

Honolulu's Girl Champ Will Leave Tomorrow To Compete In Florida

Advertiser's Drive for Public Subscriptions to Defray Expenses; Nets Grand Total of \$1290.25; Title Swim Events

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MARIECHEN WEHSELAU, Honolulu's champion swimmer of international fame, sails for San Francisco tomorrow and will be entered in the Women's National championships at St. Augustine, Fla., early next month.

The good people of Honolulu by their contributions to THE ADVERTISER fund have made this trip possible. The drive went over the top with a bang yesterday, when \$206.25 was turned in, making a grand total of \$1290.25, or slightly more than the amount asked—\$1150.

THE ADVERTISER this morning turns over the fund to Mrs. F. M. Swanzy, president of the Women's auxiliary of the Outrigger Canoe club, and not only wishes Miss Wehselau the best of luck, but takes this opportunity to thank the men and women of Honolulu who so generously contributed.

Miss Wehselau is a credit to Hawaii. She has demonstrated her ability as a championship swimmer on previous occasions. She should be given the opportunity to compete with mainland women in the National championships, and THE ADVERTISER paved the way by throwing open its news columns and inviting public support. The response was as speedy as it was generous. The drive succeeded in virtually two days, showing conclusively that Honolulu is interested in swimming and anxious to help rehabilitate the sport, which has slipped into the first stages of decay.

PROUD OF MARIECHEN

Mariechen is a Honolulu girl, she is a member of the Women's Auxiliary club and while she will be entered by that club in the National, she also represents Hawaii, and will be our standard bearer in Florida.

The swimming committee of the local A. A. U. at its meeting yesterday endorsed Miss Wehselau's entry from the Women's Auxiliary and will provide the proper credentials before she sails. In a letter from Chairman Victor Lidga, I quote in part "The Hawaiian Association is deeply appreciative for the wonderful drive you have put across." Thus the A. A. U. thanks THE ADVERTISER.

At this meeting it was also announced that the National A. A. U. had changed its mind and had cabled its local swimming representative that it would give \$250 towards Miss Wehselau's expenses and would provide for her hotel accommodations in Florida.

Last week the National body in response to appeal from the local association replied, "No funds available for Wehselau," but it was ex-

Landis Says O'Connell Is To Stay Out

(By The Associated Press)

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 18.—Judge Kenesaw Mountain Landis, the baseball commissioner, arrived in San Francisco today to visit J. C. "Cal." Ewing, owner of the Oakland club. Landis told newspapermen he saw little chance to reinstate Jimmy O'Connell suspended for attempting to bribe a player on the opposite team when a member of the Giants.

plained that the \$250 now available was probably turned back or refused by some swimmer for whom a previous appropriation had been made.

FUNDS ARE AMPLE

At any rate THE ADVERTISER has raised sufficient money through its public appeal to provide for all expenses of the trip. The Women's Auxiliary has promised that a strict accounting of this fund will be made when Miss Wehselau and her chaperone return, so that the public may be informed as to how the money was spent.

Miss Wehselau will proceed direct from San Francisco to St. Augustine where she will complete her training. She should arrive about February first. This will give her exactly nine days in which to get into trim as the meet opens Tuesday, February 9, with the 50 yards

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