

NEW ZEALAND MAY INVITE WEHSELAU

Might Have Done So This Year, Says O'Neill of N. Z. Association

Mariechen Wehselau, Outrigger Canoe club swimmer and island champion, may be invited to New Zealand next winter. She would have been invited this year had the New Zealand association thought of it.

So says B. F. O'Neill, secretary of the New Zealand Amateur Swimming Association, to the Hawaiian A. A. U. in a letter which reads in part as follows:

"I may say that we are regretting here that Australia got in first with the invitation for Bill Harris for had we known that he would be able to make the trip this season we would in all probability have sent him an invitation. Where Australia gets in first we have to be content with such of the visitor's time as Australia can allow us (in this case three weeks only), whereas if we can get in first and Australia cares to come in, the position is reversed. Had the Harris tour not already been fixed up we would almost certainly have sent an invitation to Miss Wehselau and have asked Center to come along with her. To that extent we have fallen between two stools this year but we are looking forward to a better run next year."