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MILD EARTHQUAKE TREMORS FELT HERE NEW YEAR'S EVE

At least one mild earthquake tremor was felt in the Samoan Islands at 8:06 p.m. Saturday. Philipp Muller, observer-in-charge of the Apia Observatory, said that although the tremor was comparatively slight, it was the strongest felt in the Samoan Islands for many years.

Muller said only one tremor was recorded in the Apia Observatory seismograph, but several residents in Pago Pago said they felt at least two or three tremors. The tremors were definitely felt at radio station WVUV and at the Tafuna Weather Station. No damage was reported anywhere in Apia or Pago Pago.

Muller said the Apia Observatory seismograph recorded three other tremors sometime between 1 p.m. Saturday and 1 p.m. Sunday. All three emanated from points between 60 and 100 miles away from Apia, although there was no way of determining the direction. The origin of the larger tremor was not known.

The tremors may have been related to two strong earthquakes that struck in the New Hebrides Islands, near Australia, earlier in the day.

ELSIE ELENI DUNHAN IS AMERICAN SAMOA'S FIRST HOSPITAL BABY OF 1967

Elsie Eleni Dunhan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Dunhan of Faga'alu, is the first baby to be born in the Hospital of American Samoa in 1967. She was born at 11:52 a.m. New Year's Day.

Harold Bernshock, hospital administrator, said there may be an older New Year's baby in the Territory, but he or she would have been born outside the hospital. He noted that of the 1,072 babies (legitimate and illegitimate) born in American Samoa last year, 245 were born outside the hospital.

PUBLIC WARNED ABOUT CONTAMINATING RESERVOIRS AND WATER SHEDS

Jim Lee, manager of Maintenance and Operations, expressed concern today that men, women and children have been seen swimming in and otherwise contaminating bay area reservoirs. He warned that anyone caught contaminating any reservoir or watershed is subject to prosecution.

Lee said families were seen swimming in the lower Faga'alu and Virgin Falls reservoirs over the weekend. This, he said, constitutes contaminating part of the bay area water supply, as would picnicking in a water shed area. Food is occasionally left in a watershed area (an area providing water run-off to the reservoirs), and it decays and attracts flies.

Lee said the Government of American Samoa has not yet found it necessary to close watershed and reservoir areas to hikers and others who are careful not to contaminate what they see. "We ask the public for some consideration for others before entering these areas," Lee said. "It is only common sense not to contaminate the water we drink."

TELEVISION FOR TONIGHT:- (7:00) Friendly Giant (7:14) Funny Company (7:19) What's New (7:45) Olaga Manuia: "Be Informed" (8:01) Soifua Fa'a Samoa (8:26) Tala 'Ese 'Ese (Today's News) (8:56) You Are There: "Birth of Modern Boxing" (9:23) Science Reporter: "Room at the Top"

RICHARD MOORHEAD FINISHES ASSIGNMENT HERE

Richard Moorhead, assistant director of education for administration, left American Samoa early yesterday after completing the required working days of his two-year contract. Although his contract does not expire until mid-March, he used accumulated leave time to depart early.

Moorhead, his wife Mary, and their son, John, plan to travel in the U.S. and abroad for the next several weeks. Moorhead said he is considering several possibilities for his next job, but his plans for the future are indefinite at this time.

Moorhead came here in March 1965. As assistant director of education for administration, he has been in charge of expenditures and personnel in the Department of Education.

"MARIPOSA" TO ARRIVE THURSDAY

The Matson cruise liner Mariposa will make its regularly scheduled stop in Pago Pago at 6 a.m. Thursday. The passenger list includes Vince Pincetich, veteran Hollywood photographer, and Miss Eunice Du Prau, Stanford University ticket manager for the Department of Athletics.

LBJ WANTS CLAMP-DOWN ON DUTY-FREE MANUFACTURING

WASHINGTON (UPI) - The federal government, at the request of President Johnson, is studying the possibility of clamping down on duty-free manufacturing in American Territories.

A spokesman for the Office of Territories disclosed today that the study, which will affect the Virgin islands, Guam and American Samoa, is expected to be completed in three months.

President Johnson ordered the study November 10 when he signed a bill to limit the fast-growing watch assembly industry in American territories. However, the executive order received little publicity at the time.

The Office of Territories spokesman said the study would probably result in an over-all bill similar to the watch legislation. "The object is to try to give the maximum benefits to the territories without hindering domestic manufacturers," he said.

He said the Bureau of the Budget is coordinating the study, which is being conducted by staff members of major federal agencies.

The watch legislation was approved by Congress and signed by the President under pressure from domestic manufacturers. It limits production of watches in all three areas to one-ninth of total U.S. consumption.

Manufacturing in the territories began increasing rapidly in 1954 after the enactment of a law permitting duty-free importation of goods from American possessions. The law, however, stipulated that no more than half the value of the goods can be of foreign origin.

Importers have skirted the limitation by assembling foreign parts on the islands and then selling the finished products for double the value of the parts.

The major manufacturing operating in Guam is the assembly of watches. Tuna fish canning is the major industry of American Samoa. The Virgin Islands manufacture woolen yard goods, thermometers, pharmaceuticals and chemicals.

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