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REDUCED POWER MAY HAVE CAUSED COMMUNICATIONS FAILURE AT AMOULI SATURDAY

A momentary power failure and subsequent low voltage in the eastern district and parts of the bay area Saturday morning may have been responsible for a communications breakdown when an emergency situation occurred at Auasi.

Jim Lee, manager of maintenance and operations, said one of the main generators at the Satala power plant overheated at about 8 a.m. Saturday and automatically shut down for a few minutes. Even after it started up again, there was reduced power in the eastern district and parts of the bay area. The voltage reduction, which Lee said continued until about 9:30 or 10 a.m., affected overseas communications is believed to have prevented the reception of an emergency message from the single-sideband radio at Amouli.

The message was from Mrs. Dee Tidwell, principal of Tula Consolidated School, summoning help for the occupants of an outboard motor boat that capsized in heavy surf off Auasi. The boat's occupants included George Hastings, principal of Aunu'u Consolidated School, his wife Jan, their 4-year-old son and 1-year-old daughter. Although message was not heard at the Communications Center, it was ultimately heard on Aunu'u, and a longboat was sent from there.

SENATE PRESIDENT LAUVAO-LOLO OUTLINES RESPONSIBILITIES OF 10TH LEGISLATURE

The Tenth Legislature of American Samoa opened in joint session in the House chambers yesterday. Senate President Lauvao-Lolo outlined the basic responsibilities of the new session.

Before enumerating those responsibilities, Lolo noted that the legislature represents "our right of participation in our government, our freedom to express what we think about our government, and our privilege to criticize our government." And at the conclusion, he expressed "deepest gratitude to Governor Lee, Mr. Aspinall, and all those in the administration for the guidance and support they have been generously giving to the Samoan people. We are now beginning to take hold of the reins, and in the very near future we shall steel our own course."

The basic responsibilities as outlined by Lolo were as follows:

1 -- "First it shall become the responsibility of the legislature to study the wide disparity now existing between the wages of local employees and those of overseas employees. While we approve of reasonable wages and inducements to make employment in Samoa attractive to our friends from overseas, we disapprove strongly of the low wages paid to our local labor force. The Tenth Legislature will do its utmost to see that all employees receive a reasonable return for the work they do.

2 -- "Another matter of concern is water for the people; women and children walk long distances to get water. Let us not leave (this problem) to the other fellow. Water supply is a government responsibility.

3 -- "Our land system is in need of improvement. As long as our lands are not surveyed, our boundaries are not marked, we are in danger of losing one of our precious possessions. The legislature will study the possibility of establish an office that will be responsible for data, statistics and matters pertaining to lands in American Samoa.

4 -- "The people of Manu'a -- as learned by a recent visit of legislators to those islands -- feel they are second-class citizens. The people of Manu'a need better school and medical supplies; apparent carelessness in packing and transporting goods

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Senate President Lauvao-Lolo Outlines Responsibilities Of 10th Legislature (cont'd)

to Manu'a results in heavy damages and expensive losses. Services for Manu'a must be brought up to the level of services here on Tutuila.

5 -- "Several measures aimed at improving the standard of living of the working people, and to protect them from injury and old age, have been proposed. Some originate from the administration, some from the legislature. We should study them all closely.

6 -- "Let us begin talking about our future political status. We can no longer drift along without an anchor. Are we to take the road that leads to unification with our brothers in Western Samoa? Or are we to aspire to independence? Are we to move toward closer ties and identification with our mother country, the United States? These questions and other questions connected with this subject we must ponder and ponder well. The future of the people and the territory may be jeopardized by our indecision and indifference."

PERSONNEL CHANGES ANNOUNCED BY EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Dr. John Harold, director of education, today announced three personnel changes within the Department of Education. They are all related to the recent promotion of Roy Cobb as deputy director of education.

Robert G. Nolan, principal of Matafao Consolidated School near Faga'alu, is appointed to be Cobb's successor as supervisor of teacher training at Feleti Teacher Training School. Nolan came to Samoa from Swansea, Massachusetts, where he was an administrative assistant to the superintendent of Schools. His experience before that included being principal of an educational television school. He has a master of education degree from Rhode Island College.

Taking Nolan's place as principal of Matafao Consolidated School will be Carl Liebig, who has worked as a research teacher at the Instructional Resource Center since coming to Samoa. He holds a master of science degree from the University of Wisconsin, has taught in Wisconsin and Alaska, and was an elementary school principal for six years in Madison, Wisconsin.

Mrs. Nancy Muhlbach, an English instructor in the nursing education program at the Hospital of American Samoa for the last two years, will take Liebig's place as a research teacher. She is a graduate of Goucher College in Baltimore, Maryland.

UTULEI P.T.A. TO MEET SATURDAY MORNING

The Parent-Teacher Association of the Utulei Campus, High School of American Samoa, will hold a special meeting Saturday at 8:30 a.m. in Lee Auditorium. Members will be asked to consider and vote upon a proposed constitution recommended by the P.T.A. Constitution Committee.

WATER RATIONING IN BAY AREA TONIGHT

Because no appreciable amount of rain replenished bay-area reservoirs in the last 24 hours, water rationing will begin tonight. The rationing will be from 10 p.m. 5 a.m. until further notice.

TELEVISION FOR TONIGHT

CHANNEL 2: (7:00) Friendly Giant (7:15) News (Samoan) (7:32) You Are There: "Socrate's Death" (7:58) Soifua Fa'a Samoa (8:22) Garry Moore: "Chita Rivera"

CHANNEL 4: (7:00) News (English) (7:17) Friendly Giant (7:32) 20th Century: "We Fed Our Enemies" (7:58) What's New (8:27) Cheyenne: "Fury at Rio Hondo" (9:10) News In Review (9:43) News (English).