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Striking Difference Between Track Men and the Way the Swimmers Have Been Looked After

One cannot help commenting on the difference in character between our pampered island swimmers and our anything but pampered track athletes.

Here's Burton Hooper and Bernard Farden of the Outrigger Canoe Club going second cabin to the coast today in order to compete in the national A. A. U. track and field meet in San Francisco in July and not even asking for pocket money. They haven't asked that a manager or a coach be sent with them; they have not asked for extra trunks, bathrobs, farewell leis or anything else.

There is something of the real spirit of amateur athletics in their characters, something of the same thing that Paavo Nurmi drove home in his visit to America . . . that an amateur athlete should perform because of his love of the game, and not for what he can get out of it in the way of incidental expenses.

True enough that only second cabin reservations were available on the Ventura, but neither of the two men has asked for hotel expenses on the coast, cab fares or other items. They are going to make the trip just as economical as possible, and if they do not win a single event their example in the matter of the journey will have done a power of good for local athletics.