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## COOK ISLANDS ATHLETES STRANDED HERE

Fourteen Cook Islands athletes and their manager arrived in American Samoa Monday night in a hopeful attempt to make plane connections to the Second South Pacific Games in New Caledonia.

Originally, a much large delegation was scheduled to compete in the games, but the Cook Islanders have been frustrated by the current strike against Qantas Airlines. They had planned to go by boat to Tahiti, then fly to New Caledonia on Qantas. But Qantas is on strike and all other westbound planes out of Tahiti were full.

Because they couldn't possibly get to Noumea -- the capital of New Caledonia -- on time, the Cook Islands boxers and tennis players had to be left behind. (In 1963, Cook Islands boxers won five medals). The 14 athletes currently in Pago Pago came here aboard a Royal New Zealand Air Force plane; they consist of track and field athletes and female netball (like basketball) players.

The team manager, Percy Henderson, has requested that a UTA jet from Tahiti make a special stop here Friday morning. If that request is denied, the group will board a westbound Air New Zealand plane here Sunday morning.

Not all of the Cook Islands athletes' stay here has been frustration. Yesterday they were given guided tours of the ETV studio building and the Van Camp Cannery. On Monday night they treated hotel guests to a Polynesian show similar to what they plan to perform in Noumea -- with athletes from other South Pacific islands -- the last day of the games. Tonight they will be honored at a dinner in the home of Buck Huff, secretary-treasurer of the American Samoa Amateur Athletic Association.

Huff said all but one of the athletes is afraid to ride the Mt. Alava trolley, since most of them had never been off Rarotonga -- the main Cook Island -- before coming here.

While the Cook Islanders await plane connections, they are using the Recreation Hall for daily practice sessions.

## REPORT FROM NEW CALEDONIA TONIGHT AT 8:30

Last night's first report for the South Pacific Games in New Caledonia was broadcast over radio station WVUV at about 8:20 p.m. -- nearly an hour later than it was originally scheduled. Tonight and from now on, these reports will be broadcast at 8:30 p.m.

WVUV station manager Rick Bates, who is in Noumea, New Caledonia, with announcer Apelu Aitaoto, last night described the opening-day pageantry at the games. Aitaoto interviewed one of Western Samoa's athletes.

The re-broadcasts from New Caledonia are received here at about 8 p.m. They are re-broadcast over WVUV at 8:30 p.m. and once again the next morning at 8:30 a.m.

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POWER WILL BE OFF IN WESTERN DISTRICT SATURDAY MORNING

Electrical power will be shut down from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday in the Western District. The affected area begins at Faga'alu and extends to the western end of the island.

The shutdown is necessary so that power poles and guy wires can be replaced.

DAILY BULLETIN TO CURTAIL SPORTS COVERAGE

Starting tomorrow, the Daily Bulletin will publish only one page of United Press International sports news instead of two. The single sports page will contain the more important sports news stories and, when available, various league standings. This change is designed to give more emphasis to national and world news.

CASSIUS CLAY TO BOX IN HONOLULU NEXT WEEK

New York, (UPI) - Heavyweight champion Cassius Clay will leave for Hawaii Sunday for a four-day visit during which he would box some exhibitions.

"We have an invitation from Hawaii and I'll box a few exhibitions," he said. "I'm glad to visit Hawaii." He said it will be a sort of "pre-training" before his regular training for the Feb. 6 title fight with Ernie Terrell.

MATSON ANNOUNCES REDUCED-FARE CRUISES TO THE SOUTH PACIFIC

SAN FRANCISCO -- A fourth 25 per cent reduced fare South Seas cruise for next spring has been announced by Matson Lines.

The 42-day cruise -- offering savings up to more than \$800 per person for the round trip -- will be made by the SS Monterey from San Francisco March 26 and from Los Angeles March 27 to the South Pacific, New Zealand and Australia.

The same reductions will be in effect for the SS Mariposa sailing from San Francisco April 19 and from Los Angeles April 20, the Monterey sailing from San Francisco May 11 and Los Angeles May 12, and the Mariposa from San Francisco June 4 and Los Angeles June 5.

The twin liners, each of which carries 360 passengers, call regularly at Bora Bora, Tahiti, Rarotonga, Auckland, Sydney, Noumea, Suva, Niuafo'ou (known as "Tin Can Island"), Pago Pago and Honolulu.

CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES IN COOK ISLANDS

Co-operative societies in the Cook Islands have reported a 25 per cent increase in membership over the past year, and an increase in business of over 50 per cent. Savings accounts in the Thrift and Loan Society at the co-operatives also doubled during the same period.

A number of customers are placing special orders with their local co-operative societies -- orders which range from farm machinery to trucks, cars, household appliances, and furniture.

The bonus at the end of each year is making a large impression throughout the community, and various customers have said that this, together with the fact that consumer goods were often cheaper in the co-operatives, was the reason why they now shopped through their local co-operative society.

TV TONIGHT: Friendly Giant (7:00) What's New (7:14) Sing Hi Sing Lo: "Folk Art"(7:58)  
Funny Company (7:59) Soifua Fa'a Samoa (8:04) Tala 'Ese 'Ese (Today's News) (8:29)  
The Virginian: "Evil That Men Do" (8:59) N.E.T. Struggle For Peace (10:15)