

Ez. Crane's Column

SPORTS ISLANDS



BURT HOOPER LEAVES

BURT HOOPER, Hawaiian mile champion, and one of the greatest distance runners ever to grace the local tracks, will be among the missing when the roll call is sounded for Outrigger track candidates next spring.



A sudden change in plans last week caused Hooper to abandon Hawaii as his home, for the time being at least, and when the City of Los Angeles pulled out of the harbor Saturday, Mr. and Mrs. Hooper were among the passengers.

At one time early in the summer, Hooper planned to return to his home on the mainland but was prevailed upon to remain in Hawaii. A business offer came last week, however, that settled the question for the star miler, and he departed on short notice for California where he will make his home.

Hooper will undoubtedly follow his career on the cinders and will be heard from in California next spring when the big meets are staged on the mainland. It is likely that he will affiliate with the Olympic club of San Francisco and will be an entrant in the national championships next year.

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HOOPER was a great miler. A good judge of pace and the possessor of an iron will, he was an outstanding performer in the distance runs, and was twice crowned mile champion of the islands as a result of victories in A. A. U. meets.

His performance in the Rainbow Relay carnival last season will not soon be forgotten. As the backbone of the Outrigger Canoe club squad, he was entered as the anchor man on three different relay combinations.

He ran his first race early in the day and helped to establish a new mark in the two mile relay. After a rest of three-quarters of an hour, he ran again on the four mile relay team and finished second. Immediately following this event he entered as number four man on Outrigger's medley relay quartet that finished first only to be disqualified.

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