WAIKIKI NEEDS A RAFT

Ever since the old Moana pier disappeared, Waikiki has had a slightly vacant look. This was mitigated by the popular and well-built raft which was anchored in front of the Outrigger Canoe club for a few months until high seas and rampant winds crashed it on the beach.

That raft deserves to be replaced and so anchored that it cannot get away from its moorings at every breath of Kona weather. Thousands of bathers enjoyed it and probably took more exercise than otherwise in getting back and forth.

All credit for the late raft is due Theodore Waters, who collected the funds and commissioned Fujimura to build it, to R. M. Walker of Los Angeles who contributed $100 toward the raft, and to the 150 other donors of small sums who helped make the raft a reality.

The raft has been gone a month now, and the regret among beach frequenters is still keen. Mr. Waters thinks it is impossible to keep a raft anchored off Waikiki, after the last experience. But Gray's beach manages to retain a couple of rafts somehow.

Surely swimmers at the beach would be willing to cooperate in placing another raft in front of the Outrigger. Possibly the hotels and the Tourist bureau could be induced to contribute toward this popular feature. Obviously the beach lacks its raft.