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TARO IMPORT LICENSES SOLD OUT

An Agriculture Department spokesman said today that all 20 licenses available for the importation of taro for commercial purposes have been purchased. The licenses permit the holder to import a maximum of 10 bags of taro a week.

The crackdown in taro imports was brought about by an unstable local taro market caused by large imports from Western Samoa, where taro is abundantly available at a far lower price than it is in American Samoa. Import quotes have been imposed here to maintain a fair market for American Samoa taro farmers and to permit local taro farmers to develop their plantations.

Effective last Friday, importers must pay 75¢ per bag to import taro and sell it in the Fagatogo Public Market. In the past, importers have been permitted to sell their taros in the market at no additional charge; thus they paid less for the use of the market than did local taro farmers.

Yesterday's story in the Daily Bulletin about the import limitation of two bags of taro per person per week applies only to family (non-commercial) use of taro. For this purpose, an import license is not required, but an import permit is.

GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES MAY TAKE ANNUAL LEAVE FOR GOOD FRIDAY

Government employees may take annual leave if they wish to attend church services this Friday -- Good Friday -- but that day is not a government holiday.

According to a memorandum issued yesterday by Acting Governor Owen S. Aspinall, government department heads are encouraged to permit employees to take annual leave time for this purpose.

PEACE CORPS OFFERS ASSISTANCE TO WESTERN SAMOA

The government of Western Samoa is currently considering an offer of person-to-person assistance from the Peace Corps. A government spokesman told the Office of Samoan Information recently that the unofficial response to the offer is "very encouraging."

Dr. Ross Pritchard, director of the Peace Corps in Asia and the Pacific, was in American and Western Samoa two weeks ago. During that time he visited Western Samoa's prime minister, Fiame Mata'afa.

Al Ripine, public relations officer for the government of Western Samoa, said Dr. Pritchard's talks with the prime ministers were geared toward assessing Western Samoa's requirements in terms of assistance the Peace Corps could give to the island nation. Dr. Pritchard is to prepare a report on the proposal and submit it to the Western Samoa government for approval or rejection.

The Peace Corps and Western Samoa talked about assistance once before but nothing evolved because of a disagreement over the minimum number of personnel needed. Normally, the Peace Corps operates on projects requiring at least 30 personnel. Western Samoa negotiated for Peace Corps assistance some time ago but asked for much fewer personnel. The Peace Corps reportedly reduced the minimum to 20 but, according to Ripine, negotiations then stalled because the government felt the figure was still too high for the country's needs.

POLICEMAN STOPS BUS CARRYING HIS DAUGHTER ON EMERGENCY RUN

Police Captain Vilima'a Le'iato stopped a speeding bus yesterday only to learn the bus was rushing his 9-year-old daughter, Paula, to the hospital.

Paula had been carrying a pail of hot water outside of her home in Faga'itua when she slipped and spilled the scalding water on herself.

She was enroute to the Hospital of American Samoa in the speeding bus when Captain Le'iato, in the line of duty, overtook the bus with his police car.

Upon finding his daughter in the bus, the police captain transferred her to his car and sped her to the hospital.

Paula's condition is listed as good.

HEAD-ON COLLISION ~~WAS~~ SATURDAY NIGHT INJURED TWO

A 36-year-old Atu'u school teacher faces court arraignment tomorrow as a result of a head-on collision Saturday night in Malaloa. Two persons were injured.

Acting Police Chief Moaali'itele said that John Mose of Atu'u would face court action. The police official said that a vehicle driven by Mose crossed the center line of the road near Malaloa at about 9:50 p.m. and struck a vehicle driven by Piula Luavasa, 39, of Faga'itua.

A passenger in the Mose car, Taua'a Lee of Alofa'u suffered cuts and other injuries, and is in the Hospital of American Samoa. His condition is satisfactory.

Of the three passengers in the Luavasa vehicle, only one required treatment. That passenger was Mrs. Ulutolo Luavasa, wife of the driver.

Mose received minor scratches.

YESTERDAY'S VOLLEYBALL SCORES

Elementary Schools

Boys Age Group 10 - 12 yrs		Boys Age Group 13- 15 yrs.	
Pago Pago	8 - 8	Pago Pago	16 - 12 - 15
Matafao	15 - 15	Matafao	14 - 15 - 10

OPEN COMPETITION

(Championship Round)

Men's Division		Men's Division	
Amu'ula	10 - 15 - 15	Tuha'ula	15 - 15
Malaeloa	15 - 12 - 13	Lonely Palms	9 - 13

Women's Division

Malaeloa	15 - 7 - 15
Mauga Ali'i	12 - 15 - 10

TELEVISION FOR TONIGHT

CHANNEL 2: (7:00) Friendly Giant (7:15) News (Samoan) (7:32) You Are There: "Stephen Stephen Decatur" (7:57) Soifua Fa'a Samoa (8:23) Garry Moore: "Allen & Rossi" (9:12) Flag Day Committee

CHANNEL 4: (7:00) News (English) (7:17) Friendly Giant (7:32) 20th Century: "End of an Empire" (7:57) What's New (8:27) Cheyenne: "The Dark Rider" (9:08) News In Review (9:47) News (English).
