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### "AMERIKA SAMOA" RECORDED BY U.S. MARINE CORPS BAND

American Samoa's national anthem, "Amerika Samoa," has been recorded by the U.S. Marine Corps Band, thanks to the efforts of its composer, Napoleon Tuiteleleapaga, and Richard Moorhead, assistant director of education for administration.

Stereo and monaural tapes of the anthem were received yesterday from Capt. Dale Harphan, who conducted the Marine Corps Band during a recent recording session in Washington. Napoleon, an editor in the Office of Samoan Information, listened to the tapes in radio station WVUV and exclaimed: "Magnificent! They didn't change a thing. This is the first time I've heard a band play this anthem in a Samoan style."

If the Marine Corps Band's interpretation of the piece was letter-perfect, it was partly because Napoleon made numerous suggestions to Capt. Harphan and Marine Corps musicians who helped with the arrangement. This was preceded, however, with the initial contact made with the Marine Corp Band by Moorhead. Some time ago, Napoleon asked Moorhead if he knew anyone in the U.S. who might be interested in recording "Amerika Samoa." Moorhead wrote Capt. Harphan, who replied immediately that American Samoa's national anthem was one of the few that had never been recorded by the Marine Corps Band.

Napoleon submitted the original score and for several weeks corresponded with Capt. Harphan on how the piece should be played "Samoan style."

The finished version, played in a stately manner and preceded by a fanfare also written by Napoleon, has impressed all who have had an opportunity to hear it. Don Nelson, supervisor of television production for KVZK-TV, said the new version will be used for sign-on and sign-off on KVZK-TV starting soon.

Napoleon wrote the words and music to "Amerika Samoa" in 1950. The occasion was the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the raising of the American flag in Eastern Samoa, and Napoleon was asked by the late Governor Thomas D. Darden -- the last Navy governor in American Samoa -- to write "some kind of national anthem or patriotic song" to be played after Western Samoa's national anthem at a planned ceremony.

That night Napoleon wrote the words to "Amerika Samoa," and the next night -- without piano or any other instrument -- he wrote the music. It was then played by the Fita Fita Band, and the response was overwhelmingly favorable.

If you would like to hear the Marine Corp Band's version, it will be played over KVZK-TV tonight on "Tala 'Ese 'Ese" (Today's News). And if you're interested in the English translation of the words to "Amerika Samoa," here it is:

"Amerika Samoa, my dear beloved land,  
I am proud of thy fame; there is hope in your name.  
You are the pearl of the Pacific,  
Your five isles are admirably expressive.  
Oh! Grand and so impressive are your culture  
and your ways.  
And your histories of the olden days.

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"Amerika Samoa" Recorded By U.S. Marine Corps Band (cont'd)

Tutuila and Manu'a, stay awake and  
firmly stand.  
Come serve and support your government;  
Let it prosper and succeed.  
Amerika Samoa, the land of freedom  
and peace."

SWIMMING LESSONS TO BE HELD AT UTULEI BEACH

The Pago Pago Amateur Swimming Association next Monday will resume free lessons for beginning swimmers. The lessons will be held at Utulei Beach every Monday, Thursday and Saturday from 5 to 6 p.m.

The lessons are open to any child who wants to learn how to swim. The age range of last year's class was from 5 to 15, but younger or older children will be accepted if they are capable of learning how to swim.

Interested parents may enroll their children by contacting Mrs. Shirley Hill at the Pago Pago Burns-Philp Store by noon this Saturday. The class is open free to the public, but the association emphasizes that the lessons are open only to those children who have registered for them. Also, all students must be accompanied by an adult at each class.

Adults who are interested in assisting as instructors or lifeguards at the lessons are asked to meet with Sid Hill at Utulei Beach this Saturday at 2:30 p.m. Teen-agers may serve as assistants.

WORLD SERIES BEING BROADCAST ON WVUV

The World Series baseball championship between the Los Angeles Dodgers and the Baltimore Orioles is being broadcast daily over radio station WVUV, but only at the end of the Constitutional Convention session each day.

The broadcasts come here over the Armed Forces Radio and Television Service short-wave station and are recorded at the WVUV studios for playback at the completion of each Constitutional Conventional, usually around 3:30 p.m. The World Series will be broadcast live over WVUV Saturday and Sunday.

In today's game, the score was Baltimore 5, Los Angeles 2 as of the top of the sixth inning.

FRENCH COMPLETE NUCLEAR TEST SERIES

PAPEETE, TAHITI (UPI) - French scientists yesterday detonated a nuclear device described as 20 times more powerful than the Hiroshima atomic bomb.

The "experimental device" with a force of 400-thousand tons of TNT was triggered above the French atomic testing grounds at Mururoa atoll about 800 miles from Tahiti sometime over the last three days. Authorities said the device was an atomic core boosted with plutonium and other thermonuclear explosives.

The blast completed the French atomic test series in the Pacific. It had been delayed several days because of bad weather.

Meanwhile, French scientists and technicians are beginning to close down their Pacific atomic test center with an eye on 1968 when France hopes to explode its first hydrogen bomb.

TELEVISION FOR TONIGHT:- (6:59) Friendly Giant: "Clown's Clock Book" (7:14) What's New: (7:44) Sing Hi Sing Lo: "Mission Days" (7:59) Funny Company (8:06) Watch Mr. Wizard: "Elastic Gases" (8:35) Tala 'Ese 'Ese (Today's News) (9:05) McHale's Navy: "The Big Raffle" (9:31) Rosemary Clooney: "Dani Crayne" (9:57) N.E.T. International Magazine.