

# Lively Contest Between Conkling and 'Dad' Center Brings In New Elements

## Shingle and McDuffie Figure In Rather Warm Discussion of Who Should Take Swimmers To Gay 'Paree'

Choice of a manager of the Hawaiian Olympic swimming teams appears today to have taken on some of the aspects of the squabbles which have characterized recent activities of the board of supervisors, the French chamber of deputies, the house of representatives and other bodies which are often prone to permit political considerations to enter into their deliberations.

When the justly famous board of managers of the Hawaiian Association of the A. A. U. was unable to decide at a meeting yesterday who should take charge of those who will represent the territory at the world's greatest athletic meet in Paris, the members adjourned in an atmosphere not at all in keeping with the harmony of elements which is generally supposed to characterize things Hawaiian.

Memories of the glory which Duke Kahanamoku brought not only to the athletic prowess of the Hawaiian race, but to the territory, the magnificent manner in which he took his place among the leading athletes of not only the United States, but the world itself, appeared to have almost faded away.

The prospect of sending another team to the great games in Europe was somewhat befogged by a contest over not what swimmers should go, or how the money should be raised, but who should go along as their Daddy.

### Would Make "Dad" the "Daddy"

Of the representatives of 15 clubs present nine thought that "Dad" Center was quite equal by reason of past experience and present ability to live up to the imputations of his well known nickname in taking care of the Hawaiian swimmers.

On the other hand were nine other representatives who felt equally strong that D. L. Conkling, having had charge of the city and county funds for some years and having been prominent in swimming affairs, should be made the "Dad" of the swimming team. Among those was Conkling himself, who came to the meeting as the representative of the Kauai Athletic Association and the Hui Makani.

Of course the ballot was secret, but there seems to have been little doubt as to how Conkling voted but Conkling has been tainted in the stormy fields of local politics and probably has voted for himself for city and county treasurer and would vote for himself for delegate to Congress in the event the Republicans should nominate him.

It's quite in keeping with political traditions elsewhere and it's no secret that the various candidates for president of our fair country have cast their votes for themselves. It has been correctly argued that no one is disposed to have much confidence in those who haven't confidence in themselves. So much for Conkling's votes.

Other athletic organizations were represented as follows: Kewalo Athletic Association, Roy Vitousek; Kahului Athletic Association, J. Walter Adams; Cosmopolitan Athletic Association; Pierre Baron, Maui Athletic Association, Victor Ligda; Women's Auxiliary, Mrs. E. Fullard-Leo; Outrigger Club, C. C. James; Y. M. C. A., B. H. Robbins; Nuuanu Y. M. C. A., Harry Rarey; Palama Athletic Association, Wallace Saffery; Hui Nalu, Judge William T. Rawlins; University of Hawaii, Otto Klum; National Guard, Maj. W. A. Anderson; The Star-Bulletin Athletic Association, Norman Ross, and the Hilo Basketball Club, William Meinecke.

### Got Down to Business Soon

Soon after the meeting opened, those in attendance decided to get right down to the question of selecting the manager of the team. Judge Rawlins, whose interest in local swimming goes back many

years, started things going by recounting some of the activities of the chamber of commerce in deciding to take no action on raising the all necessary funds to send the team until the A. A. U. had picked a manager.

It wasn't very long before the chief interest at the meeting seemed to revolve about who should be chosen manager of the team rather than whether or not the team should go, the latter not have been definitely decided in as far as the funds have not been forthcoming yet.

In the course of the meeting the statement was made by G. Fallard Leo, representative of the Rizal club, that Conkling's friends had threatened to withdraw their support if they didn't vote to send the city and county treasurer to gay Paree to take care of our swimmers.

Then Judge Rawlins, who once supported Conkling for president of the A. A. U., ups and comes out for "Dad" Center and offers a few remarks about Conkling's activity on the side. The plot proceeded to thicken then with the entry of Arthur McDuffie, recently chief of detectives, with a note suggesting that a vote for Conkling would be a favor appreciated by McDuffie himself.

### Enter R. W. Shingle

Furthermore, Judge Rawlins made no bugs about the fact that Robert W. Shingle, Republican national committeeman, had made it known to him that Conkling was the man they wanted for the job. In other words, the Republican leaders of the city and county of Honolulu made manifest their keen desire to assist in the selection of the manager.

Conkling found Rawlins inconsistent in view of past favors, but the judge proved himself wholly judicial by announcing the notes and "calls" made on him in themselves were enough to cause him to change his mind.

Well, Dad Center and Norman Ross gradually became involved in the discussion. "Dad" would not vote for himself and said he would not have been a candidate for the job if Conkling had not resigned as president of the local A. A. U. "Dad" got disgusted and suggested that the question be settled by a toss up, but this, Conkling refused.

Apparently Conkling wasn't in his ordinarily convivial mood and came out with the secret that he resigned as president as the A. A. U. not because he didn't like the job, but because The Star-Bulletin Athletic association was admitted to the A. A. U. All of which added to the merriment of the tea.

### Another "Incident"

There were two votes and on each Center drew nine and Conkling nine. So the meeting was adjourned and everybody walked out a little warm under the necktie. Here's hoping they cool off, bury the hatchet like good Indians, and meet with smiles next Monday noon.

## MORROW KAYOED BY FILIPINO BOXER

(Associated Press by Naval Radio)  
SEATTLE, March 26.—Marcario Flores, Filipino pugilist, knocked out Billy Morrow here today in the second round of a scheduled six round bout.