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P & O CRUISE SHIP ORONSAY DUE MONDAY WITH 1,200 PASSENGERS

About 1,200 tourists -- most of them Australians -- are scheduled to arrive in Pago Pago Harbor Monday at 7 a.m. aboard the Pacific & Orient cruise liner Oronsay. B.F. Kneubuhl Tour and Travel Agency, the local agent for the P&O Line, says this is the first large cruise ship to stay here overnight.

The Oronsay is coming here from Suva, Fiji, and will depart at 5 a.m. Tuesday for Nukualofa, Tonga. The Kneubuhl agency has arranged four tours for the passengers of the ship, and the Pago Pago Intercontinental Hotel is planning a special buffet luncheon and dinner for Monday, with a floor show at the dinner. In addition, two floor shows will be presented on board the Oronsay Monday evening.

This is the only scheduled visit of a P & O cruise ship in Pago Pago this year. The Oronsay's Pacific voyage began in Australia.

Kneubuhl Travel Official Laments Territorial Tavern-Closing Law

A territorial law requiring taverns to close at 10 p.m. except Friday and Saturday nights is going to leave many Oronsay passengers with nothing to do, according to Robert J. Cavanaugh of the Kneubuhl Tour and Travel Agency.

"It is regrettable that Pago Pago taverns are not licensed to remain open even when a ship with this many passengers comes in," he said. "There is a very good likelihood that some of the 1,200 passengers will have no place to go and nothing to do except go back to the ship.

"It's regrettable for the passengers, for they have nothing to do, and it's regrettable that American Samoa will lose the revenue."

KOREAN JOURNALIST HERE FOR EXTENDED STAY

A Korean journalist, Chung Mu Son, 31, arrived in Pago Pago Sunday to begin a two or three month visit. His main purpose is to gather information for newspaper articles and television programs in Korea about the Korean fisherman in American Samoa.

Son, who is the U.S. foreign correspondent for the Korean daily newspaper Kyunghyang, will live with the Korean representative at the Van Camp cannery. During his stay here, he will go to sea for about one month, taking pictures for his articles and television programs.

About 1,700 Korean fishermen work for American Samoa's two canneries. This is the largest group of Korean fishermen outside of Korea.

When Son is through with his assignment here, he will go to Fiji and New Hebrides for similar assignments. After that, he will go to South America.

MANU'A TRIP SCHEDULED BY LEGISLATURE

High Talking Chief Lauvao-Lolo, president of the American Samoa Senate, and Chief Muagututi'a Tuiā, speaker of the American Samoa House of Representatives, announced today that a joint Senate-House committee will visit the Manu'a islands soon to study development there.

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Manu'a Trip Scheduled By Legislators (cont'd)

The committee consists of Senator Aso'au of Faleasao County, Senator Le'aeno of Itu'au County, Senator Fonoti of Saole County, Representative Meredith of Mauputasi County, Representative Lefotu of Leasina County, and Representative Ligoligo of Fitiuta County.

As soon as the YF-340 is available (probably not until after late next week), the joint committee will visit all three islands of Manu'a. The committee members will observe all aspects of development and answer questions of Manu'a residents. It is envisioned that hearings will be conducted in one or two places.

The people of Manu'a are urged to come before the committee and express any opinions they may have regarding the welfare of Manu'a.

VATIA BOY SUBJECT OF ARTICLE IN AMERICAN YOUTH MAGAZINE

Scenes of Samoa and one of its young men, Pili Masaniai, are featured in a recent issue of American Youth Magazine, which is distributed to more than a million new teen-age drivers by the General Motors Corporation.

The photos were in Pili's home village of Vatia in December 1965 when free-lance photographer Jack Fields was in Samoa for the opening of the Pago Pago Intercontinental Hotel. The article is titled, "The Double Life of Pili Masaniai," and it is derived from the fact that although Pili lives "over the mountains" in a quiet Samoan village, he was being educated -- at that time -- through modern technology -- instructional television -- in the High School of American Samoa.

In describing Pili's home life, the story points out that "Samoan families are closely-knit units, and all members -- except small children -- pitch in for the common good. Teen-age boys are expected to gather and prepare food. Pili collects bananas, pineapples and coconuts...and does his share of planting and weeding."

But the article notes that another aspect of Pili's life is "a sophistication that his father and elders never knew. He is being educated in a modern school that uses television and other up-to-the-minute equipment. Pili is conversant with the technology of the western world as he is with an outrigger canoe."

Pili, the grandson of High Talking Chief Masaniai T., is now 20 years old. He is a customs clerk in the Government of American Samoa Customs Office.

DECIMAL CURRENCY FOR TONGA

The Tongan Government has announced from Nukualofa that a changeover to decimal currency will take place on April 3, 1967.

The new currency will be named "paanga" and "seniti," and will be on a par with Australian dollars and cents. Paanga notes will show the dollar sign prefixed with the letter T (T\$), and will carry a photogravure of the late Queen Salote together with typical Tongan scenes.

This will be the first time Tonga has had its own currency; in the past it has used Australian coins with Tongan paper money only.

The present currency will be withdrawn as soon as possible after April 3rd, but will remain legal tender until the changeover is completed.

TELEVISION FOR TONIGHT

CHANNEL 2: (7:00) Friendly Giant (7:15) News (Samoan) (7:30) Expedition "Saga of the Triton" (8:00) Soifua Fa'a Samoa (8:30) Wide World of Sports.

CHANNEL 4: (7:00) News (English) (7:15) Friendly Giant (7:30) Lucy Show "Lucy Conducts a Symphony" (8:00) What's New (8:30) Bonanza "Lonely House" (9:45) N.E.T. "Victoria Regina" (10:15) News (English).