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FLAG DAY COMMITTEE BUSY PLANNING ACTIVITIES; FUND DRIVE IN PROGRESS

Flag Day, the most actively celebrated holiday in American Samoa, is being planned in detail by this year's Flag Day Committee, headed by co-chairman Napoleon Tuiteleleapaga and Meko Fiaui. The activities of this year's Flag Day, April 17, will emphasize traditional Samoa songs, dances, sports and games.

Meanwhile, a fund-raising drive is in progress throughout the territory to buy the best prizes for winners of the numerous contests planned. Office supervisors and department heads are urging their employees to contribute significantly to the success of the Flag Day celebration.

Although many activities of the day have yet to be planned, a parade will begin the celebration, as has been the case in previous years. The parade will end at the malae, and there will be a formal observance of the raising of the American flag, as it was raised for the first time in Eastern Samoa on April 17, 1900.

Among the activities on the malae that day will be a tug-of-war between the hospital nurses and members of the Women's Health Committee. There will also be a fautasi race in the afternoon. Another activity will be a beauty contest between three women from each of the three districts of the territory. Contest entrants may be between 18 and 50 years old but they must be dressed in the traditional Samoan taupou costume.

WATER RATIONING HOURS INCREASED; TAFUNA THREATENED

A serious leak beneath the dam of the Pago Well has forced the Maintenance and Operations Division to declare increased water rationing hours for the bay area. Until further notice, water will be shut off at 8 p.m. and resume at 5 a.m.

The leak means that many Pago Pago residents cannot receive the amount of water they need, even under the regular water rationing hours. Repair crew will be working on the leak constantly until it is fixed -- estimated to be in about two days. But until then, Pago residents will receive their water from the Fagatogo reservoir.

Jim Lee, manager of the M & O Division, said bay-area residents face possible daytime water rationing if enough rain does not replenish bay-area reservoirs soon.

Tafuna also faces rationing if the dry spell continues, Lee added. He urged all residents of the bay area and Tafuna to conserve water and to shut off outdoor water faucets that are left running. Village faucets that are found running when not in use may be turned off by the Public Works Department until the dry spell has ended.

TELEVISION FOR TONIGHT

CHANNEL 2: (7:00) Friendly Giant (7:15) News (Samoan) (7:32) McHale's Navy: "Uncle Admiral" (7:57) Soifua Fa'a Samoa (8:23) Wide World Of Sports.

CHANNEL 4: (7:00) News (English) (7:17) Friendly Giant (7:32) Lucy Show: "No More Double Dates" (7:57) What's New (8:27) Bonanza: "Last Haircut" (9:16) N.E.T. News In Perspective (10:16) News (English).

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MATA'afa RE-ELECTED PRIME MINISTER OF WESTERN SAMOA

Fiame Mata'afa Faumuina Mulinu'u II was recently elected to a third term as prime minister of Western Samoa, according to Apia newspapers.

The appointment was made by customary informal discussion and then confirmed by a motion that was approved unanimously by Western Samoa's new parliament.

Late last week, Parliament met at Tiafau (the capital area) to hear the prime minister announce the members of his new cabinet. They are (according to the Samoa Bulletin): Fa'alava'au Galu, Ulualofaiga Talamaivao, G.F.D. Betham, Lesatele Rapi, Laufili Time, Tuaepepe Tame, To'omata Tua, and Luamanuvae Eti. Their individual assignments will be announced later.

AGRICULTURE WILL DELAY HOURS OF PRODUCE SALE TOMORROW

Because so many employees have asked to attend Good Friday church services, the Department of Agriculture's regular sale of eggs and produce at the Fagatogo Public Market tomorrow will be delayed.

The sale will be held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. instead of during the usual hours, 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

SOCIAL WELFARE PROBLEMS DISCUSSED AT S.P.C. CONFERENCE

The first Regional Conference on Social Welfare Problems in the South Pacific ended March 2 in Fiji. Delegates from eight territories adopted a report and recommendations covering a number of social problems they discussed over a period of nine days at the SPC Community Education Training Centre, in Samabula, outside Suva. These will be transmitted to the South Pacific Commission and then to the individual governments and territorial administrations.

The delegates -- mostly government officials engaged in social welfare and community development work -- came from American Samoa, the Cook Islands, Fiji, French Polynesia, Gilbert and Ellice Islands Colony, New Caledonia, New Hebrides and the Territory of Papua and New Guinea. After a general review of the social problems present in each territory and of the means available to alleviate them, the delegates exchanged information and opinions on social service administration, rehabilitation of offenders, help to the sick, the aged and the destitute, problems of juvenile delinquency, and services for youth. The organization and techniques of community development programs were also discussed, as well as the present and future training needs of social workers in the territories.

In their recommendations, the delegates stressed the need for welfare services to meet the demands of changing ways of life in the South Pacific, for the co-ordination of existing and future services, and the importance of training and employing workers who could operate in a variety of welfare activities. The meeting also gave full support to youth programs.

HONOLULU MAYOR DEMANDS END TO BUS STRIKE

HONOLULU -- Mayor Neal Blaisdell has told striking Honolulu Rapid Transit Company bus drivers he wants a settlement of the strike by Monday morning.

Blaisdell made the statement last night at a meeting with bus drivers. However, he admitted he has no authority to bring about a settlement other than to ask union and management officials to sit down and talk things over.

After the meeting, Blaisdell told newsmen he planned to "twist a few arms" if there is no progress by 10 o'clock Monday morning.

He also said he would urge HRT board chairman Arthur Rutledge to go into around-the-clock negotiations if there is no progress toward settlement by that time.

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