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PRE-FLAG DAY DANCE CONTEST DEADLINE THURSDAY

Deadline for contestants to enter Pre-Flag Day Dance contests is 4 p.m. Thursday. Co-Chairman Napoleon Tuiteleleapaga Fofogaoali'i and Fiaui Meko Mulitauapele reminded today.

Contestants must register and pay their entrance fees by that time to one of the following committee members: Gerhard Haleck, T.C. Sagapolutele, Chief Te'o Annesley, T. C. Ve'evalu, T. C. Tuivailoa Nomura, T.C. Meko, chief Tupuola Afoa, T.C. Manu B. Thompson, or H.T.C. Olo F. Letuli.

Pre-Flag Day Dance competitions will be held Friday night in the Recreation Hall in Fagatogo.

Competition will include the knife dance, siva (palagi or Samoan), singing, (palagi or Samoan), and playing of a musical instrument. The entry fee is \$2 per contestant (plus \$1 admission fee). If two or more contestants form a team, the entry fee is \$1.50 each.

Cash prizes to the winners will be awarded Monday.

A special floor show will be presented, called "The Pride of Polynesia." The featured entertainer will be Pulefano Feagaimaali'i Galea'i.

The fautasi race will start at the black buoy at Tafagagai and end at the white marker on the seaward side of the market place at Fagatogo, the co-chairmen said.

Four men will receive special honor and recognition at the actual flag raising ceremony, April 17. Chief Afoafouvale and Chief Soli'ai will raise the American flag, as oldest members of the Fita Fita Guard, and Messrs. Edward Johnson and L.P. Kirkland will raise the Samoan flag, as oldest retired veterans of the U.S. Navy, living in American Samoa.

HORTICULTURISTS, AGRONOMIST VISIT AMERICAN SAMOA

Four horticulturalists and one agronomist from Taiwan made a four-day stopover here between Nandi and Hawaii on a tour for the Joint Commission on Rural Reconstruction. The tour, which covers such countries as Fiji, Hawaii, Mexico, South America, and Central America, is to find food crops which can be used or adapted for use in Taiwan.

Chi-lin Loh, Chung-hsiung Yu, Ching-kuo Chu, Sen-hsiung Lai, and Kin-hung Kwong visited Taputimu Farm, Starkist Cannery, Leone Midkiff School, and the market place.

The men enjoyed their stay here, and were especially impressed at the size of the Samoan variety of taro, and the tremendous amount of rainfall.

TELEVISION FOR TONIGHT

CHANNEL 2: (7:00) Friendly Giant (7:15) News (Samoan) (7:32) 20th Century: "FBI" (7:57) People: "John Henning" (8:17) Cheyenne: "Wedding Ring"

CHANNEL 4: (7:00) News (English) (7:17) Friendly Giant (7:32) You Are There: "Boston Tea Party" (7:58) What's New (8:27) Garry Moore: "Steve DePass" (9:17) News (English).

APOLLO TRAGEDY CAUSE REPORTED

CAPE KENNEDY (UPI) - America has buried its space heroes killed during a test at Cape Kennedy, but it has not forgotten them.

Quietly, in the 10 weeks since that fatal Friday, January 27, eight men have been probing for the cause of the death of three. The experts, headed by Dr. Floyd Thompson, have looked at the charred three-seater Apollo. They have talked to the men who built it, who serviced it.

They have gone over every aspect of the moon project that Gus Grissom, Ed White and Roger Chaffee gave their lives for.

Now they have come up with the answer everyone suspected all along, the blame belongs to an electrical short circuit. They discovered no evidence of sabotage.

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In its 3,000 page report out yesterday at Cape Kennedy, the experts said evidence indicated the fire started in wiring beneath a small equipment access door. It started near command pilot Grissom, leaped up the left wall, and swept across the ceiling.

Possibly, frequent opening of that access door had damaged the insulation on the wiring so a continuous short circuit was probable. That short circuit apparently created sparks that ignited some nearby material.

Once the fire started, it could spread instantly because of other factors, the combination of flammable materials in the cabin, the sealed capsule pressurized with oxygen and vulnerable electric wiring and plumbing. The astronauts had little chance because of inadequate provisions for escape.

The panel criticized poor design and sloppy workmanship for creating these conditions. For example, the wrench socket inadvertently left between two bundles of wiring.

The report underlined oversights that must be rid of so future astronauts may test ships and fly them in safety.

The mammoth document indicated that while the Apollo team was devoted to its goals, it was inattentive on "certain mundane but equally vital questions of safety."

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So it happened that an astronaut reported a fire. About 18 seconds later, there was no communication between the capsule perched above the Cape and its nearby control center.

Workers on the entry door detected the fire, then the fire broke the bounds of the capsule. Pad personnel feared an explosion, and fled. Promptly, though, they returned and tried to remove the spacecraft hatches. All these within 90 seconds.

Another three and one half minutes passed before they could remove the hatch. And they could not find the crew.

Then they did. Grissom was on the floor, White was at the base of the hatch and Chaffee remained on his couch.

All dead, but not to be forgotten.

The panel's report recommended many changes in the capsule, including a quick release escape hatch and the use of air instead of pure oxygen inside the craft during launch.

AFTRA MAY START WORK TODAY

NEW YORK CITY (UPI) - About 18,000 performers and newsmen may return to their radio and television programs today.

A tentative agreement was reached earlier today in the 13-day-old American Federation of Television and Radio Artists strike against three major networks.

AFTRA's national board voted this afternoon on the agreement, and if it is approved, union members will return to work immediately.

LBJ READY FOR LATIN-AMERICA

WASHINGTON (UPI) - President Johnson is making final arrangements today for his departure tonight for the hemispheric summit conference at Punta Del Este, Uruguay.

Mr. Johnson spent a working weekend at Camp David preparing for the Latin American talks.

Despite Senate refusal to grant him advance support for all commitments, Mr. Johnson takes with him bipartisan wishes for success.

However, the inter-American talks have already bogged down during a pre-summit conference of foreign ministers. Secretary

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