

Outrigger Club Apologizes To Bill Smith and Nakama

Directors of the Outrigger Canoe club Monday "officially extended its apology" to William (Bill) Smith and Kiyoshi (Keo) Nakama, internationally famed swimmers.

Mr. Smith was recently denied the privilege of entertaining Nakama at luncheon at the club, because the latter is of oriental extraction.

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In a statement agreed to unanimously at a special meeting of the club directors at 11 a. m., the directors announced they will adhere to their present policy "of restricting guest privileges only to those persons eligible to membership subject to discretion, until the annual directors' meeting in February.

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The statement in full follows:
"The board of directors of the Outrigger Canoe club at a meeting this morning discussed the unfortunate incident in connection with Bill Smith and Keo Nakama.

"It is believed that a misunder-

standing 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.

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"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.

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"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."