

ROWING ASSOCIATION AND A. A. U. COME TOGETHER ON QUESTION OF CASH PRIZES

purposes, in the Regatta Day events, has decided to substitute trophies for purses, in the Regatta Day events, to which the Hawaiian Amateur Athletic Association, the local branch of the Amateur Athletic Union, took exception. The advertisements will be changed to read, for instance, \$30 trophy, instead of \$30 purse, but the rowing association will hand over the cold cash to the winner and leave the purchase of the "trophy" to the latter's discretion. If a certificate of deposit looks like a suitable reward, that's up to him. How this will change the actual status of the meet is not quite apparent, but it is as far as the rowing association is willing to go, and may bridge the gulf that threatened to spring up between the Healani, Myrtle and Puunene clubs and the A. A. U. organization with which they are affiliated.

This concession was decided on this morning, at an informal meeting of the Regatta Day committee of the Hawaiian Rowing Association, called to consider a letter from the H. A. A. A. warning the rowing clubs that members who took part in the regatta if cash prizes were offered in any event, were risking their amateur standing.

Yesterday the H. A. A. A. sent out a circular letter to the clubs having crews in the regatta, calling their attention to the fact that, while the A. A. U. did not have jurisdiction over rowing, the individual clubs of the Hawaiian Rowing Association were members of the H. A. A. A. for track, athletic and swimming purposes, and therefore subject to the rules of the organization. In explanation of the warning, the following rule of the A. A. U. was quoted:

"Any club, a member of the association of the A. A. U. of the United

States, which sanctions the competition of any member or any team under its club emblem, in unregistered sports or professional contests, or which persists in playing disqualified athletes, or which permits professionals to compete under its auspices in any competition in a sport over which the A. A. U. assumes jurisdiction, where such competition is announced as a competition between amateurs, shall be liable to forfeit its membership in such association."

"I want it distinctly understood that the A. A. U. isn't threatening or banning, or even sanctioning the regatta," said President Tuttle of the H. A. A. A. "We are as keen to see it a success as anyone, but we want to see the local clubs protected. We don't want to run any chances of injuring the standing of the individual athletes, or of the local organization, which has already sent one world's champion to the mainland. If it hadn't been for the A. A. U., Duke would never have got his chance to go east, for his records would not have attracted attention outside the islands."

It is interesting to note, however, that under the strict interpretation of the very rules now under discussion, Duke lost his amateur standing last year, after he had made his swimming marks here. He was a member of the Hui Nalu canoe crew that won first place from the Outriggers, the first prize appearing on last year's list as \$30, and the second as \$15. On the winning crew with Duke were Vincent Genoves, who swam in the east as an amateur; W. Cottrill, J. Lishman, D. Keawemahi, and "Dude" Miller.

But anything for peace and a quiet life, and if the changing of a printed word can make the regatta straight and according to Hoyle, by all means let's have the word changed.