

HOMALIMALI

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paid all costs from entry blanks to prizes for our annual track meet. Since then Mr. McQueen, you are the third from your office to sit on the Board of the A.A.U. and what do we get now—nothing more than overripe raspberries. You are an elected member as delegated by your club and with specific obligations but during the past six months have attended only two meetings, when a political vote was needed. Because of such members, we have to resort to the election of your pet aversion—the “delegate-at-large” who through his sincere interest and unselfish work, helps to carry on.

DOESN'T APPROVE NEW SET-UP

OF PARAMOUNT interest just now is the “New set-up” advocated, and which when outlined at a recent special meeting, was nothing more than some of our own objects we have tried to live up to since 1911—that of defining athletic seasons and conducting inter-island championships. Why the outside islands should be dissatisfied with their status is surprising since they have equal privileges with Oahu clubs, have local delegates to serve on our board and athletic committees. Alexander House Settlement and the Kauai Athletic Union take in all the clubs of Maui and Kauai respectively which allows them to run their own programmes and leagues, unrestricted and unregistered, so long as amateur laws and rules are observed. Only when competing against outside talent, are their members required to be registered. The directors of both these clubs incidentally, are also the A.A.U. commissioners on those islands—a highly desirable situation. All clubs, irrespective of size, work toward the same objective—that of athletic development according to the amateur code, so why want extra votes. If another vote or two are needed, have them divide into sectional groups and affiliate separately and which will give them extra representation for extra dues, and our board will welcome a few more members to serve our interests. An alternative plan is to withdraw from this Association and form their own for each island. This will require legislation in time for the National annual meeting in December, mean a great deal of extra work and expense with nothing to gain. For instance, in sending a team of boxers to the Nationals, each island group would send a team independently of the other and create confusion in the minds of people there—teaching them perhaps only the new island names of Kauai and Maui.

WOULD RESULT IN LOSS OF CHARTER

TO HAVE each island of the Territory comprise one single club, would cause us to lose our charter since there would be less than eight. To overcome this, Oahu might be divided into three i.e., the Service, industrial and civilian which would mean a civil war among the civilian clubs for who would be usurped by whom and toward what end? The Three Y's with their national system would carry on independently. The Plantations and Service would pursue their programmes as though nothing happened. Palama, the Playgrounds and Schools would form some league with still another set of rules. University would continue as now and perhaps for good looks, join the I.C.A.A.A.A.—everyone with a code all its own. But what of some dozen clubs, few with any kind of plant, political influence or financial backing whose members are ineligible for the foregoing groups—the little fellows with the real pioneer athletic spirit? They will disband and for a while watch the chaos—then huddle in a hui and—well, that's another story—meanwhile what of our wonderful talent, the boys and girls we hope to prepare for the United States team to the 1940 Olympic Games? INELIGIBLE because there will be no governing body to present them. WHATTA picture after my twenty years of fanning.

The next fellow with any kind of “set-up” idea other than his committee work, take him to T. F. Trent for a free sanction to conduct a track or swim meet to harness his wandering brain. Much more could be said but Lei Day is calling—so Aloha Nui to Pump and yourself, Amateurishly yours,

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