

HAL HANNA CALLS IT DEPLORABLE

Editor The Star-Bulletin: Many statesmen from the mainland have been extremely complimentary and have expressed astonishment at the lack of racial bigotry in Hawaii.

We are, without doubt, a melting pot in which extreme racial elements are at peace with each other and have attained the goal of a happy community life.

However, recently, a distressing series of incidents have occurred to indicate racial hatreds and racial discriminations of a sort that will disrupt the pleasant interchange this community had enjoyed prior to the war.

Any policy on the part of any Honolulu group or firm which tends to incite strong racial feelings is unfortunate. The best minds and managing ability of this community should represent a serious effort to stop these troubles at their source.

However, in the case of the Outrigger Canoe club, the management's acceptance of its community responsibility in regards to race problems showed a deplorable lack of intelligence. In fact the Outrigger Canoe club has acted with considerable bad taste.

Only a rude and ill mannered mind could bar its hospitality to a returning son whose fame in aquatic circles belongs in association with Hawaii's famed swimmer, Bill Smith. Kiyoshi Nakama, a gentlemanly and reserved person, Ohio State graduate, an American of Japanese ancestry whose acceptance into athletic, fraternal and club affairs has been unquestioned wherever else he has traveled, was presented as a homecoming gift the locked doors of Hawaii's best known beach club. A slap in the face to a son of the islands who has brought Hawaii nothing but fame.

Protest to the Outrigger Canoe club for such a contemptible policy should not be limited to club members. Whatever censure the entire community can bring to bear on the Outrigger Canoe club is fully justified by the intolerant treatment of Kiyoshi Nakama, an American. REP. HAL HANNA,

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