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TOURISM TOTAL FOR DECEMBER INCREASES 20 PER CENT

Statistics released today by the Office of Tourism show that about 20 per cent more tourists came to American Samoa in December than in November. But Director of Tourism Fofō I.F. Sunia says some of the increase was caused by the strike against Qantas Airlines.

The strike, which continued into about the first half of December, caused many travelers from Australia to stop in Pago Pago while making plane connections to the U.S. (The number of Australia residents passing through American Samoa more than doubled in December -- from 29 in November to 60 in December.)

Donald Pegues, district traffic sales manager here for Pan American Airways, said many passengers who came here on the Monday morning plane from Australia were bumped off by local passengers who had made reservations to Honolulu, then continued to Honolulu on the Wednesday morning plane from Tahiti.

However, Sunia said the increase in tourists (19½ per cent figuring only air arrivals, 21.2 per cent figuring both air and sea arrivals) would still be impressive even if the Qantas strike is not considered. (A tourist, he pointed out, is defined as anyone who stays longer than 24 hours.)

Here is a comparison of tourist statistics for November and December:

	<u>November</u>	<u>December</u>
Arrivals by air	386	461
Arrivals by sea	0	7
Reason for visit:		
Tourist	335	420
Business	51	39
In Transit	0	9
Average Length of Stay	3 days	4 days
Average age	44	42
Permanent address:		
USA	274	303
Australia	29	60
New Zealand	24	25
Western Samoa	17	33
Canada	2	15
All others	40	32
Arrivals from:		
Western Samoa	134	142
Sydney	57	139
Honolulu	110	93
All others	85	94

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Tourism Total For December Increases 20 Per Cent (cont'd)

	<u>November</u>	<u>December</u>
Destination on Departure:		
Honolulu	171	293
Fiji	32	54
Tahiti	77	37
Western Samoa	59	34
Sydney	11	26
Auckland	25	19
All others	11	5

FOUR EMINENT SPACE SCIENTISTS MAKE BRIEF STOP HERE

Four eminent space scientists, including Dr. Wernher Von Braun, stopped in American Samoa yesterday "to see something of Pago Pago" as they returned to the U.S. from the antarctic. The other three scientists were Robert Gilruth, Maxie Faget and Ernst Stuhliner.

The scientists, who have been in Antarctica inspecting National Science Foundation and U.S. Navy programs that are part of Operation Deep Freeze, are the second such observation group to pass through here. Another group, headed by Dr. George E. Mueller, came here about a week ago while en route to the antarctic and National Aeronautics and Space Administration stations around the world.

Yesterday's group was met at the airport by Acting Governor Owen Aspinall. While the scientists' plane was being refueled, Mr. Aspinall brought them to Pago Pago for a brief sightseeing tour and tour of the educational television studios.

THREE G.A.S. EMPLOYEES RECEIVE CERTIFICATES OF SERVICE

Certificates of service were presented yesterday to three employees of the Government of American Samoa who have been employed for 20 or 30 years by the government.

Mike Bales, director of administrative services, honored Hans Voigt, printing supervisor, for 20 years of service. Voigt relieved a Navy chief petty officer here January 2, 1947, and has been in charge of the government Print Shop ever since. Bales said Voigt is "the most dedicated individual I know."

Madison Oliver, deputy director of public works, presented two employees of the Public Works Department with 20- and 30-year certificates yesterday.

Sione Aumua, of Nu'uuli, was given a certificate for 30 years of employment with the government. He is presently a filter plant attendant in the Maintenance and Operations Division.

A 20-year certificate of service was presented to Siasoi Fou, of Faga'alu. He is presently a carpenter in the Construction Division.

BAY AREA FACES WATER RATIONING

Water rationing will begin in the bay area from 11 p.m. to 5 a.m. tomorrow night unless an appreciable amount of rain falls by tomorrow morning.

Jim Lee, manager of Maintenance and Operations, said recent sunny days-- particularly yesterday -- have evaporated much water for the bay-area reservoirs.

The water rationing will continue until further notice.

TV FOR TONIGHT:- (7:00) Friendly Giant (7:14) Funny Company (7:19) What's New (7:49) Soifua Fa'a Samoa (8:15) Tala 'Ese 'Ese (Today's News) (8:45) The Virginian: "50 Days to Moose Jaw" (10:00) N.E.T. - Struggle For Peace.