WANTS LOCAL A. A. U. TO BACK SWIMMERS

There will be a general feeling of mortification through the Islands if the charges against the Hawaiian swimmers of padding their expense accounts during their mainland tour are proven, says the Maui News of Wailuku editorially in last Friday's issue. Press despatches state that if the charges are sustained Kahanamoku, Kruger and Lane will be barred from further participation in athletic events in the Middle States. It is to be hoped that the Islands' branch of the A. A. U. gets strongly back of this matter and makes sure where the fault lies, if any, and if possible secure a reinstatement of the swimmers. The boys were traveling under direction of a manager who should have had charge of the expense accounting.