on surfboards accompanying Huffaker did not want to continue without the boat. And it was felt Huffaker should not continue without the surfboard riders as escort.

Dr. Huffaker, a Honolulu dentist, had crossed approximately 28½ miles of the 29½ mile channel when he boarded the boat. The dentist said the swim was a "success." He explained he could have reached shore but stopped

because of concern for the safety of the escort boat and surfboard riders.

The coast was dark and there was no party on shore to lead the swimmer and escorts in. It was explained the swimmer had

expected to reach Maui in daylight. Huffaker began swimming from Upolu Point at 12:08 a.m. Saturday. He expected to make it to Maui between 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. the

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same day.

Huffaker said he feels he has accomplished his goal and does not plan to try the swim again. His first attempt in April failed due to problems with the current near Maui. Another attempt planned for September was aborted after two consecutive days of bad weather on the channel.

The swimmer swam the Molokai Channel in 1967, the second man to do so. He also made the crossing in 13½ hours which is a speed record.

Huffaker twice has failed in attempts to swim the English Channel.