



Icthyological Laboratory in Washington, D. C., will join the Expedition late this summer.

Biologists from the Honolulu laboratory are Thomas S. Hida, Everet C. Jones, and Richard S. Shomura. The long-line fishermen, also from Honolulu, are Richard Y. Suzuki, Toyoichi Takasugi, George E. Lindsey, Charles P. Lee, Shigeru Yano, and Samuel L. Fernandez. Alonzo T. Pruter, fishery biologist, Ivar M. Fjaerstad and A. K. Larsen, trawl fishermen from the Bureau's exploratory fishing base in Seattle, complete the Interior group.

Purpose of the International Expedition is to increase knowledge of the resources of the Indian Ocean, particularly those which will be valuable to nations bordering on the ocean. Interior scientists will be especially interested in basic oceanographic data, the flora and fauna, the productivity of the waters, and an inventory of current fishery resources.

The Bureau of Commercial Fisheries has a cooperative program with the Nankai Fisheries laboratory in Japan under which the Bureau will get field statistics on the abundance of tuna and other fishes. This information can then be related to oceanographic and other data collected by the Expedition. All this will add to present knowledge of the vast food potential of south Pacific and Indian Ocean areas.

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