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TERRITORIAL GOVERNORS TESTIFY AT WATCH HEARINGS

WASHINGTON (UPI) -- The governors of Guam, American Samoa and the Virgin Islands urged the federal government today to make sure watch manufacturers in their territories do as much work as possible in the three U.S. possessions.

The governors made their requests at hearings before joint committees of the Commerce and Interior Departments on the allocation of quotas to individual territorial watch manufacturing companies. The hearings are the result of legislation passed last year under pressure from domestic watch manufacturers to clamp down on the fast growing watch assembly industry in U.S. possessions.

Watch makers had previously been able to import goods duty free to the mainland from the territories, provided that less than half the value of the commodities was of foreign origin.

The watch importers found they could make big profits by assembling almost-completed foreign mechanisms in the territories, then selling the finished products in the U.S. for double the value of the foreign parts.

The legislation limited production of watches in the three areas to one-ninth of total U.S. consumption -- an estimated 4,666,667 movements for 1967. The Virgin islands will get the bulk -- 4 million -- followed by Guam with 338,891 and American Samoa with 194,442.

The hearings, which will last two more days, are the first step in allocating quotas for individual firms in the possessions.

Governor Ralph M. Paiewonsky of the Virgin Islands said "any fair and equitable formula must be designed to insure maximum employment" in the territories.

Governor Rex Lee of American Samoa noted that there are no watch manufacturers presently operating in his territory. However, he asked that the quota for American Samoa be given to only one firm.

He said watchmaking in American Samoa would be "inefficient" with more than one company.

"We do not think the industry would be healthy with more than one firm," he said. "We have talked to several firms. But I have no preference at the moment."

He said the federal government should choose an "established firm" that will do the "maximum amount of work in the territory."

OFU FARMERS EXPAND AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION

Farmers on the island of Ofu are becoming more aware of the larger market demands for agricultural goods and have responded to development plans suggested by the Department of Agriculture Extension Service.

In the past, Ofu farmers produced vegetables only for their own consumption. But last month the YF-340 brought more than 1,500 pounds of head cabbage from Ofu to Tutuila -- the third large shipment from that island. Extension agent Saleapaga quickly found retail outlets for the cabbage through three Pago Pago merchants. Also received from Ofu during January were 60,000 pounds of bananas and nearly 6,000 pounds of copra.

John Hanlin, television project coordinator for the Department of Agriculture, says: "With the prospect of regular shipping to Manu'a, more and more fresh produce from those islands will be appearing on the market. Watch for it and buy it. Support American Samoa's agricultural economy."

FAGA'ALU BOY EXCELLS IN SOCCER AT STATESIDE COLLEGE

Aviata N. Fa'alevao, son of Mrs. Safua Fa'alevao of Faga'alu and the late Mr. Fa'alevao, has been given an award for his skill in soccer at Warren Wilson College, Swannanoa, North Carolina.

Aviata was awarded a Warren Wilson Certificate for helping the college's Junior Varsity Soccer Team win eight consecutive games in the 1966 season. The team went undefeated and was tied once, scoring 38 goals to its opponents' six.

Warren Wilson College is a four-year liberal arts school owned and operated by the Board of National Missions of the United Presbyterian Church, U.S.A.

POLICE WILL CHECK DRIVER'S LICENSES, LICENSE PLATES THIS WEEKEND

Starting this weekend, police will check Tutuila motorists to see that they have a new three-year driver's license and 1967 license plates, as required by law.

Commissioner of Public Safety Dewey Allen advises all motorists to pick up their new driver's license if they have not done so already. A pink receipt for the driver's license application will not pass as a new license, he said.

THREE SHIPS EXPECTED

Fred Uhrle, port administrator, announced today that his department expects three ships within the next five days.

The Thorsgaard is due to arrive at 10 p.m. Saturday, February 4. There is some question about the arrival of the Ventura, Uhrle said, but it is tentatively scheduled to arrive on Monday, February 6th.

The Sierra has confirmed arrival at 6 a.m. Tuesday, February 7th.

THIRTEEN MICRONESIAN WOMEN TO ATTEND EAST-WEST CENTER COURSE IN BUSINESS EDUCATION

SAIPAN, Mariana Islands, Trust Territory -- Thirteen Micronesian women have been selected to participate in the fourth East-West Center four-month refresher course in business education which is being held in Honolulu.

The first week of training was to be devoted to general orientation. Following that participants were to attend courses at Kapiolani Community College where they were to study such subjects as business English and speech, typewriting, bookkeeping, shorthand, operation and care of business machines, business correspondence, and filing.

They will also have contact with the Hawaii business community and will have the opportunity to observe business and government offices. They will tour such business firms as the Hawaiian Telephone Company and visit modern office equipment companies.

At the end of the program participants will actually use their training by working in an office in a capacity which is related to the job they hold in the Territory.

TREMORS FELT IN HAWAII

HILO, Hawaii -- A rolling earthquake, possibly the prelude to a future volcanic eruption on the island of Hawaii, rattled dishes in Hilo and along coastal towns last night, but no damage was reported.

Most eruptions on Hawaii are preceded by a series of earthquakes that are caused by the building up of gases within a particular volcanic vent beneath the surface of the earth.

TELEVISION FOR TONIGHT:- (7:00) Tala 'Ese 'Ese (Today's News) (7:30) Pro Bowl Game.