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ACTING GOVERNOR ASPINALL WILL MEET KING AND QUEEN OF TONGA AT AIRPORT

Acting Governor Owen S. Aspinall said today he will meet the king and queen of Tonga when they pass through American Samoa Sunday after a seven-week vacation trip to England.

Mr. Aspinall said he has received radiograms informing him that King Taufa'ahau Tupou IV and Queen Halaevalu Mata'aho will arrive at 5:40 a.m. Sunday on the Pan Am plane from Honolulu. Queen Mata'aho will continue on to Fiji on the Sunday morning Air New Zealand plane, the acting governor said, while King Taufa'ahau will board his motor yacht Hifofua for the journey to Nukualofa, the capital of Tonga.

It is not known how soon the king will depart for Tonga after his arrival here.

ICE BREAKER "STATEN ISLAND" HAS FASCINATING MISSION, HISTORY

It may surprise you to know that the Coast Guard cutter Staten Island, an ice-breaker, can crush ice 10 feet thick and used to belong to Soviet Russia. These and other fascinating details are found in an information booklet about the ship.

The Staten Island is here for three days while en route to Seattle, Washington after completing an assignment in the antarctic for Operation Deep Freeze. It is a "Wind" class ice-breaker 269 feet long, powered by six 2,000-horsepower diesel electric engines.

When you talk about the Staten Island's speed, you must talk about how much ice it is cutting through. In the waters of Samea, where the only ice is that found in cool drinks, the Staten Island has a maximum speed of 15 knots. In ice up to five feet thick -- known officially as "light ice" -- the forward speed is reduced to four knots or more. In heavier ice up to 10 feet thick, forward speed is slowed to about one knot.

The bow of the Staten Island has a sharply sloping forefoot that permits the vessel to slide up onto ice that is too heavy to break by the forward ramming motion of ship. The weight of the ship then exerts a crushing effect upon the ice.

On the rear top deck of the Staten Island is a collapsible hangar and remodeled flight deck for use by the helicopters that fly ice reconnaissance and resupply missions. according to captain Robert T. Norris, commanding officer of the ship, helicopters are of great assistance in saving time and distance by spurring weak ice or open-water areas; the helicopters thus serve as long-range "eyes" of the ship, he said.

Prior to the end of the Staten Island's construction in 1942, it was labeled lend-lease material and delivered to the Soviet Union in 1944. The Russians renamed her Severny Veter, which means Northwind, and assigned her to the Northern Seas Route Command. In 1951 an American crew of six officers and 65 enlisted men took possession of the ship at Bremerhaven, Germany. Today it has a crew of 190 men and 16 officers, plus an aviation detachment of four officers and 12 men to maintain two helicopters.

The Staten Island is equipped with air and surface search radars, fathometers, a communications system, oceanographic facilities, photo laboratory, store rooms capable of carrying enough food for a year at sea, and enough fuel to sail around the world twice.

In addition, the ship is equipped with a barber shop, sundries store, soda foundation, post office, library, full medical and dental facilities, motion picture facilities and a laundry that provides weekly service to all hands.

PERRY MASON SERIES MAKES AMERICAN SAMOA DEBUT TONIGHT

The famous Perry Mason crime-law television series will make its debut in American Samoa tonight. The first showing will be on Channel 4 at 8:30, according to Adult Education Director Tiv Wicker.

This modern crime-law series is based on a character created by the well-known writer of detective fiction, Earle Stanley Gardner. Perry Mason is played by Raymond Burr, a frequent visitor to the South Pacific and who was recently in American Samoa. Burr owns land in Fiji.

The hour-long program will be shown on Channel 4 Fridays and on Channel 2 Wednesdays, at 8:30.

A new time showing for McHale's Navy, which is being replaced by the Perry Mason series, will be announced next week, Wicker said.

NEW 4H AGENT FOR AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT

A new advisor has been assigned to the local 4-H organization, according to an announcement from the Department of Agriculture. He is George Arakawa, an experimentalist for the department.

Arakawa comes here with a wide background of experience gained in Hawaii where he worked with many 4-H clubs. He said he would review club operations preliminary to making recommendations for a more effective 4-H club.

Arakawa's 4-H duties will be in addition to his regular work as experimentalist at the Taputimu Farm.

MAIN DOCK CLOSED TO TRAFFIC

The main dock area has been closed to general traffic, according to an announcement today from Port Director Fred Uhrle.

Uhrle said the edict became necessary because warehouse construction limits working space. He also urged that the general public exercise extreme caution while in the dock area.

His announcement said: "Effective immediately and until further notice the general public is advised that due to warehouse construction and limited working space, the main dock area is closed to all traffic, except cargo handling and construction equipment and vehicles.

"Entry to the customs wharf, customs house and liquor store will be between the General Supply Building and Fire House, with exit between the Fire House and Post Office."

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT HAS NEW BUILDING PERMIT HOURS

Effective Monday, the Department of Public Works will start new hours for reviewing building plans and issuing building permits.

The new hours are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

TV TONIGHT; CHANNEL 2: (7:00) Friendly Giant (7:15) News (Samoan) (7:32) Lucy Show: "Lucy's Barbershop Quartet" (7:57) People: "Matsingers" (8:32) Bonanza: "San Francisco Holiday"

CHANNEL 4: (7:00) News (English) (7:17) Friendly Giant (7:32) Hennesey: "Harvey Blair Return" (7:57) What's New (8:27) Perry Mason: "Case of the Floating Stones. (9:17) News (English)

TV FOR SATURDAY: (7:00) Bugs Bunny (7:22) Alakazam: "Famous Mystery of Magic" (7:43) International Showtime: "Circus Scout" (8:36) Disney Feature: "Roby Roy" (9:56) Japanese Tourist Association.