

SECRETARY BEAVEN EXPLAINS MEETING

Outrigger Club Is Not Desirous of Increased Membership Nor More Dues

J. Ashman Beaven, secretary of the Outrigger Canoe Club, yesterday issued a statement in which he made plain just what is desired by a number of officers and members of the club in regard to the proposal to provide additional room for the women relatives and friends of the members of the club. This and other proposals will be considered at a special meeting of the club which has been called for October 24, in Cooke Hall, Y. M. C. A. building.

Mr. Beaven said that statements to the effect that the idea is to "throw open the men's club as distinct from the Women's Auxiliary, to women, who, as semi-guests, would pay no dues," is incorrect, and he adds that there is no movement on foot to admit women as members of the club, nor is it possible for dues to be increased, as both of these are matters fixed by the by-laws of the club.

The club secretary added:

"There is only one question to be decided at the special meeting of the Outrigger Canoe Club, and that question is as to whether or not the club shall add dressing-room accommodations to the other privileges granted to women guests of its members, and to define what limit, if any, shall be placed on the term 'guests.'

"An affirmative vote on this question does not mean an increase of dues; does not mean admitting women to membership; does not mean running a public bath house; does not mean establishing a women's department in the club; does not mean organizing an opposition club to the Women's Auxiliary; does not mean the breaking of any agreement or promise made with or to anyone, and does not mean the curtailment of the pleasure of any member of the club or of any kindred organization.

One Question Pending

"Members of the club have at all times had the privilege of entertaining their women relatives and friends on the club grounds, to share the benefits of the club lanna, pavilions, kitchen, commissary, afternoon and evening parties, suppers and dances. But no dressing-room facilities have been provided so that lady guests of members could enjoy the swimming. The providing of this additional facility for guests is the only privilege sought by a substantial number of the club members, and is the only question to be decided at the forthcoming special meeting.

Objects to Weaver's Statement

"Judge P. L. Weaver's statement that if this proposition is adopted by the club it will: 'put a sudden end to the club life at the Outrigger' hardly accords with the facts.

"The 'club life' of the past, and of the present, at the Outrigger Club was born of the pleasant association of members and their families in the mutual enjoyment of the club's facilities, is nourished by the continuance of that association, and the effect of adding to the pleasurable facilities will surely prolong the existence of this 'club life' rather than bring about its untimely demise. Judge Weaver surely gets off on the wrong foot in this case.

"Then again, the worthy judge is quoted as worrying about a phantom multitude overcrowding the club grounds, and about the little 150 feet of club frontage on the beach. It would be more in order for the sensitive judge to worry about how this phantom multitude is going to squeeze its way into the club grounds through the five-foot entrance gate (and pass the 'kapu sign), rather than about how it is going to squeeze through the 150 feet frontage into the glorious broad Pacific Ocean.

Plenty of Air Also

"As to shutting off the entire beach below high water mark, who is it besides Judge Weaver that wants to do this? And since when have the 'crowds from the Moana and Seaside' overflowed on to the club property? 'Tis true that bathers from both adjoining hotels have enjoyed the life-line, diving stage, and floats located in front of the Outrigger Club, but who ever has said that they were not entirely welcome? And what does Judge Weaver expect when the Outrigger Club installs life-lines, diving platforms, and floats out on the water beyond the low water mark? Does he want 'kapu' signs plastered on his private ocean too?

"The judge is also worrying about the possibility of his breathing space becoming limited. The Outrigger Club has just 1.55 acres of the earth's surface under lease, and this space reaches from the earth below to the heavens above. When the time comes that the robust judge cannot inhale to the fullest extent of his chest expansion without stretching the club's boundary lines then will be the time to acquire more space.

"As to there being no room on the club grounds for the erection of additional buildings; what does the judge think of the fact that the Flatiron Building in New York occupies less than one-fourth of the amount of unoccupied ground space now controlled by the Outrigger Club.

"If Judge Weaver's only reasons for opposing the desires of a large number of his fellow members of the Outrigger Club are those mentioned in the morning Advertiser, he is undoubtedly going to be disappointed at the result of the meeting."