

MAY SEND CENTER

Outrigger Directors to Talk Matter Over This Afternoon At Meeting

Muddle Over Booking and Action of Taking Chilton Causes Considerable Discussion In Local Athletic Circles; Wireless Sent To Conkling and Reply Received

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The muddle over the booking of Mariechen Wehselau, girl swimmer, and Mrs. E. Fullard-Leo, chaperon, for the steamer Maui leaving here May 14 and the taking of Harvey Chilton as coach of the Hawaiian swimming team by D. L. Conkling, who sailed with the squad yesterday as manager, has aroused considerable discussion in local athletic circles. When the board of directors of the Outrigger Canoe club meets this afternoon in its regular session the matter of sending George ("Dad") Center, Mariechen Wehselau and Mrs. Leo on the steamer Manoa leaving next Wednesday and booking them straight through to New York will come up for discussion.

A radiogram was received from D. L. Conkling this morning in answer to one sent him last night by Paul Rice, president of the Hawaiian A. A. U., asking for an explanation of the booking muddle and as to how Chilton was taken along.

The reply reads:

"Tickets for women paid for on vessel leaving next week. Mrs. Leo has receipt and understands this. Will meet them on arrival. Chilton's expenses provided for. Can't double cross me. Conkling."

The receipt which Mrs. Leo has reads for a booking for her and Miss Wehselau on the steamer Maui leaving here May 14. It is possible Conkling may have been under the impression that the Maui left May 7.

The message which President Rice sent to Conkling last night reads as follows:

"We find Miss Wehselau booked May 14 which is too late for trials. Also understand you stated you would leave team in San Francisco in Chilton's care while you go east. In view of foregoing we request immediate reply to following questions:

"What provision has been made for the expenses of Mrs. Leo and Miss Wehselau to New York?

"Why should not Mrs. Leo and Miss Wehselau proceed on May 7?

"Are you leaving team in care of Chilton in San Francisco?

"Are Chilton's expenses charged against team?

"Unless satisfactory answers received difficulty will arise with collection of balance of needed funds."

The Hawaiian A. A. U. board of managers is meeting tonight at 7:30 o'clock at the Central "Y" to discuss the entire matter and Conkling's reply.

Yesterday afternoon the Outrigger Canoe Club officials, with the consent of the Hawaiian A. A. U. officials, requested the Matson Navigation Co. to endeavor to change the booking dates for Miss Wehselau and Mrs. Leo from May 14 to May 7. The company did not say definitely but promised to do its best.

Mrs. Leo and Miss Wehselau were originally booked on the Matsonia, which left yesterday. Conkling canceled the booking Tuesday and then called on Mrs. Leo and requested

her to say nothing about it in order that there would be no "fuss." From the conversation she gathered that she and Mariechen were to sail on the Manoa, leaving May 7, whereas he had actually booked them for the Maui, leaving May 14.

During the course of the conversation he informed her, she states, that he had decided to take Harvey Chilton along as coach and that he was taking him on the funds collected for the team. In support of his stand he declared Chilton deserved the trip and that all the swimmers wanted him, she adds.

When Mrs. Leo asked him about meeting him in San Francisco, he is said to have replied that he would not be there, as he intended to go right on to New York after reaching the coast, leaving Chilton in charge of the team in San Francisco.

The reason for his haste is to get to New York to sell the bonds which task the city and county had entrusted to him.

The funds collected for the swimming team were not passed through the A. A. U. treasury. Mrs. Leo states, and the only money given her was \$250 for her expenses on the mainland. This amount is sufficient to take her and Miss Wehselau to New York. She further says that Conkling left no definite instructions with regard to whether Miss Wehselau should go direct to New York or swim in San Francisco, although he ventured the thought "that it might be a good thing to have her swim in the western trials."

The Hawaiian A. A. U. did not sponsor the taking of Chilton as coach, Mrs. Leo says, and that action was taken by Conkling on his own shoulders. While he is said to have stated to Mrs. Leo that Chilton was going on the funds collected for the team, Conkling informed others about the city that a private purse had been made up for the Chilton expenses.

Another angle developed yesterday when it was learned that Bernard Farden, Punahou sprinter, who finished second in the Hawaiian A. A. U. track meet, left school early yesterday morning, packed his grip and went down to the dock.

Farden said he had received a message over the phone from someone who said he was Milton Beamer. The message was supposed to come from Conkling, telling Farden to get ready to go to the Olympic games. When Farden and his grip reached the dock 10 minutes before the boat sailed he was informed by Conkling that he was too late and that no ticket could be obtained for him.

Whether Farden was the butt of a joke or whether Conkling did ask him to come along is a question.

The Outrigger Canoe Club officials strongly feel that Miss Wehselau and Mrs. Leo should go direct to New York for the women's trials instead of stopping to swim in San Francisco and practise at Indianapolis, Conkling's suggested plan.

Friends of Conkling seem to feel that the whole muddle of the booking was unintentional and only the result of so much work on his shoulders in the last few days. He did most of the soliciting for the funds for the team and besides that had to look after getting his own bond selling trip prepared, besides the thousand and one calls connected with the team.

EX-GRID PLAYER TO BE MARRIED

Isbell, of Navy Team of 1923, Engaged To Pensacola Girl

Lieut. Arnold J. ("Buster") Isbell, halfback of the Pearl Harbor navy football team of 1922, is to be married early this summer to Miss Margarita Mayes of Pensacola, Fla., according to a clipping from the Pensacola News of April 17.

Isbell starred in the Army-Navy game here in 1922, and was one of