

DAILY BULLETIN

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BRUSH FIRE IN FAGA'ALU

A brush fire broke out on a hillside above Faga'alu about 9:30 a.m. Saturday, and it took firemen, policemen and prisoners about two-and-a-half hours to put it out.

Commissioner of Public Safety Dewey Allen says about 30 men fought the fire, which spread over three-and-a-half acres before it could be extinguished. The men had to carry some water up the hill, and they also dug ditches and cleared away brush in order to confine the blaze.

Allen says the fire was probably started by children playing with matches.

Acting Director of Public Works Madison Oliver says this incident emphasizes the need to be careful with fire. The hurricane left many trees and bushes so dried out that they blaze easily. Fire danger is acute because of the prolonged drought.

SEARCH HALTED FOR MISSING KETCH MARINERO

The search was officially ended Saturday for the missing ketch Marinero.

The 38-foot yacht left Wallis Island January 27 bound for Apia. Its course would probably have placed it in the path of the January 30 hurricane. U.S. and Royal New Zealand Air Force planes and the Coast Guard Cutter Cape Providence have all participated in various phases of the search for the Marinero and its crew of five.

POLICE START TICKETING UNLICENSED CARS, DRIVERS

American Samoa's police force this morning started issuing citations to drivers who do not yet have a 1966 driver's license or who are driving cars without valid 1966 license plates.

Commissioner of Public Safety Dewey Allen reported that roadblocks were set up near Blunts Point and in Pago Pago at 5:15 a.m. and for a period of three hours, all cars and drivers were checked. During that time 103 tickets were issued.

Commissioner Allen says that police will keep checking both drivers and vehicles and will continue to issue citations to anybody found in violation of the law.

FOOD DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE NAMED

The following memorandum has been issued by Acting Governor James C. Flannery in his capacity as Disaster Relief Administrator:

The recent severe hurricane which struck the American Samoan Island Group has deprived a large portion of the people of basic food crops such as bananas, breadfruit and to a degree, taro. We call upon all of the people of American Samoa to do everything within their power to alleviate the suffering and to assist in the rehabilitation of all those who have lost shelter or basic crops.

Relief and assistance will be coordinated by and through the Food Distribution Committee, the membership of which is as follows:

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FOOD DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE NAMED (CONT'D)

- (1) Mr. Leonard Yandall, Acting Director of Administrative Services, Deputy Relief Administrator, Chairman
- (2) Mr. Robert Mellor Pierpont, Deputy Director of Disaster Services, American Red Cross
- (3) HC Le'iato, Secretary of Samoan Affairs
- (4) HC Satele, District Governor of the Western District
- (5) HC Lefiti, District Governor of the Manu'a District
- (6) HC Faumuina, District Governor of the Eastern District
- (7) Mr. Garland Read, Asst. Director of Education for Administration
- (8) Mr. Danny Passi, General Supply Officer
- (9) Mrs. Dewey Allen, School Lunch Supervisor
- (10) Mr. Thomas G. Hatakeyama, Asst. Director of Agriculture
- (11) Every secondary school principal and vice principal; every consolidated school principal and vice principal; every elementary school principal
- (12) Appointed volunteer or volunteers
- (13) All village Pulenu'us

The said Committee is hereby granted power and authority:

- (1) To distribute on an approved ration and scheduled basis food and other approved essential consumable supplies to those families whose crops have been destroyed or partly destroyed and who have no other source of obtaining essential food.
- (2) To assist and encourage a replanting program in all damaged areas.
- (3) To utilize all available equipment, supplies, facilities, personnel and other resources to relieve the situation.
- (4) To assist in evaluating the damage to shelters in areas where food distribution is made.
- (5) To develop rules, forms, and procedures to effectively carry out this program in conjunction with the undersigned.

The committee will continue to function for as long as the Governor determines there is a need for a coordinating relief activity. Additions or deletions to the committee will be made as the situation warrants.

AMERICAN SAMOA OPEN VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT RESULTS

WOMEN

Satani (Nu'uuli)	15	15		
Panthers (Fagatogo)	13	9		Winner Satani
Tana'ula (Fagaitua)	15	11	10	
Gardenias (Pago Pago)	12	15	15	Winner Gardenias

MEN

Tuna'ula (Fagaitua)	15	15		
Suau'u (Gataivai)	13	12		Winner Tuna'ula
Rainmaker (Aua)	15	10	15	
Starlite (Pava'ia'i)	12	15	11	Winner Rainmaker
Flying Tiger (Leone)	15	15		
Mauga @ Ali'i (Utulei)	11	13		Winner Flying Tiger