

# OUTRIGGER CLUB

## COULD NOT MOVE

### Constitutional Point Raised At the Meeting Last Night—

### Must Amend Bylaws

The Outrigger Canoe Club, at the largest meeting in its history, last night went on record by an overwhelming majority vote as being in favor of the erection on the club grounds of a bathing house for the women guests of its members and of defining the term "guest" to include all women guests of members, irrespective of relationship.

But this vote, notwithstanding its heavy majority, goes as nothing more than an expression of the club's desires and as advisory to the board of directors; for a member who was opposed to the propositions mentioned, for the consideration of which a special meeting of the club had been called, raised up the edge of the meeting and put a legal brick under it, with the result that the special meeting automatically dissolved into nothing and was superseded by a caucus with no power to bind the club to action.

#### Debate Spirited

The meeting was a spirited one, at times verging upon the acrimonious, but in general marked by good nature, notwithstanding the intense interest taken by the membership in the questions at issue.

The caucus went on record as in favor of a women's bathhouse by a vote of 213 to 38. The vote in favor of including as "guests" all women guests of members, irrespective of relationship, was 189 for and 53 against.

The questions have been under discussion for a long time, and a special meeting had been called for last night finally to decide upon them. Four questions were placed before the membership:

#### Questions At Issue

"(1) Shall dressing room facilities be provided by the Outrigger Canoe Club on its grounds for the use of women guests of members?"

"(2) Shall the term 'guests' be held to include all women guests of members, irrespective of relationship?"

"(3) Shall the term 'guests' be held to include only the wives, daughters, mothers and sisters of members, whose names are now or may hereafter be on the waiting list of the Women's Auxiliary, but only while they remain on said waiting list?"

"(4) Shall the term 'guests' be held to include only the wives, daughters, mothers and sisters of members, whether their names appear on the waiting list of the Women's Auxiliary or not?"

Propositions three and four were defeated, the former by a vote of 73 for to 116 against, the latter by 6 for to 185 against.

There were 143 members present and 112 represented by proxy. Two hundred and fifty-five votes were cast.

#### Regular Kalakaua Debate

It was G. H. Tuttle, a member decidedly opposed to extending the club privileges to women, who wielded the legal brick that brought the meeting to naught, greatly to the expressed indignation of many of the members.

After President H. B. Campbell had called the meeting to order, stated its purposes and called for debate, and Col. C. J. McCarthy had taken the floor to address the members, Tuttle rose to a point of order. The objects for which the special meeting was called, he said, were in contravention of the bylaws. Under those bylaws, he said, women were ineligible as guests of the club and it would be impossible for the board of directors legally to admit them as such. Only by an amendment to the bylaws could they become guests of the club, and under the bylaws the club could not at that time amend its bylaws. Any action, therefore, taken by the club along the lines proposed would be illegal and any number could go into court and sue out an injunction putting a stop to the erection of a bathhouse for women. He thought, therefore, that there was nothing to do but adjourn, and he called upon the president so to order.

#### Legal Aid Summoned

President Campbell called upon the attorneys present to tackle the legal problem. With one accord L. J. Warren, Judge P. L. Weaver and others held that Tuttle's point was correct, from a technical standpoint. Others objected but they apparently had no legal leg to stand on, and the president ruled in the end that Tuttle's point was well taken. Thereupon, on motion, the special meeting adjourned, immediately to reconvene as a caucus.

When the caucus was called to order Colonel McCarthy took the floor for a few caustic remarks. "I am sorry," he said, "that this legal quibble has arisen. It doesn't speak well for the people who brought it up. They have known all along that these questions were coming up tonight to be voted upon. If they had any sense of decency they would have given notice of their intention to take this ground."

McCarthy was immediately attacked by opponents of the measures, and the battle raged merrily for some time. Finally it was decided to take a vote anyway, as an expression of the opinion of the club.

#### Auxiliary Injected

But this did not end the debate, for the eternal feminine again cropped up, this time in the form of a free-for-all discussion of the Women's Auxiliary.