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TRAMWAY TROUBLE

The Mt. Alava tramway has been closed to the public since Tuesday evening because of trouble in the electrical control system.

The tramway, operating on an emergency gasoline engine, is making two trips to Mt. Alava daily -- once in the morning and once in the evening -- to deliver engineers to the television transmitter station.

Jim Lee, manager of Maintenance and Operations, said the malfunction was discovered after 11 p.m. Tuesday. Since then, Bob Ware, assistant director of education for engineering services, has headed a team of technicians that has been working at the tramway house almost continuously.

Lee said he has no idea at this time when the tramway will be opened to the public again. If it is not today, a call will be placed to the tramway manufacturer in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, for technical advice.

The tramway shutdown was a disappointment to more than 300 passengers from the cruise ship Mariposa who were in port for six hours this morning.

DRAMA PRESENTATION TONIGHT AT LEE AUDITORIUM

Bill Feaster, principal of Fia Iloa School, has announced the presentation of an evening's entertainment by two of the school's classes. The program is open to the public and is free of charge. It will begin at 7:30 tonight at Lee Auditorium.

The high school dramatics class will present a musical version of the Samoan legend, "The Turtle and the Shark."

Following that, the Great Books class will present Moliere's play, "The Physician in Spite of Himself." This classic comedy laid the foundation for the later development of the opera, but that was not the author's purpose when he wrote it. Moliere said his sole aim was "to make intelligent people laugh."

YACHTSMAN'S DREAM HANGS IN BALANCE

A dream hangs in the balance. Whether Gordon Johnson and his family will complete their planned cruise of the South Pacific in their new yacht, Bounty, depends upon the doctors' verdict about their son's illness.

On a recent trial cruise to Apia, 18-month-old Rocky was sick the entire time. More than seasickness, his malady seemed to suggest some difficulty with the sense of balance. Mrs. Johnson plans to fly back to the United States with Rocky to begin an extensive medical examination.

If the doctors decree that Rocky suffers an imperfection of the inner ear, Bounty must be sold, and the dream must be abandoned, perhaps permanently.

Two months ago Johnson left his job with a California telephone company, sold his home, and moved his wife and 18-month-old son to American Samoa. They spent two months fitting out and provisioning for their cruise. Now, after one short sail, they face the prospect of returning to California to begin their life all over again.

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FAGATOGO MAN CONVICTED OF ASSAULT

Mato'otua Viavia, about 32, of Fagatogo, has been convicted in the High Court of American Samoa of assaulting his job supervisor at the Marine Railway. He was sentenced Tuesday to four months in jail.

The assault victim, William Alloway, was acting manager of the Marine Railway at the time. Police were told the assault came after Alloway announced a layoff of certain employees due to a workload cutback. Viavia, who has been convicted of assault before, pleaded guilty.

OPENINGS FOR RADIO ANNOUNCERS

Radio station WVUV has openings for announcers who can speak English and Samoan fluently.

Applicants should apply at the government Personnel Office in Fagatogo. Those possessing basic qualifications for the job will be referred to George Vaia'oga at the Office of Samoan Information for translation tests. Qualified applicants must be able to speak good Samoan and good English, and translate from one to the other instantaneously.

TWO SECRETARIAL POSITIONS STILL OPEN

The government Personnel Office is still accepting applications for two secretarial positions -- one in the Attorney General's Office and one in the office of the director of the Public Works Department.

Both positions require a thorough knowledge of English and competency in spelling. Shorthand is also required. A legal background is preferred but not essential.

If you are interested in either of these positions, apply at the Personnel Office.

SOCIAL SECURITY REPRESENTATIVE ARRIVES NEXT WEDNESDAY

A Social Security representative will be in American Samoa from January 11th to January 24th. He will be in the Personnel Office to answer questions about Social Security January 11th and 12th and January 18th and 19th. He will also assist in filing for Social Security benefits. Interested individuals who are unable to see him on the days listed above may call him for an appointment.

HAWAII'S FLUORIDATION BILL MAY GO TO THE STATE LEGISLATURE

HONOLULU -- The backers of a proposal to fluoridate Hawaii's water systems plan to take their fight to the State Legislature.

The President of the Hawaii State Dental Society, Dr. Ray Tachibana, says the directors of the Fluoridation Council will meet next week to map their campaign for a state-wide bill that would fluoridate all water systems in the state.

The backers of fluoridation lost their fight this week to have Oahu's water systems fluoridated. The council failed by a one-vote majority to override Mayor Blaisdell's veto of the proposed fluoridation bill.

TELEVISION FOR TONIGHT:- (7:00) Friendly Giant (7:14) Funny Company (7:19) What's New (7:49) Americans At Work - "Piano Makers" (8:02) Soifua Fa'a Samoa (8:28) Tala 'Ese 'Ese (Today's News) (8:58) Virginian - "The Final Hour" (10:13) Struggle For Peace.