

# HILO SWIMMERS FOR ANTWERP, SLOGAN

## Meeting Called to Form Club for Encouraging Aquatic Races Here.

### MORE CLUBS ARE NEEDED

#### Father of Helen Moses Would Like to See Race Between Her and Kunaloha.

In view of the interest which is being manifested in swimming in Hilo, by reason of the splendid showing made by the local boys and girls on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings last, a meeting has been called for Wednesday evening, November 19, at the Board of Trade Rooms, Hilo, 7:30 o'clock.

On all sides it is evident that Hawaii has swimmers who have the makings of champions, and it is not too much to hope that about half of America's team for the Olympic Games will come from these islands. There will probably be in the neighborhood of 20 swimmers representing America at Antwerp, when the swimmers of the world will contest for honors. "Dad" Center declares that with a little training the swimmers from Hawaii who will gain a place on that team will number about 10. If that is the case, say those interested, it will be the greatest advertising that the Territory has ever had. Hilo stands a good chance to gain her share of it, if the Hilo folk will get together and take some steps to organize other clubs in addition to the Hilo Yacht Club and have friendly competitions as often as is compatible with good judgment.

#### Make a Start Meeting

The first thing is to make a start and it is for that reason this meeting is to be held. Hilo has had its initial swimming meet. It has been a success, but it would be indeed a pity if the promising swimmers were left without any inducement to keep up and still further improve.

Hilo has not the course necessary, although there is plenty of open water protected from the rough sea. Just where the course should be placed which is to be Hilo's future racing arena is a matter which requires a great deal of consideration, and open discussion is the best method of learning the views of those who are interested in the sport.

Naturally, the parents of the boys and girls who swam for Hilo on last Tuesday and Wednesday evenings are interested and not alone for their children's sake, but also for Hilo. R. T. Moses is a keen enthusiast on swimming and he will be one of those who will be present on Wednesday and may be induced to make some suggestions. He was at Honolulu during the meet when Miss Kunaloha Keliipio swam for Hilo and he is reported to have almost cheered himself hoarse as Hilo's representative swam in the 50 yards race which she won. She was swimming for Hilo and he cheered for her.

"I would like to see a race between Helen and Kunaloha," he remarked yesterday. "I think such competitions are the right thing. Of course, I would cheer for Helen, that is only natural, but if the other girl wins I would be on her side when she was racing against Honolulu or any one else. I hope to see a number of races here in the near future, for both boys and girls."

#### All Clubs Invited

It is hoped that representatives of the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Camp Fire Girls, Hilo Yacht Club, Owls, Moose, Elks, Schools, and all other organizations will be present at the meeting on Wednesday evening.

The notice which was sent out to those who worked hard for the meet held on November 11 and 12, and to a number of others who have shown their interest, reads as follows:

"In order to develop swimming in Hilo it is essential that some action be taken immediately with regard to the establishment of Clubs here; the construction of a straight-away course, 100 yards in length; the appointment of a local Committee to communicate with the Honolulu branch of the Amateur Athletic Union, and the arrangement of local meets as often as is deemed advisable to get the Hilo swimmers into better form to compete in Honolulu next February.

These are some of the matters which should be attended to as soon as possible and it is considered advisable to call a meeting of all interested in swimming here for the evening of Wednesday, November 19, at 7:30 o'clock, in the Board of Trade Rooms, Hilo.

Your attendance is especially requested, and you are invited to bring

along all others whom you may think will be of value to this movement.

In the opinion of Champion Norman Ross, Champion Frances Coxella, Trainer Wm. Bachrach, "Dad" Center, Benny Clark and others who were here during our first meet, Hilo has the material. All it needs is to be developed. Now is the time to make a start while enthusiasm reigns.

"It is hoped you will be able to come to this preliminary gathering and will advise accordingly."

Any suggestions should be sent to J. W. Balna, who is acting as secretary pro tem.

#### Island Claims Miss Dowsett

At least one of the representatives of Honolulu who swam at the meet last week was from the Island of Hawaii, even though claimed by Oahu at present. Miss Beatrice Dowsett, for instance, is the daughter of Alexander Dowsett, of South Kona, better known, perhaps, as "Alka" Dowsett. "Alka" is the Hawaiian pronunciation of his name and it is after him that the recent flow was named. The "Alka" flow, is the "Alexander" flow.

Miss Dowsett came third in the women's open race for 50 yards and was one of the Outrigger team which won the 400 yards Girls' Club relay race. The fact that she is living in Honolulu at present does not lessen the fact that she is from Hawaii and is one of Hawaii's swimmers.

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