

# About the Keo Nakama- Outrigger Club Incident

Editor The Star-Bulletin: Enclosed is a copy of a letter I have sent to Mr. Gay Harris.

OTTO S. JESSEN, 1610 Mikahala Way.

(The letter says, in part):

Mr. Gay Harris, Acting Manager Outrigger Canoe Club: Will you kindly send me the membership list of the Outrigger Canoe Club? A number of persons in this city are much interested in knowing who are the people that in the year 1945 uphold such a policy as you presented recently to Mr. William Smith and Mr. Kiyoshi Nakama.

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Editor The Star-Bulletin: With peace scarce three months old, the members of Honolulu's Outrigger Canoe Club who no doubt during the war years had jumped aboard the various bond wagons yelling, "Buy! Buy! Buy! We who can not shoulder a gun must share the responsibilities here at home"—these civic minded leaders who have received the plaudits of a grateful community for their various contributions to victory—these men who are our leaders today have gone on record and thus debased all the fine work that has preceded them by slamming the "closed door" policy upon a true champion of Hawaii.

Not because here is a citizen dangerous to any individual or individuals in the community; not because of clashing business interests; not for any other cause than the fact that he is of oriental extraction!

Here is a youth of Hawaii, a champion in his own rights and a teacher. Can you now expect him to stand before a group of young people and indoctrinate into them the principles of fair play and brotherly love, those attributes which have raised our standards of work and play above all the rest of the nations of this world? BEN TAMASHIRO, 828 N. School St.