

McKenley setting up athletic clubs

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ESTABLISHMENT of athletic clubs in different parts of the island so as to keep the interest of track athletes alive and to foster the competitive spirit, is now being undertaken by Mr. Herb McKenley, Supervisor of Athletics. Already three such clubs have been formed.

response" throughout. He is to present an interim report on his work to the JAAA shortly.



Setting up of the clubs is part of an eight-point programme for the development of athletics in Jamaica, recently submitted to the Jamaica Amateur Athletic Association by Mr. McKenley.

Over the weekend, the Athletic Supervisor visited Spaldings and Mandeville in Manchester.

In Spaldings, he had talks with Dr. F. R. Duhaney and Mr. Sydney Foster, who represented the island in Barranquilla and London. A club is being formed in this area under the supervision of Dr. Duhaney and Mr. Foster.

In Mandeville, Mr. McKenley had discussions with Mr. G. B. Grant, former long distance champion of the island, and with Mr. J. C. Sleggs, headmaster of the Manchester High School.

JAAA branches

One of the points in Mr. McKenley's programme to the JAAA was that there should be branch organizations of the association in different parts of the island. Such branches, he maintains, would help lessen the work of the parent body.

First of such branches is to be formed in the Mandeville area under the guidance of Mr. Grant, Mr. Sleggs and Mr. Vin Isaacs.

He is hoping to form as many branches as possible within the next three months. Idea is that at the end of that period, he will have a sufficient number of branches to hold a convention under the auspices of the parent body.

At this meeting of the affiliated associations, a big track programme would be drawn up which would cover a six-month period. Thus, athletes would know before hand just how many meets would be run next year and the dates. Training schedules could be planned accordingly.

Mr. McKenley has reported that his programme is going "according to plan" and that he has met with "enthusiastic

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