

People and Parties

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A former feminine swimming champion who swam every distance from 50 yards to a mile and was one time holder of records in several of them has come back to the Islands, where she spent much of her childhood and girlhood.

Miss Cecily Cunha arrived Monday on the Lurline with plans to stay three months and has taken a cottage at Kaalawai.

She has a home in Westport, Connecticut, and spends much of her time in travel. With her is a friend, Mrs. A. M. Canning of Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Here to "enjoy the beauty of my old homeland," the former aquatic star, says she expects to spend a great deal of time swimming and surfing in waters she once knew so well.

WHILE LIVING in Honolulu, Miss Cunha attended Punahou School and since those days still maintains her membership in the Outrigger Canoe Club, where she has kept her surfboard for use on return visits.

Once dubbed, the "Pacific Coast's leading feminine swimming star," she one time held the world record for 50 yards and also was holder of United States, Pacific and Hawaiian swimming championships.

Her athletic prowess was not limited to the water. Miss Cunha was also rated as one of the country's leading woman poloists.