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### TENTH LEGISLATURE CONVENES

The 18 Representatives and 15 Senators of the Tenth Legislature of American Samoa convened today for the first time.

Musical selections by the Mapusaga High School Band opened the joint session at 10 a.m., and a number of other festivities were presented during the remainder of the morning. The legislators returned after lunch to officially begin their work for this session.

### WAGE AND EMPLOYMENT COMMITTEE TO STUDY CIVIL RIGHTS OF STATESIDE EMPLOYEES

The civil rights of Government of American Samoa stateside employees will be studied by the Joint Committee on Wage and Employment, according to its chairman, High Chief Fuimaono Asuenu.

The committee will specifically look into the possibilities of establishing a grievance board, before which contract employees could bring complaints without fear of reprisal.

"For some time we have been aware of inequities and hardships experienced by a few palagi employees because of wording in the contracts under which they were hired," Fuimaono said. "The committee intends to investigate these problems, and it has asked the government for copies of the various contracts that (stateside) employees sign."

Fuimaono acknowledged that the government itself has been taken advantage of many times by stateside employees; he suggested that perhaps this was the cause of the vague and "open-ended" language in contracts that gives the government full advantage over the stateside employee.

"The committee is aware that there is no effective means by which palagi employees can voice their complaints, and it intends to investigate the possibility of setting up a board before whom these employees can bring their complaints," Fuimaono said.

Upon completion of the study, the committee will make recommendations for a civil rights law for contract employees in American Samoa, he added.

### GEORGE HASTINGS FAMILY DUMPED IN HEAVY SURF OFF AUASI

The family of Aunu'u Consolidated School Principal George Hastings escaped possible death Saturday morning when their 14-foot outboard motor boat capsized in rough surf off Auasi. The Hastingses, their two small children and two other passengers in the boat were rescued by a longboat from Aunu'u.

The mishap occurred at about 9 a.m. as Hastings, his wife Jan, their 4-year-old son, Mark, 1-year-old daughter Lynn, and two teen-age boys from Aunu'u were approaching Auasi in the boat.

As they entered the small break in the reef that permits landings at Auasi, a large swell raised the stern of the boat high into the air while a smaller wave in the channel washed over the bow. The boat cartwheeled end over end, throwing all passengers into the sea.

Mrs. Hastings held tightly onto the baby, who survived the ordeal with nothing more than a dunking. As the others came to the surface, they clung to the overturned boat. Four-year-old Mark, who was wearing a life preserver, was feared lost until someone heard his shout in the air pocket underneath the overturned boat.

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George Hastings Family Dumped In Heavy Surf Off Auasi

Mrs. Dee Tidwell, principal of Tula Consolidated School, witnessed the incident as she was driving past Auasi. She drove on to Amouli to call for help on that village's radio. But no one answered her call at the Communications Center in Fagatogo.

Meanwhile, the Hastingses and their two passengers started drifting out to sea toward 15-foot waves that were breaking farther east down the shore. One of the teenage boys from Anuu'u swam through the Auasi surf and over the reef to get help. He returned with some other boys in a longboat, but they could not tow the overturned outboard motor boat to Auasi.

In the meantime, Mrs. Tidwell's unsuccessful attempts to raise the Communications Center were heard on the Anuu'u radio and a larger longboat was sent to the rescue.

The Hastingses managed to gather their suitcases and other possessions that were floating in the water. All they lost was a bag containing baby clothes.

Hastings was bringing his family to Tutuila to spend the weekend at Aoa and to attend a principals' meeting in Utulei today.

MATSINGERS TO BE ON "PEOPLE" PROGRAM TONIGHT

Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Matsinger, the first high school educators in American Samoa, will be featured on KVZK-TV's "People" program tonight at 8 o'clock on Channel 2.

They will appear with three original members of the faculty -- Chief Pula, Chief Meko and Chief Lauvao-Lolo -- and members of the first two graduating classes, Mrs. Mere Betham and Tenari Fuimaono. Director of Education Dr. John Harold will also appear on the program.

Most of the discussion will center around the Matsingers' remembrances of American Samoa from 1946 to 1950.

WATER RATIONING THREATENED

Jim Lee, manager of maintenance and operations, said today that if no rain falls on bay area reservoirs tonight, water rationing will begin for bay area residents tomorrow night, lasting from 11 p.m. to 5 a.m.

GIRL INJURED WHEN BUS RUNS OUT OF CONTROL IN A'OLOAU

One of seven passengers was injured and hospitalized when a bus went over a six-foot cliff on a curve at noon yesterday in A'oloau.

Injured was Lita Sala, 17, of Utulei. She was taken to the Hospital of American Samoa.

Acting Police Moaali'itele Tu'ufuli said the driver and the other six passengers miraculously escaped injury. The bus landed bottom side up and was totally wrecked.

Tu'ufuli said the driver, Faitala Faitala, 26, of A'oloau, said the brakes on the bus failed as the vehicle descended a hill. Without brakes, the bus picked up speed and was unable to negotiate safely the curve. Then, the bus plunged over the embankment.

TELEVISION FOR TONIGHT

CHANNEL 2: (7:00) Friendly Giant (7:15) News (Samoan) (7:32) 20th Century: "We Fed Our Enemies" (7:58) People: "The Matsingers" (8:32) Cheyenne: "Fury at Rio Hondo"

CHANNEL 4: (7:00) News (English) (7:17) Friendly Giant (7:32) You Are There: "Socrate's Death" (7:58) What's New (8:27) Garry Moore: "Chita Rivera" (9:18) News (English).