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SENATE REJECTS "ABSENTEE GOVERNOR" BILL

The Senate of American Samoa yesterday discussed and voted down a bill to give the acting governor full governor power when the governor is gone from the territory for more than a month.

The bill, introduced by Senator A. Fuimaono, would also have required the governor to publish by notice all the powers that will be available to the acting governor when the governor is gone, regardless of the time length.

The rejection of the bill came after Acting Governor Owen Aspinall appeared before the Senate's committee-of-the-whole and said he didn't feel the proposed legislation was necessary. Although the bill claimed the government of American Samoa is "impaired" and "neglected" in the governor's absence, Mr. Aspinall said he doesn't think so. He said that although there are a few things awaiting the governor's signature, he knows of no problems in the day-to-day operation of the territory that are caused by Governor Lee's absence.

There are some policy decisions that only the governor can make, Mr. Aspinall said, but they can wait until the governor returns.

High Talking Chief Lauvao-Lolo, president of the Senate, said he doesn't feel a majority of the senators favored the bill originally, but he said he thinks it at least "expresses the feeling of the people about the prolonged absence of the governor."

Governor Lee has been gone since just before Christmas. He was summoned to Washington by Secretary of the Interior Stewart Udall and has since been involved in a series of congressional hearings and meetings involving a number of territorial affairs, including watch production quotas, the Pacific Air Routes Case, American Samoa's congressional appropriation for Fiscal Year 1968, and economic development projects for American Samoa.

"Tremendous" Response To Governor Lee's ETV Presentation In Paris

Acting Governor Owen Aspinall talked to Governor Lee by telephone Sunday morning and was told that the governor's presentation about American Samoa's educational television system at an international conference for broadcasters in Paris last week was a success and brought a "tremendous response."

Governor Lee said the report -- including a videotaped television program prepared in American Samoa -- was enthusiastically received at the Third International Conference on Educational Radio and Television, sponsored by the European Broadcasting Union. Governor Lee said he came away from the conference with the feeling that American Samoa is far ahead of other countries and broadcasting organizations in the field of instructional television.

The Paris conference was attended by educational and commercial broadcasters from around the world.

TV FOR TONIGHT: CHANNEL 2: (7:00) Friendly Giant (7:15) News (Samoan) (7:32) Hennesey: "Hennesey Meets Fuji" (7:57) News In Review (8:36) Perry Mason: "Case of the Badgered Brother"

CHANNEL 4: (7:00) News (English) (7:17) Friendly Giant (7:32) McHale's Navy: "Uncle Admiral" (7:57) What's New (8:27) Wide World of Sports (9:43) Great Decisions (10:12) News (English).

PERRY MASON SHOW ON CHANNEL 2 TONIGHT

The new Perry Mason series, which premiered last Friday night on Channel 4, will be seen tonight and every Wednesday night on Channel 2 at 8:30 o'clock.

The show "McHale's Navy," formerly seen at 8:30 on Wednesday nights on Channel 2, will be shown at 7:30 on Wednesday nights on Channel 4 and at 7:30 on Thursday nights on Channel 2.

A special program change for tonight only will be a reshewing of this week's News in Review at 8 o'clock on Channel 2 in place of Olaga Manuia.

The new Olaga Manuia series will resume its regular Wednesday night schedule next week.

TWO POWER REDUCTIONS LAST NIGHT; THIRD THIS MORNING

Three power reductions in the last 24 hours affected electrical power supply in the bay area and eastern district. KVZK-TV programming was temporarily interrupted by last night's reductions.

The first reduction came at about 7:15 last night when generator No. 3 at the Satala Power Plant shut off after overheating. It was started up again at 7:30, but 10 minutes later it failed again. Workmen got it running again at 8 p.m. During this time, KVZK-TV was off the air. Telecasting resumed at about 8:10.

This morning at 7:20 low air pressure in the air system of one of the generators caused another reduction, this time affected Fagatogo, among other parts of the bay area. A leak was discovered in the air system, and power returned to normal at about 8:10 a.m.

"APIA ADVERTISER" IS NEW NEWSPAPER IN WESTERN SAMOA

Western Samoa has a new newspaper -- a replacement for the Samoana, which folded recently. The name of the new newspaper is the Apia Advertiser, and its editor is Robert Rankin, the former editor of Samoana.

The Advertiser came out with its first issue March 15. In its masthead it claims to be "the largest selling newspaper circulated throughout Samoa." Its lead article told how the Samoana met its death: Two factions of stockholders, each representing an even 50 per cent ownership of the newspaper, could not agree on management policies, and neither group would sell its stock to the other group.

The Advertiser is about 70 per cent owned by Rankin and Mrs. P. Forsgren, Rankin's mother-in-law. The balance is said to be owned by "investors from the United States, including a leading member of a prominent Washington law firm."

New Newspaper Says It Finds Rough Going At Bank Of Western Samoa

The Apia Advertiser reported in its first issue that it has encountered difficulty opening a checking account at the Bank of Western Samoa, Western Samoa's only bank. A representative of the Advertiser reportedly went to the bank with 500 pounds -- mostly new money from outside investors -- to open a checking account for the new company.

"Nothing doing, mate, we don't want your business," said the bank manager, or words to that effect.

"We need to be able to write out cheques to keep our accounts", said the intending customer.

"But I don't care to let you do it" said the bank manager.

The customer walked out and opened a new account at the Post Office across the street.

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