

Plans Being Made to Go In December

A sports invasion of Australia is in the making.

An invitation for a party of athletes to perform in Australia in December of this year has been received from the Life Saving and Surf Association of Australia, the same organization that sent a team of swimmers and surfmen here just before the war under the sponsorship of the Kamaaina Beachcombers Hui and The Star-Bulletin AA.

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The same two local organizations are working on arrangements for the December visit to Australia. At a meeting Monday it was definitely decided to hold two more trials to qualify outrigger canoe crews and surfboard paddlers for the Australian trip.

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The next of these trials, similar to those held recently, will be staged on the Ala Wai on Labor Day and the final trials will be held over the same course on Thanksgiving Day.

Letters have been sent to Frank Packer, owner of the Consolidated Press of Sydney, Australia and publisher of the Daily Telegraph and the Sunday Telegraph. Packer, a noted sportsman and former amateur heavyweight boxing champion of Australia, originated the idea of sending the Australia surfmen to Hawaii.

He personally financed the visit of the Australians to the islands and is interested in the coming visit of the Hawaii athletes to Australia. John Williams, who represents Packer here, is handling the correspondence between the local committee, of which he is a member, and the Australians.

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Instead of limiting the Hawaii team to swimmers and surfmen it has been proposed to the Australians that other sports be represented. Tentative plans call for tennis players, golfers, and others to be included on the team.

It has also been proposed that Promoter Al Karasick take a team of wrestlers and Leo Leavitt a team of boxers at the same time. Both are interested in doing so. It has also been suggested that a troupe of Hawaiian entertainers accompany the team.

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Negotiations for transportation are now under way and it appears likely that some of the Hawaii party will travel by air and some by boat.

Those attending Monday's meeting were Leon Sterling, president of the Kamaaina Beachcombers Hui, George D. (Dad) Center, John D. Kaupiko and Theodore (Pump) Searle, members of the Hui; John Williams, representative of Mr. Packer; and Don Watson of The Star-Bulletin AA.