

Nations is, by its constitution and membership, best adapted to the solution of international problems that are essentially Pacific problems is a question that need not be considered, in view of the controlling fact that no such problem can be solved at all, in any true or proper sense, unless the leading Pacific nations are parties to the solution. The existing League of Nations is, therefore, not available as the effective means of solution, because the United States is not a member of that League.

It is the confident hope of many of the leading minds in Pan-Pacific countries that some practicable way may be found to bring about the great understanding that all desire. In that hope,

the Pan-Pacific Union, at the request of several organizations interested in such a culmination, decided to issue invitations to a Conference on International Coöperation in the Pacific, and on its objects and machinery; the invitations being transmitted to League of Nations Societies in Australia, New Zealand, China, Japan, Canada, the United States, and in Latin America.

The tentative time and place of the Conference is January, 1927, in Honolulu, Hawaii.

Trusting that the Conference will have your sincere and hearty support and aid, believe me,

Sincerely yours,

Alexander Hume Ford,  
Director Pan-Pacific Union.

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## Allan Riverstone McCulloch

In Allan Riverstone McCulloch, brilliant member of the staff of the Australian Museum, Sydney, who died at Honolulu, Hawaii, August 30, 1925, the Pan-Pacific Union loses a staunch friend and faithful worker.

The government of New South Wales had sent Mr. McCulloch to Honolulu to confer with Dr. David Starr Jordan, Dr. Barton Warren Evermann, and other fishery specialists from Pacific lands. Mr. McCulloch had been kept in constant cable communication with Dr. Jordan, who has stated that he was unquestionably the greatest authority on fish in the southern hemisphere, and one of the eight men in the world who really knew about fish. He had just finished a splendid piece of work in the form of an argument and tentative agenda for the Pan-Pacific Fisheries Conference in which among other things he advocated the establishment of a great biological university, as follows:

"If Pan-Pacific Fisheries are ever controlled by international agreement, institutions to serve as training centers for all concerned will be essential. I believe

they would have to be very well equipped and comprehensive institutions, and for various reasons, such as economy and uniformity of purpose, might be advantageously united to form one great biological university. I believe the situation of such an institution would be determined by so many different factors that its location in the Pacific area could be of but little importance. A central office or clearing station could perhaps be established at Honolulu, and the present Pan-Pacific Research Institution could well serve as a beginning."

During his stay of six weeks in Hawaii, Mr. McCulloch made many friends. He possessed an unusually pleasing personality, and because of his background as an explorer and scientist, scholar and gentleman, musician, artist and lovable friend, was much sought after. He gave many lectures and talks on a recent exploring trip in the interior of New Guinea with Captain Frank Hurley, and had also been on an exploration expedition with Shackleton of Antarctic fame.