

LOCAL BODY FINDS PRESENT CASE INSUFFICIENT GROUNDS TO OUTLAW WORLD CHAMPION

By MIKE JAY

Duke Kahanamoku, world champion sprint swimmer, is still an amateur athlete. Further, he will remain an amateur so far as the Hawaiian A. A. U. is at present concerned. This was decided at a meeting of the island body last night at the home of W. T. Rawlins.

This momentous decision was made as a result of a letter recently from the national A. A. U. Calling attention to an alleged breach of the amateur rules. The letter from Frederick W. Rubien, secretary-treasurer of the national body, published in The Star-Bulletin sometime ago, was read to the meeting last night and the entire case thoroughly reviewed.

In that letter Rubien called the attention of the Hawaiian A. A. U. to the fact that Duke Kahanamoku's name had been attached to a letter appearing in an advertisement in a national weekly lauding the qualities of a certain varnish used for surfboards. Rubien also quoted Section D of Article 10 of the amateur athletic union rules which is in regard to the capitalization of one's name and runs as follows:

The Rule

"By granting or sanctioning the use of one's name to advertise or promote the sale of or to act as the personal solicitor for the sale or as the actual salesman of sporting goods, prizes, trophies or other commodities for use chiefly in or in connection with games or exhibitions of any sport."

The advertisement referred to was attached to Rubien's letter.

The Defense

E. Fullard-Leo secretary-treasurer of the Hawaiian A. A. U. wrote Duke a letter shortly after the Rubien missle arrived but as the Duke has been ill for some weeks he has not had an opportunity to answer the charges. However, at the meeting last night, John Wise appeared for Duke on behalf of the Hawaiian Civic club to protest against professionalizing the famous swimmer. W. T. Rawlins went into the case in detail and pointed out the legal aspects of the case showing that varnish used on surfboards could not rightly come under Section D of Article 10.

A Pastime

In the first place surfing is not a sport in that there is no competition and hence a close definition of surfing would place it under the heading of a pastime. Further, Rawlins pointed out, surfing is not under the jurisdiction of the A. A. U. Incidentally he added that Duke, in bringing to the attention of the varnish manufacturers, the new use for their product and signing a testimonial was merely entering a contest which these manufacturers were staging to learn new uses for their varnish.

The Hawaiian A. A. U. took all this into consideration together with the minor details of the in-

cident when the varnish company head secured Duke's signature to the testimonial and decided that it would report to the national body that there were not sufficient grounds in the case upon which to declare Duke a professional.

Present at the meeting last night were the following members of the board of managers of the Hawaiian A. A. U.:

George "Dad" Center, E. Fullard-Leo, W. T. Rawlins, W. W. Harris, Jr., D. L. Conkling, Otto Klum, Victor Lidga and Ralph Borden.

TONIGHT'S GAME

Tonight at the Central "Y" at 5 o'clock the Outriggers play the Y. M. C. A.-Ad club team in a senior division A. A. U. Volleyball league game.

WEEK-END HIKES

Saturday the Trail and Mountain club will visit the Koa forest and Round Top, while on Sunday the objective will be the heiau and coral plains near Ewa.

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The flashlight photograph reproduced on the sport page of The Star-Bulletin last Saturday showing Punahou tank at night was taken by Frank A. Davis of the Kodagraph shop.

Hunting is the most popular sport among the coeds of Iowa University and some of them have become so proficient as to supply sorority houses with fresh game.

Sherwood Nottingham Magee is said to be pointing for a job as umpire this season. We fear that Sherry would, through force of habit, kick at his own decision.

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