

ROWING RACES ON REGATTA DAY PREVENTED BY THE WAR

Answering a published query as to what the boat and rowing clubs of Honolulu were doing this year to promulgate an aquatic program for Regatta Day, which is due next Saturday, President A. B. Kroll of the Hawaiian Rowing Association today announced that there would be no formal arrangements made on account of the war.

"The boat clubs," said Mr. Kroll, "do not feel justified in asking the city to contribute toward a big celebration or program on Regatta Day this year. First off, we feel that the funds which usually go toward defraying the expenses of the day should be applied to the purchase of Liberty Bonds. — and hope they will be so diverted by the generous subscribers of previous years.

"Then, too, we have been advised by the navy department that it would be inadvisable and impossible to admit the general public to the waterfront at this time, when such stringent regulations against that very thing are being enforced. With no spectators on hand Regatta Day would fizzle into nothingness.

"On top of that we find, on going over our lists, that it would be next to impossible for either of the rowing clubs to put a representative crew into a shell. Practically every one of our first-flight men is in the service

of his country and has put aside his rowing form in favor of his 'row'-ing form if you get the distinction.

"Hence we have sent notices to the subscribers and the Chamber of Commerce, stating that we would not ask for any contributions this year, nor attempt any elaborate program on that day. A few of the old-timers will probably pull off a race or two, just for the sentimental value of the day —but, so far as anything approaching the usual celebration is concerned, that is pau until after the war."

It is understood that the Outrigger Canoe Club contemplates a short program of aquatic sports on Saturday, but this will be in the nature of an impromptu affair, for members of that organization only.

