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NEXT TWO MONDAYS DECLARED HOLIDAYS

Governor H. Rex Lee has declared the next two Mondays -- December 26 and January 2 -- holidays in American Samoa. They are the days following Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

Employees of the Government of American Samoa who are not required to perform essential services on those days shall be excused from their duties. Employees required to perform essential services will be eligible to receive compensatory time off as administratively determined by their department director.

TAX INFORMATION FOR U.S. CITIZENS IN AMERICAN SAMOA

All citizens of the United States are reminded that while in American Samoa they are subject to both the U.S. income tax law and the American Samoa income tax law. This means that both U.S. and Samoan returns must be filed. It is suggested that both be filed by the Samoan tax deadline -- April 15th.

Nearly all U.S. citizens in American Samoa are deemed to be resident aliens for Samoan income tax purposes and thus are subject to tax on income from all sources. Income from sources outside American Samoa (e.g. rental income, interest, dividends, etc. from the U.S.) must be included in your Samoan return, together with the income earned in American Samoa.

Many U.S. citizens need to obtain certain information or documents from the U.S. in order to complete their Samoan tax returns. Items such as property tax bills, W-2 forms from former employers, statements of interest paid and earned, etc., should be obtained as soon as possible.

Because of the provisions of both the U.S. tax law and the Samoan tax law with respect to tax credits and income exclusions, U.S. citizens do not pay double tax on the same income. However, some U.S. citizens may need assistance in the preparation of their returns because of the relationship between their U.S. and their Samoan returns.

All taxpayers are urged to review their tax situations now. Taxpayers desiring advice or assistance are invited to contact the Tax Office (Telephone 2583) as soon as possible.

POWER SHUTDOWN IN PART OF UTULEI SATURDAY

The Maintenance and Operations Division today announced that electrical power will be shut down in part of Utulei Friday from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. The purpose of the shutdown is to make necessary repairs to power lines and poles.

The following areas will be affected: all of the back portion of Utulei village, including the TV studio, the TV annex, Quarters 26 (north and south), Lee Auditorium, the high school buildings, Huber Hall, Nurses Training Quarters, and the tramway.

LATE CHRISTMAS MAIL DEC. 26th

The Matson freighter Ventura will arrive at 7 a.m. Dec. 26 -- one day earlier than was previously announced. She will be coming from the United States and will be carrying late Christmas mail.

WESTERN SAMOA POPULATION SAID TO BE 131,552

Western Samoa's current population is 131,552, according to the preliminary statistics of a census that was recently taken there. The new figure represents a 15 per cent growth from 1961 to 1966.

The total population is made up of 67,819 males and 63,733 females, the increase being 15.4 per cent and 14.5 per cent respectively. The total population of Upolu is 95,344 and of Savaii is 36,208.

The last census taken in American Samoa in (1960) showed a population of 22,000. The 1966 estimate is 25,000.

RELIEF SUGAR DISTRIBUTED IN WESTERN SAMOA

Sixty-three tons of sugar from the World Food Program has been distributed in Western Samoa.

Dick Betham, hurricane relief secretary, said that the sugar came from Bombay, India, and had been transhipped from Sydney. The sugar is the gift from France, according to the original information received from the United Nations.

The 63 tons represent the total amount of sugar offered to Western Samoa by the World Food Programme.

LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN NATIONAL SAFETY PROGRAM

The National Commission on Safety Education of the National Education Association says the High School of American Samoa is one of about 8,500 secondary schools enrolled in the 1966-67 National Student Traffic Safety Program.

The Program is designed to aid high school groups as they devote their energies toward a critical social concern -- the safety and well-being of our citizens. Educators at all levels hail the activity as an outstanding example of involving youth in a serious community endeavor.

Program materials are prepared and distributed by the commission. They include guidelines for student groups and suggest appropriate types of projects and activities. In the spring, participating schools will submit reports of their activities to the review of educator committees in each state. Outstanding programs will be recognized nationally with the awarding of plaques and certificates.

LAND RECLAMATION PROJECT INVOLVES TARO PLANTING IN TONGA

Over 300 acres of formerly useless swamp land in the Navutoku area of Tongatapu, Tonga, are shortly to be classified as one of the richest agricultural areas on the island as a result of a project to reclaim the area by planting it entirely with taro.

Planting is carried out at the new moon and again on the full moon of each month at the rate of 11,560 plants to the acre. There is a ready market both locally and over-seas for this type of produce, especially in American Samoa, where taro is staple diet, and where, incidentally, it is in short supply.

TELEVISION FOR TONIGHT

7:00	Friendly Giant	8:08	Nishijin Brocade
7:14	N.A.S.A. Reach for Space	8:37	Tala 'Ese 'Ese (Today's News)
7:48	Sing Hi Sing Lo: "Our Country Sings"	9:07	McHale's Navy: "McHale's Millions"
8:03	Funny Company	9:35	Rosemary Clooney: "Mel Torme"