

THEY DO NOT WANT MARIECHEN TO COMPETE

NE of the main reasons why THE ADVERTISER is so anxious to raise enough money to send Mariechen Wehselau to the Women's National swimming championships in Florida next month, is because there are several well known mainland clubs and swimmers who would feel a whole lot easier if she remained right in Honolulu. In fact, they are not anxious to have her compete.

The Amateur Athletic union has cabled that it has no funds available to help defray Mariechen's expenses. This is probably true, but the A.A.U. DID make an appropriation for Eleanor Garatti of San Francisco, who was entitled to consideration because she is the recognized 50 yards champion among her sex.

THE ADVERTISER feels that we have in Honolulu a girl who can beat Miss Garatti, who looms up as her most formidable rival in the dash events. If Miss Garatti is beaten we have a national champion in our midst, a real champion, too, a Honolulu born girl—Mariechen Wehselau.

I am appealing to the readers of this column to kick in with a subscription to the fund. Give as much as you feel you can

afford, but give something.

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