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KING AND QUEEN OF TONGA NOW DUE AT 4 P.M.

Word was received late this morning that the Tongan vessel Hifofua, with the king and queen of Tonga aboard, will arrive at the main dock today at 4 p.m.

King Taufa'ahau Tupou IV and his wife, Queen Halaevulu, are on their way to Honolulu, San Francisco and London, England. Accompanying them on the journey are an aide de camp, Sciosiuua Ngalu Kalaniuvalu, and a lady-in-waiting, Miss Latunia Ahomee. The royal party will leave for Honolulu on the early Wednesday morning Pan Am plane.

The Hifofua departed from Nukualofa, the capital of Tonga, Saturday afternoon (Lanao time). It is carrying 11 passengers, including the royal party, and two tons of cargo.

NEW PAN AM FLIGHT WILL ARRIVE HERE FRIDAY MORNINGS FROM HONOLULU

Pan American World Airway's new flight to Pago Pago -- announced Friday by Governor Lee -- will arrive here from Honolulu at 5:40 a.m. on Friday mornings, according to Donald Pegues, district traffic sales manager for Pan Am here.

The flight will originate in Los Angeles and leave Honolulu for Samoa at 1:30 a.m. (Honolulu time) on Fridays. After arriving in Pago Pago it will depart at 6:30 a.m. for Auckland and Sydney. It will then turn around and arrive in Pago Pago again at 1:50 a.m. Saturdays, departing at 2:40 a.m. for Honolulu.

Pegues said he has received word that the other two weekly Pan Am flights to Samoa will remain unchanged. "The additional flight," he said, "gives us a good spread of Sunday-Tuesday-Friday arrivals from Honolulu and the mainland U.S."

The new Pan Am Flight 811 will begin March 1 in Los Angeles and arrive here March 3.

PAN AM BOARD OF DIRECTORS WILL BE HERE FEBRUARY 11-13

The entire board of directors of Pan American World Airways will be in American Samoa February 11-13 as part of its annual round-the-world inspection tour of Pan Am facilities.

Donald Pegues, district traffic sales manager for Pan Am in Pago Pago, said the 18 directors and their wives, plus other Pan Am officials, will arrive here on a chartered Pan Am plane at 1:40 p.m., February 11. They will be welcomed by the governor or acting governor and Samoan chiefs, and then will be honored at a kava ceremony in the ceremonial fale at the airport. In the evening of their first day in Samoa, they will attend a fiafia at the home of Mrs. Mary Pritchard in Vaitogi.

On Sunday, February 12, the directors will tour the island. That night, they will be guests at a cocktail reception at Government House, followed by a Pan Am dinner at the Pago Pago Intercontinental Hotel. The following day, February 13, they will depart at 9:30 a.m. for Noumea, New Caledonia.

TELEVISION FOR TONIGHT: (7:00) Friendly Giant (7:14) What's New (7:43) 20th Century: "The Burma Road & The Hump" (8:11) Tala 'Ese 'Ese (Today's News) (8:41) Cheyenne: "Hard Bargain" (9:30) British Calendar.

HURRICANE STRUCK SAMOA ONE YEAR AGO

It was one year ago yesterday and today that the Samoan islands were struck by a devastating 20 hour hurricane. Winds said to be as strong as 100 miles per hour destroyed homes, damaged government buildings, and downed power and telephone lines. Damage exceeded \$4 million, but there was only one death -- a drowning in Manu'a.

Before last year's hurricane, the last hurricanes to hit American Samoa were in 1903, 1915, 1926, 1931 and 1959. Many local residents said the hurricane of 1966 was equaled only by the one in 1915.

COAST GUARD ESCORTS DISABLED WESTERN SAMOA BOAT

The Western Samoa motor vessel Gaumata'u was escorted by the Coast Guard into Pago Pago Bay Friday afternoon as it encountered engine trouble.

The Coast Guard cutter Cape Providence went out in search of the Gaumata'u at about 2 p.m. Friday after Western Samoa authorities reported that no radio contact had been made with it since 1 a.m. that morning. The Cape Providence found the Gaumata'u in the waters near the airport and escorted it the rest of the way.

Senior Chief Petty Officer Charles Ward was told that at one point both of the Gaumata'u's engines had stopped running. But the crew had gotten one running again and the boat was making slow progress to Pago Pago.

The distressed vessel was heavily loaded with taro, and from 35 to 40 people were aboard, Ward said.

YACHT "KORSAR" ARRIVES IN PORT

Friday morning saw the arrival in Pago Pago harbor of the 38-foot yacht Korsar, registered from Honolulu.

On board were Keith and Felicia Kibler. He has sailed extensively, having bought the vessel, a German war prize, in England and sailed it home. This is Mrs. Kibler's first cruise.

Their last port of call was Bora Bora.

The Kiblers plan to remain in Pago Pago until the end of hurricane season, after which they will proceed to Fiji, then back to Hawaii.

STEWART UDALL STARTS SEVENTH YEAR AS INTERIOR SECRETARY

Stewart L. Udall has started his seventh year as secretary of the interior, according to Associated Press.

This makes him the fourth-ranking secretary of the interior in terms of service among the 37 secretaries of the interior since the first, Thomas Ewing, was appointed in 1849 in the cabinet of President Zachary Taylor.

Udall took his oath in the Kennedy administration on January 21, 1961.

HAWAII SENATOR URGES DIRECT MAINLAND-HILO FLIGHTS

HILO, Hawaii -- Hawaii Senator Dan Inouye said Saturday in Hilo that direct air flights from the mainland to Hilo are vital to Hawaii's economy. He says the flights are important enough to justify common air fares and the resumption of subsidies to inter-island carriers.

The statements came at hearings to determine if airlines now flying only to Honolulu should be allowed to fly into Hilo. Aloha airlines, which flies to Hilo from Honolulu, opposes the applications of Pan American, United, and Northwest airlines on the grounds that it is economically dangerous to the inter-island lines. Saturday was the final day of hearings.