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Annexation versus Population.

In connection with the study of our population, and the able deductions made thereon by Mr. Marques, another aspect, not considered by him, will certainly interest the readers. We allude to the claims of membership made by the celebrated Annexation Club, who assume to be the People.

The figures thereof, published in the "truthful" *Hawaiian Annual*, are as follows:

Total Population	Membership of the Annexation Club.	
89,990	Total for the whole Kingdom.....	6,596 or 100 per cent.
1,928	Americans.....	1,449 " 22 "
40,622	Hawaiians.....	1,671 " 25 "
12,000*	Portuguese.....	2,386 " 36 "
1,034	Germans.....	420 " 7 "
1,344	British.....	351 " 5 "
227	Norwegians.....	72 " 1 "
419	Others.....	247 " 4 "

While temporarily assuming, for sake of argument, the above figures to be *bona fide* and correct, let us examine them under the light of the Census.

First, the Americans, in the census made by an American Superintendent, only mustered a general total of 1923, men, women and children, and according to the Customs reports, this number has decreased, if anything, since the census, barring out, of course, the handful of adventurers imported from America (but not all Americans) by the Provisional Government as soldiers or spies. Therefore, to make up the 1449 Americans claimed by the Annexation Club, we must take all the men above 15 years of age, viz: 1197, all the males below 15, viz: 100, and still enrol 151 women. But even this would be incorrect, for the undisputable reason that the Americans on the Islands are far from being all in favor of annexation, as proved by the signatures against it collected by the Hoi Aloha Aina Association; so that, in Honolulu alone, at least, one hundred women more must have been gathered to the Annexation rolls, in order to make up for the American men who have not joined, and thus reach the claimed total. Yet, at one time, the Annexation Club very indignantly denied having accepted even signatures of American minors, the Panahou boys, for instance, to whom the heroic Rev. (1) Hosmer teaches military tactics and the art of shouldering guns for night watches, instead of the ordinary American curriculum of scientific, literary and biblical studies!

However, from the above investigation of figures, we see that the American element of the Annexation Club is formed of 82 per cent. of males over 15 years, 7 per cent. of male children below 15, and 11 per cent. of females, the ages of whom are not given, but may be presumed as within that period favorable to annexation.

Now applying this same percentage to the total Membership 6,596, in this total, the number of males above 15 years must be only 5,276, or not quite one quarter of the total number, 22,171 of males above 15, living in this Kingdom (Asiatics not included.)

Passing on to the Hawaiians, the number 1671, claimed by the Club, seems very modest, out of total of 14,429 males over 15, and out of a total Hawaiian population of 40,622; but even thus, what does the figure 1671, represent? Leaving the female element out of the question, and supposing the number to be correct and composed only of males, it must include all the poor devils of men employed in any capacity, as government or public servants, who—with the noble exception of the Royal Hawaiian Band boys—have been obliged to sign on the Annexation roll, much against their heart's desire, to save their daily bread and butter; it also comprehends probably all the Hawaiians in the jails, and all such of the Hawaiian school children, who could be coerced into adhesion by their teachers, witness the Kamehameha school boys, who, it is said, were privately warned of the penalty of expulsion if they refused to take the annexation pledge, and the teacher, another Reverend(?), Oleson, by the undaunted lies he uttered in America, has shown that he was quite missionary enough to make any use of his authority over the boys to further his ends. Thus it would be exceedingly interesting to know how many Hawaiians of legal age, did really join the Annexation club voluntarily, and not under compulsion or even misrepresentation, as R. W. Wilcox, Prince Koniakea and others did, who manfully withdrew as soon as they discovered their error.

Concerning the Portuguese, it would also be edifying to find out how many Manuel or Antonio—"his cross" X—were made to appear on the list, in excess of the real total number of Manuels or Antonios, positively found in the whole Portuguese colony? Crosses, for illiterate men who cannot be used to unmask the fraud, are so easily duplicated!!

The Germans and Scandinavians are not worthy of being enquired into, and in what concerns the members included in the elastic category of "others," many are rumored to be names of such dead men existing on the old voting Register, the detection of which was considered most unlikely.

Lastly, the Club roll is rather discreet about the Britishers, only 351 being claimed out of a total of registered voters of 505. But among these 351, there must be more than the usual proportion of minors and women, for we defy the club to justify of 351 true Britishers favoring annexation and piracy.

One more remark: by taking the Club's figures and comparing them with the corresponding totals in the census, we find that they indicate that 75 per cent. of the American colony belongs to the Club, while the other nationalities give the following proportions:

Only 4 per cent. of the total of Hawaiians; Portuguese, only 19 per cent.; Britishers, only 26 per cent.; Norwegians, 32 per cent.; Germans, 40 per cent.; and "others" 58 per cent.

And this shows, that, even with all the possible doctoring and stretching of figures for their membership, the truth will ooze out and prove how the sympathies of the People stand in regard to annexation.

With this unwelcome proof, and knowing that their rolls of membership could not stand any critical examination, is it to be wondered then, that the Annexation club refused to submit them to the scrutiny of Commissioner Blount, while, as a significant contrast, the Hawaiian Patriotic League, not only sent their books, with over 8000 signatures all of registered voters, to Mr. Blount, but left them in his charge, for all the time he needed for a full investigation!

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