

Outrigger Club Apologizes In Nakama Case

The Outrigger club yesterday extended apologies to Bill Smith and Keo Nakama, nationally-known swimmers, for the recent refusal of the club's manager to admit Nakama as Smith's guest because of his Japanese extraction, but said the management will "adhere to the present policy of restricting guest privileges."

A statement from the board of directors said:

"It is believed that a misunderstanding has arisen by the public as well as the club membership as to the policy of a private club, such as the Outrigger or other private clubs, having the right to determine who shall be admitted as a member and the policy of members bringing guests to the club.

"The board of directors and the management on behalf of the club officially extends its apology to Bill Smith and Keo Nakama for the unfortunate manner in which this incident occurred.

"The club thoroughly appreciates the very substantial contribution which both of the above named have made to aquatic sports.

"The board has instructed the management to adhere to the present policy of restricting guest privileges only to those persons eligible to membership subject to discretion until the annual meeting in February when the question of policy will be submitted to the full membership for determination."