

# Woodd and Kealoha In Fine Shape For Big Swim Event

Warren Kealoha will swim in the 220 yards backstroke on July 29, the 300 meter relay medley on July 30 and Johnny Woodd will compete in the 100 meters free style on July 31 at the national championship in Philadelphia, according to a letter received by The Star-Bulletin today from George ("Dad") Center, who is accompanying the swimmers to Philadelphia as trainer and manager.

Center reports that Kealoha and Woodd worked out each day in the tank on board ship while en route to the mainland. Kealoha took off four pounds during the trip and Woodd gained three pounds.

Center has been informed that the 100 meters will be over a straightaway and is much pleased with this news, as he believes Woodd can make a better showing over a straight course.

The Star-Bulletin also received a letter from Warren Kealoha, who reports that he is in fine shape. Both letters are published below.

## Center's Letter

On Board S. S. President Cleveland  
July 11, 1926

This is our third day out and it has been smooth and warm. This afternoon we ran into a bit of cool weather but it was not unpleasant.

We have a beautiful stateroom, cool and roomy, with two beds and a couch that makes a fine bed. Johnny sleeps on his first folding bed—or "trick" bed as he calls it. Warren hadn't been on board very long before he discovered the swimming tank and came down to tell Johnny—tickled to death. It certainly is a nice tank. We work out in it three times a day—7 a. m., 12 noon and 5 p. m. Kicking, swimming with arms while feet are hanging onto a life preserver and swimming with belt around waist is the program. We are also practicing starts and turns. While in the stateroom we work out once a day on breathing, kicking and arm work.

Warrent has taken off four pounds already even though he eats enough at each meal to make the table boy bring his food in on a wheel-barrow. Johnny, with all of his work and exercise, has put on three pounds.

The two swimmers have attracted a great deal of attention, especially while swimming.

The service on this boat cannot be beaten. Plenty of food and served and cooked right. The only thing wrong with the ship is that they have no pol on board. But as Warren says if we had pol we would be putting on weight instead of taking it off.

Warren says Johnny will have to get special permission from the purser to land his famous ukulele in San Francisco. Johnny's uke is the busiest thing on board outside of the dinner gong which seems to sound every half hour.

Before the trip is over Johnny will be a real ukulele teacher as he is kept busy instructing various passengers how to play.

I met a young fellow from Manila who knows the famous "Wild Bill" Harris, who swam for the Out-rigger Canoe club for a number of years. He is still swimming as fast as ever and is the champion down there. Evidently he is the same old bill with lots of fight.

Thursday, July 29, Warren will swim the 220 yards backstroke and he will compete in the 300 meters medley (100 meters each breast-stroke, backstroke and freestyle) on Friday, July 30. Johnny will swim the 100 meters freestyle on Saturday, July 31.

Tuesday, July 13

The weather is still fine and cool with smooth sea. The water in the tank jumped down from 72 to 64 degrees. Johnny received his first experience with real cold water and it nearly took his breath away. Both boys will only work out today in short spells so that they can get used to the water.

We get in tomorrow morning. Will not have much time to get around in San Francisco as we expect to leave there in the afternoon.

There are a number of passengers on board from Philadelphia and from all accounts the swimming events will be held on a lake. We are hoping that the course will be 100 meters straight-

## Kealoha's Letter

On Board S. S. Pres. Cleveland.  
July 14, 1926

Thanks for the leis. Haven't much to report yet but will write more later. We have a tank on board and every day "Dad" has us train morning, noon and night.

We are doing our stuff all right but don't seem to be able to work up a sweat in the water. Talk about good eats—and lots of it. There is a dead crowd on board but I have been trying to teach some of them to play the ukulele. Johnny also has a bunch that he is teaching.

I have lost several pounds and expect to lose more. All of us have been good sailors. Smooth trip all of the way making it unnecessary to join the sick squad.

We will arrive at San Francisco at 8 o'clock this morning. I expect to see some of my friends at the dock. Must close now. Johnny and Dad send their aloha to the bunch at the Star-Bulletin office.

Aloha,

WARREN,

## NEW YORK AGAINST CHAMPIONSHIP BOUT

(Associated Press by Naval Radio)

NEW YORK, July 21.—The New York state athletic commission yesterday voted two to one reiterating its refusal to reconsider its opposition to the proposed bout between Jack Dempsey and Gene Tunney for the heavyweight boxing championship of the world.

This was considered as removing the last prospect that the Dempsey-Tunney go, which is scheduled for next September, might be held in New York state. The general opinion was that the match would be taken by Promoter Tex Rickard to Chicago.

## WILL ENTERTAIN

Members of the Boy Scouts under the direction of Sam Robley will furnish entertainment in the form of tumbling and gymnastic exhibitions at the Pioneer celebration to be held at Kalihi Amusement hall Saturday evening by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints.

away and that the water will not be too cold.

I feel pretty sure that we will return on the President Pierce leaving San Francisco on August 7.

While I am up here will look over all the swimmers and conditions here, especially taking up with the Olympic club the possibility of a water polo team coming over for a couple of games.

Aloha Nui Loa.

DAD.

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