

# RUTH STACKER TAKES A RAP AT CRITICS OF BATHING SUIT

Ruth Stacker, former Honolulu girl and now writing sports for a San Francisco paper, thus comments on the local bathing suit controversy:

"Down in Honolulu there is being raised some commotion over bathing togs for girls. The woman's auxiliary of the Outrigger Canoe Club is causing all the commotion—in fact, is the whole rumpus itself, being the only girls' swimming club at Waikiki.

"Time was when Waikiki was a cozy do-as-you-like sort of place where a girl could wear anything from her brother's bathing suit to her mother's wedding dress for swimming attire, but the Rocking Chair Fleet, a crowd of women who infest the beach in the afternoons to exercise their tongues in a regular tirade against the carefree, happy girls who go to the beach for the mere enjoyment of swimming, have interfered.

"They are self-appointed guardians of their sisters and are making a plea through the supervisors to put a ban on one-piece costumes.

"It's a case of 'Mother, may I go out

for a swim?' 'M-M-M-M—well, yes, my dear, but you'd better wear my last year's sport suit and paw's spring overcoat for coverin'."

"The girls have been looking at some of grandma's pattern books and are ready to adopt a new style of bathing suit with leg-o'-mutton sleeves and hoopskirts.

"Open letters have been published in the newspapers and the attention of the women was called by a member of the Men's club to the evening gowns often worn at the Country club dances. He also remarked that the lovely tree-covered pergolas along the beach made lovely lounging quarters for the Rocking Chair Fleet. It gives them such a splendid view of the bathers.

"From the sublime to the ridiculous! But if Honolulu must have an extreme, let's have the other. Anyway, the mayor's niece is a swimmer and maybe he'll hold out on the swimmers' side and not that of the idlers who have time to do nothing but criticize their fellow sisters."