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the two benefit funds."

The Mayor added that both associations "feel certain that this will be a prudent and profitable investment."

HE SAID he had appointed his brother, Fire Chief William Blaisdell, and Inspector William Sheather of the Police Department to a special committee planning the gala opening.

Other members include David Benz, George Chaplin, Hung Wo Ching, Mun Kwai Lau, Barney Menor, Nelson Prather, Alfred Preis, Hugh O'Reilly, Marshall Turkin, Frank Valenti, Thomas Yamabe and Ralph Yeapuku.

In his letter, the Mayor recalled he had withdrawn a request to the council for an appropriation to finance the opening "because of a disagreement of members of the council with certain details of the program and because of the shortness of time . . ."

WHEN HE withdrew the request, Blaisdell denounced the council for turning the plans for the opening into a dog fight." The Mayor said he would return later with new plans for the opening and accompanying entertainment extravaganza.

Yesterday the Mayor said he hoped the council would "join with our outstanding citizens' committee and the administration in support of this program."

Blaisdell said the opening festivities will begin with a giant parade. The parade will be followed by formal dedication ceremonies at the center. The center will be dedicated to "those men and women who have served their country in time of war."

AFTER THE formal dedication, a variety of events and exhibitions are planned at the center.

Blaisdell said the committee is planning an entertainment package that will appeal both to residents of Hawaii and visitors.

He added, "The committee visualizes the auditorium as a united community effort and all of the richly varied groups and cultures represented in the City of Honolulu will be given every encouragement to join and take part in giving the Honolulu International Center a fitting grand opening program."