

LOCAL ACTION OF BIG IMPORT

Of international and national importance is the action of the local authorities in abandoning the water carnivals, according to a San Francisco sports scribe, who has this to say:

"There will be no big swimming races at Honolulu until the war is over. The annual meeting of the Hawaiian branch of the A. A. U. last week decided that as it was impossible to secure the use of the docks for public demonstrations, no outdoor contests would be held until after the war.

"The decision of the Hawaiian association is of national and international importance. Ever since 1911 when Duke Kahanamoku sprang into world wide prominence, the famous swimming races of Honolulu have been an annual fixture. Of late years it has been customary to hold these events every February and September. The Hawaiian people have been supporters of these meets and the events have been so well attended that thousands of dollars were spent for each meet to get the best swimmers to go to Honolulu to compete against the island stars.

"Perry McGillivray, Norman Ross, Bab Small and many other noted natators of this country have competed in these meets, while Claire Galligan, Dorothy Burns, Frances Cowells and Dorothy Becker at different times have visited the islands and made a great impression by their swimming. The swimmers from the "mainland," as the Hawaiians term us, have always put up a great battle and to Bab Small went the honor of defeating Kahanamoku in world's record time."
