

Only One A Star Above Mariechen

So Says Los Angeles Scribe
Who Meets Island
Girl

BILL PINE of Los Angeles, swimming expert on one of the Los Angeles papers, interviewed Mariechen Wehselau on the latter's visit to the southern city and was palpably impressed. The following is his statement concerning the local girl.

Los Angeles looks pretty good to the one Hawaiian who is almost certain to carry Uncle Sam's colors in Paris during the Olympic meet. In fact, so good that even the thought of New York, where Mariechen Wehselau, 18-year-old record holder for the 100 and 220 yard swims, must compete in the final elimination contests which take place during June 5 and 6, to assure herself of a place on America's Olympic team, holds no charm for her.

However, this is a story of a school girl who has made records in her chosen line of athletics. For three years Miss Wehselau has been in sport competition. During that time she has established an enviable record. Only one other swimmer in America rates preference over her. That one is Gertrude Ederle, the American champion.

SETS NEW RECORD

The Hawaiian girl has created a record by doing the 100-yard swim in 1 minute and 3 seconds, and another in the 220 which she covered in the record breaking time of 2 minutes and 47 seconds. These, according to Mrs. E. Fullard-Leo, the swimmer's manager, are official records.

Miss Wehselau, who is an American of Russian and Hawaiian extraction, may appear here in an exhibition swim before she leaves for the east.

Mrs. Fullard-Leo, who is traveling with the swimmer, herself a former athlete and now secretary and treasurer of the Hawaiian association of the A. A. U. and the only woman in America on the board of governors of the A.A.U., also on the executive committee of the American Olympic board, did practically all the talking for the swimmer.

FUTURE OF HAWAII

At the Stowell hotel, where the two Honolulu guests are stopping, she spoke glowingly of the future of Hawaii in an athletic sense.

She said that although swimming was the one sport the mainland looked for to Hawaii, this year the island would send at least two track men to Paris. Dick Gartley, a high jumper, and Milton Carver, a pole vaulter, were almost certain of places.