

# BALLENTYNE SAYS UKULELE PATROL MEMBERS MADE TROUBLE

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Watson Ballentyne and Edmund Melanphy, of the Outrigger Club, both got in touch with the Star office this morning and each gave his views on the matter of the failure of the club to enter a team for tomorrow's swimming races.

Melanphy said:

"It wasn't a case of cold feet at all that a team wasn't entered. We lack available material, and there isn't enough club interest, that is the trouble. I did telephone to Mr. Soper asking him to let us enter every event with a blank team, but that was done in order to satisfy the members of the Ukulele Patrol, which had been clamoring to be allowed to take part in the sports. They are nearly all little tads and of no account as swimmers, though of course they could take part in a gladiatorial con-

test or obstacle race. All the club's good swimmers belong to other organizations and have entered in their name."

Watson Ballentyne's statement was as follows:

"Melanphy and I talked over the matter of entering a team two weeks ago and decided not to, as so few men were turning out and the material in sight was so poor. There were not enough names handed in to make it worth while to post a notice to the effect that there would be no team entered.

"All this fuss has been made by a few disgruntled members of the Kkulele Patrol. Alexander Hume Ford's pet organization. Those who did any real swimming knew that there would be no team for tomorrow's events."