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## BILL BEFORE SPECIAL SESSION WOULD MAKE SAMOA DUTY-FREE PORT

A bill to make American Samoa a duty-free port is one of the major pieces of legislation to come before the special session of the legislature which convened today at the request of Governor H. Rex Lee.

If enacted into law, the bill would go into effect by June 1 shortly before the annual heavy influx of tourists is expected to arrive in American Samoa.

Another major bill would provide a modern condemnation law, modeled after the one used by the United States Government, to replace the present land-taking law.

Governor Lee has called the present law "obsolete, archaic and one which works an unfair hardship on the property owner whose land is being taken by the Government of American Samoa."

The intent of the duty-free port law, according to Attorney General Charles Habernigg, is to put the retail business of American Samoa on a more competitive basis with such areas as Fiji, thus lowering prices for the consumers here.

A companion bill to the duty-free legislation would impose a special excise tax on certain items. This is intended to provide revenue substitutes for that money lost through repeal of import duties, Habernigg said.

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The condemnation law would actually put on the statutes a legal basis for a practice Governor Lee has already adopted in land-taking procedures.

Two other major pieces of proposed legislation would:

1. Provide for a government-built petroleum storage depot, and a distributor to sell petroleum products.

2. Provide for the establishment of a driver's training school.

Meanwhile, Habernigg is proposing a sweeping package of bills designed to plug gaping holes in the existing criminal statutes.

The proposed duty-free law contains a built-in guarantee that the abolition of duties shall be to the benefit of the purchaser and not to the merchant.

A section of the proposed law provides that "the governor is authorized to reimpose any import duty which existed....if he determines that the level of retail prices for the articles has not been reduced to the extent warranted by the abolition of duties. It is the intent of this section that the benefit of the abolition of duties shall accrue to the retail purchaser, and not to the merchant."

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The bill would also give the governor emergency powers to impose additional excise taxes on any item, or to add items to the taxable list, or to reduce excise taxes on any item, "if he deems it desirable in the public interest, until the next meeting of the legislature."

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Bill Before Special Session Would Make Samoa Duty-Free Port (cont'd)

Excise taxes would be imposed, by varying percentages, on beer, ale, wine, tobacco products, firearms, ammunition, motor vehicles and parts, petroleum products, low-grade lumber and soft drinks.

A special tax would also be levied on second-hand motor vehicles, machinery and household appliances imported into American Samoa for the purpose of resale. Items of this nature imported for the personal use of the importer would be exempted from the special tax.

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The intent of the petroleum bill is to lower consumer prices for petroleum products by creating competition in the distribution of such products.

Although the proposed law does not say the government "shall" lease the oil depot to private enterprise, that is the apparent intent of the bill.

The bill reads: "The petroleum storage depot and its facilities may be leased to a private business, selected at the discretion of the government, but no such lease shall be for a period longer than three years."

By implication, the bill rules out Standard Oil of California -- the only oil company now doing business in American Samoa -- as a lessee to the government-built oil depot. No single company can operate both depots, the one now in existence and the one proposed.

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The petroleum bill, too, contains a built-in guarantee that the creation of a second oil facility shall accrue to the benefit of the consumer. The law would prohibit price fixing. A section of the proposed law reads:

"If the government determines that the lessee is engaging in collusive pricing arrangements with other petroleum distributors, or is in any way engaging in practices considered non-competitive or in violation of anti-trust acts and policies of the United States of America, the government may terminate the lease."

If an outside private oil company declines to lease the government-built facilities and provide the competitive business atmosphere sought by the legislature and by Governor H. Rex Lee, the bill provides that the government "may organize an appropriate distributor."

Money to build the petroleum depot would come from continuation of the present electric power rate schedule. Surplus revenue created over the cost of producing electricity will be used. A further source could come from government authorization to issue revenue bonds at such times and in such amounts necessary.

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A driver's training school -- of a type similar to that in wide use on the mainland -- would be financed by an additional tax of 1½ cents per gallon on motor vehicle fuel, taxed to the wholesaler, and a tuition fee of \$5 per student.

A certificate of graduation from the school would be a prerequisite of obtaining a driver's license. This would not be retroactive to those already holding licenses. However, the High Court of American Samoa would have the authority to insist that a person found guilty of reckless driving or other traffic offenses attend such a school.

The sweeping criminal law package is primarily a matter of modernizing the Samoan code. It adopts definitions of crimes and penalties which, for years, have been imposed and enforced in other jurisdictions.

SUNDAY MORNING FIRE DESTROYS HOUSE IN FAGA'ALU

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Despite heavy rains of early Sunday morning and heroic efforts by firemen and villagers, a palagi-type house completely burned to the ground in Faga'alu early yesterday morning.

Firemen reported the fire was apparently ignited from a kerosene stove which had been left burning through the night in the kitchen. The house is owned by, Taua Niko, a

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Sunday Morning Fire Destroys House In Faga'alu (cont'd)

carpenter in the Department of Public Works.

Fire department night watchmen Moe Togafau and Ta'ata'ai Tupuola said the fire alarm was sounded at 5:32 a.m., and within two minutes the first fire truck was speeding toward Faga'alu.

The firemen said the fire probably started some time before the alarm was sounded because by the time firemen reached the scene they saw the roof collapsing.

Occupants of the house all got out safely.

One fireman sustained a minor injury when he was accidentally struck by a water hose.

Most of the residents of Faga'alu ran to the scene of the fire to help fight the blaze but their efforts, too were in vain.

GOVERNOR LEE NAMES FIVE TO BOARD OF PAROLES AND PARDONS

Governor H. Rex Lee today announced the appointment of five persons to the Board of Paroles and Pardons, which will be headed up by Attorney General Charles H. Habernigg.

Habernigg's appointment is for an indefinite period.

The other four board members will serve for one year each. They are Thomas Harwood, supervisor of tests and measurements; Dr. Ira Slade, acting director of medical services; High Chief Sonoma Unutoa, assistant administrator of Samoan Affairs; and Mrs. Mere Betham, principal of Utulei Campus, High School of American Samoa.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT NOW HAS NEW TELEPHONE NUMBERS

The telephone system of the director of public works has been completely reworked, it was announced today by Director Al Pratt. The rotary system now applies to all personnel in the director's office, with the new numbers being 2502, 2503 and 2404.

These numbers replace the old numbers of Pratt-Oliver, 2502 and 2503; Corosso, 3459; P. Nomura, 3773; Design, 3623; Building Permits, 2467 and Contract Administration, 3596.

In addition to the above changes, shipping and receiving, under the General Supply Office, now has 3429 in place of 2504, which is now assigned to public works.

PAIR OF GLASSES FOUND IN TERMINAL BUILDING COMPLEX

A pair of glasses in a black case has been found the terminal building complex, it was announced today by Port Director Fred Uhrle. The owner may claim his glasses by calling at the port administration office, Uhrle said.

SENATOR INOUE WILL UNDERGO EXPLORATORY LUNG SURGERY TOMORROW

WASHINGTON (UPI) - Surgeons at Walter Reed Hospital will conduct "exploratory surgery" tomorrow on the left lung of Sen. Daniel K. Inouye, D-Hawaii, they announced today.

Inouye entered Walter Reed May 12 with what was described as a respiratory condition. Physicians discovered a spot on the left lung which they have been unable to diagnose.

In an announcement from the hospital today, the commanding general, Brig. Gen. Philip Mallory, said all diagnostic studies have failed to disclose the nature of a "one and one-half-inch mass at the root of the left lung."

TV FOR TONIGHT: CHANNEL 2: (7:00) Friendly Giant (7:15) News (Samoan) (7:35) 20<sup>th</sup> Century: "Battle of Cassino" (8:00) Donald In Mathemagic Land (8:28) Funny Company (8:33) Cheyenne: "The Angry Sky"

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SUPREME COURT FAVORS HOFFA

WASHINGTON, (UPI) - The Supreme Court issued a ruling in favor of teamster President James Hoffa.

The court, in an unsigned opinion, ordered a lower federal court to reconsider a second conviction of the imprisoned teamster boss, to make sure the government's case was not tainted by unconstitutional eavesdropping.

The ruling does not involve the jury tampering conviction in Chattanooga, Tennessee, for which Hoffa is now serving an eight-year prison sentence.

It was, instead, directed at a 1964 Chicago mail frauds conviction involving union pension funds, which could add an additional five years to Hoffa's term, if sustained.

In other action, the high court sidestepped test cases which could have extended the "one man, one vote" apportionment formula to county boards and other grass roots units such as school boards.

It also declined to hold up a lower federal court ruling ordering Alabama state officials, including Governor Lurleen Wallace, to eliminate racial segregation in local school districts.

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Meanwhile, Life magazine charges that Senator Edward Long of Missouri misused his Senate investigating subcommittee to try to keep teamster President James Hoffa out of prison.

Life said Long had subsequently used his subcommittee to try to get Hoffa's eight-year jury tampering conviction reversed. The charge came on the heels of a St. Louis Post-Dispatch disclosure that Long has been receiving payments from an attorney who also represents Hoffa.

Long's subcommittee has been deeply involved with wiretapping and electronic eavesdropping, which Hoffa has claimed the government used illegally to convict him.

ROMNEY ACCUSES HUMPHREY AND KENNEDY

DETROIT, (UPI) - Michigan Governor George Romney accuses Vice President Humphrey and Senator Robert Kennedy of "bemeaning" the political system by

their support of James P. Hoffa Jr., for a Michigan legislature seat.

Romeny's charge came in remarks prepared for delivery at a Detroit rally supporting Tony Licata, the Republican running against the son of imprisoned teamster President James R. Hoffa for the vacant seat. Romney made it clear however that the son should not be judged by his father. Licata is given little chance beating the young Hoffa.

DRUGS PRICING INVESTIGATED

WASHINGTON, (UPI) - A Senate investigating subcommittee has asked officials of 11 U.S. communities to explain so-called "shocking discrepancies" in the price of drugs they buy for public hospitals.

Chairman Gaylord Nelson said last week's hearings before the anti-monopoly group showed that New York City brought a popular appetite suppressing drug for 57 cents per thousand. This while Fulton County, Georgia, paid over \$22. Miami over \$19. And Boston over \$20. for the same quantity.

HOUSE DEBATES EDUCATIONAL BILL

WASHINGTON, (UPI) - Debate opened today in the House on the administration education bill, with Democratic leaders claiming barely enough strength to overcome a coalition of Southerners and Republicans.

Chairman Carl Perkins of the House Education and Labor Committee predicted a victory by less than 10 votes when debate ends tomorrow or Wednesday. The bill is a \$3.5 measure that would continue aid to primary and secondary schools.

VORENBERG OBJECTS HOOVER'S CRITICISMS

WASHINGTON, (UPI) - James Vorenberg head of President Johnson's Crime Commission said last weekend he disagrees with J. Edgar Hoover's criticisms that rehabilitation programs Coddle criminals.

Vorenberg said rehabilitation is one of the strongest weapons against crime but that the programs have not been allowed to succeed and their agencies are starved for funds.

Hoover recently criticized what he termed "a tendency to ignore punishment as a deterrent to crime and to stress more and more theories of rehabilitation."

COMMUNISTS VIOLATE BUDDHA TRUCE

SAIGON, (UPI) - Another truce is coming up in the Vietnamese War, this one today to commemorate the birthday of Buddha. It has been agreed by allies and the Viet Cong to cease firing for 24 hours beginning midnight tonight.

But offers and counter offers of a possible extension have not been agreed to, and some observers feel North Viet Nam may not be very interested in fully observing even a 24-hour lull.

In this event, Communist forces violated their own Buddha's birthday truce today in the central high-lands of Viet Nam.

The Communists killed 15 Americans of a Ninth Army division unit on the slopes of a mountain 230 miles northeast of Saigon. The Communists attacked with mortar and small arms fire at two minutes after the Buddha's birthday truce started. The North Vietnamese lost at least 50 dead.

The Communist charge on the mountainside came as the Viet Cong Guerrilla Radio was broadcasting orders to remain on the defensive during the truce.

On the battlefront during the weekend, U.S. Marines and South Vietnamese soldiers have killed at least 562 Communists since the allied invasion of the Viet Nam demilitarized zone began last Thursday.

It was reported that 300 enemy troops were killed yesterday as reports from the front indicated the allies were closing a trap on two Communist regiments in the six-mile wide strip. At least 50 Leathernecks have been killed in the four-day battle.

In Hanoi, North Viet Nam charged the allied invasion of the buffer zone is "an extremely serious step of war escalation." The enemy warns that the allied action will be "duly punished." The Communists repeated demands that the U.S. end the war, unconditionally stop bombing North Viet Nam, and withdraw its troops from the battle area.

North Vietnamese units bombarded the American headquarters base of the DMZ action six miles south of the zone. The base has been attacked before, but yesterday's raid was the first time Communist artillery shells have hit it.

In the air war, the U.S. command disclosed three American planes and four crewmen were lost in raids over North Viet Nam Saturday. Yesterday, Soviet news dispatches claimed three more U.S. planes were shot down in the Hanoi area but the report was unconfirmed by American military officials.

U.S. warplanes, for the second time in the weekend, bombed Hanoi's main electric power plant, near the center of the North Vietnamese capital, and two MIG bases in North Viet Nam yesterday.

At least seven MIG fighters were damaged, Pilots, flying the second raid on the plant in the last three days, reported direct hits on the generator building and boiler house of the huge facility. Military spokesmen said the planes hit the Kep air base about 35 miles northeast of Hanoi, damaging at least seven MIG-17's there, and the Hoa Lac base, west of the capital.

Red China said the allied invasion of the Viet Nam demilitarized zone is a prelude to a wider war.

Peking accused the U.S. of planning to extend the war to all of Indochina.

In Saturday's big air battle over the North Vietnamese capital, Air Force Colonel Robin Olds became the first triple MIG ace of the Viet Nam War. Olds described the skies 40 miles northeast of Hanoi as being "wall-to-wall" with Communist jets.

The eight Phantoms of his Eighth Tactical Fighter Wing were outnumbered almost two-to-one as they laced into a flight of 15 MIG-17's.

Olds, who shot down 24 enemy planes in World War II, got his third and possibly a fourth MIG. All told, the North Vietnamese lost six jets in dogfights.

In the demilitarized zone, U.S. Marines and Vietnamese paratroopers caught an estimated battalion of north Vietnamese regulars in a giant pincer that killed more than 340 of the enemy.

CASE COMPLETES VIET TOUR

SAIGON (UPI) - Senator Clifford Case, a New Jersey Republican, completing an eight-day tour of Viet Nam, said Saturday he found it "intolerable" that American boys should die to make corrupt Saigon politicians richer.

Case said he did not advocate withdrawing from Viet Nam.

"I am willing to support this as a limited war," he said, but he added the corruption rampant in the country must be eliminated.

"It is intolerable for American boys to die to make corrupt politicians richer," Case said.

Case said he questioned the U.S. Aide's economic policy of flooding the country with consumer goods to stop inflation, saying this practice was "enormously conducive to many difficulties, including the encouragement of corruption."

Case, who said he was neither Hawk nor Dove, said he was willing to support this (war) as a limited war," but that he felt the Johnson administration was "over optimistic" about it."

"I think the American people have a better understanding of the war than the administration," he said.

Case said his visit was only a week long and he didn't profess to "know all," but that he gained no new impressions.

"I was not surprised at anything I heard or saw nor was I surprised at the great difficulties or the enormous size of the tasks."

MIDEAST REMAINS TENSE

CAIRO (UPI) - While tens of thousands of Israeli and Egyptian troops settled down to watch each other across the tense border between their nations, governing bodies in both countries met to discuss the Mideast crisis.

Egyptian President Gamal Nasser said he had mobilized the military reserves to prepare for any hostilities, and he briefed his Supreme Executive Committee on other preparations.

In Israel, Prime Minister Levi Eshkol briefed his cabinet about his work to prepare for the crisis. There was no

report of the proceedings, but sources said the cabinet approved all military action taken so far.

Israel appeared unflinching at news of Egypt's call-up of its reserves, and said all was quiet along the border. But the leader of a militant Palestine liberation army in position on the Egyptian side of the Gaza strip warned that a military showdown with Israel could come at any moment. The leader told the U.S. to stay out of the area lest it risk "a second Viet Nam."

But all was not so quiet between Arab-bloc neighbors Syria and Jordan. Jordanian officials charged that a bomb placed by a Syrian sabotage team had blown up a car, killing eight persons and injuring 21 others.

The call was just the opposite from the American Jewish Council, meeting in New York. It called for President Johnson to reaffirm "the fundamental U.S. commitment to Israel," during the crisis. The Jewish group said a miscalculation in the Mideast could start a major war.

Unconfirmed reports said the United Arab Republic is moving warships through the Suez Canal toward the Israeli port of Eilat, on the gulf of Aqaba.

Egyptian troops in the Sinai desert now control a tiny settlement overlooking the gulf. Egypt, with its artillery and warships, could easily block off Israel's vital shipping in the Red Sea.

Diplomatic sources in Washington said that President Johnson has appealed to the Soviet Union to use its influence in calming the war fever in the Middle East. Russia is an important arms supplier to Egypt and Syria. The sources said that Mr. Johnson, up to mid-afternoon Saturday, had not received a reply from the Soviet premier.

SPORTS (BY UPI)FASTEST FIELD EVER WARMS UP FOR BIG INDIANAPOLIS "500" RACE

If you think picking a winner in the Kentucky Derby is difficult, try the Indianapolis "500", the richest auto race in the world.

It comes up a week from Tuesday, which means the railbirds have plenty of the speculating about the eventual winner.

Qualifications for the Memorial Day race ended yesterday. This will be the fastest field ever. It averaged better than 164 miles per hour, nearly four miles faster than a year ago.

It will be an all rear-engine field with the exception of the revolutionary turbine-powered machine of former race winner Parnelli Jones. Some of the experts believe the Jones car is a strong contender.

Jones had the sixth best speed in qualifications, which were led by Mario Andretti for the second year in a row at a speed of nearly 169 mph.

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The five fastest cars are powered by Ford engines. In fact, 25 cars are powered by Fords, seven by four-cylinder super-charged or turbo-charged Offenhausers. The 33rd starter is Jones.

Last year, only Andretti averaged better than 165 mph in the time trials. This time eight drivers, led by the last two winners, Jim Clark of Scotland and Graham Hill of England topped that mark. The others are Dennis Hulme of New Zealand, Jackie Stewart of Scotland, and Jochen Rindt of Austria. Hulme and Rindt will compete in the "500" for the first time.

Andretti, who starts at the pole, will be one of the top favorites to roll into victory lane after 200 laps of driving at top speed. Others, besides Jones, include Dan Gurney, Gordon Johncock, two-time winner A.J. Foyt, Lloyd Ruby, Clark and Roger McCluskey.

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There is no assurance that the winner will emerge from the group. Last year, Hill led for only the last 10 laps to be the winner, after Stewart's car conked out.

Last year was also the great first-lap fiasco, when 16 cars piled up at the start and 11 of them were so badly damaged they could not continue. That's why only seven cars were running at the finish for an all-time low.

Barring accidents, a new speed record is expected.

There will be no more pre-race running at the speedway except Friday. Then the starters have three hours for final carburation tests. Then it is the long wait until race day, with more than \$700,000 in prize money at stake before a holiday crowd of about 300,000 fans.

PHILADELPHIA EDGES CINCINNATI, 2-1, IN 18 INNINGS

In major league baseball action yesterday twelve games were played. Philadelphia edged league-leading Cincinnati, 2-1, in 18 innings; St. Louis nudged the New York Mets, 3-2; Atlanta whipped Pittsburgh, 7-2; Houston blanked San Francisco, 2-0; the Chicago Cubs split a doubleheader with Los Angeles, losing the opener, 6-1, but winning the nightcap, 8-2; Kansas City dumped the Chicago White Sox, 5-4; Minnesota bombed California, 12-3; Boston swept two from Cleveland, winning the first game, 4-3 and the second, 6-2; and Detroit split two with the New York Yankees, winning the first 9-4, but dropping the second game, 6-5.

RYUN LEADS KANSAS JAYHAWKS TO BIG EIGHT TRACK TITLE

The Kansas Jayhawks won the 39th running of the Big Eight track championships at Norman, Oklahoma, yesterday. World record holder Jim Ryun was a real blessing to Kansas, which won only four events. He won both his specialities, the mile and the half-mile, to claim

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MORE SPORTS (BY UPI)Ryun Leads Kansas Jayhawks To Big Eight Track Title (cont'd)

half of the winnings. Kansas finished with 112 points, edging out Nebraska, which finished with 99%. Oklahoma was third with 88 points. Nebraska's Charlie Green, the nation's top-ranked sprinter, was honored as the outstanding performer of the meet. The finals were held on Sunday for the first time in history due to heavy rains Saturday.

COACHES GRUMBLING ABOUT CHANGE IN PUNT RULE

College football coaches are openly grumbling about the new punt rule.

The rule requires the five interior linemen to hold their positions until the ball is punted. It was passed by the NCAA rules committee last February to gain more fan interest by increasing chances for long runbacks.

But dissenting coaches claim it also would result in a flock of unnecessary injuries.

Frank Broyles of Arkansas reportedly was one of the proponents but recently was quoted as opposing it. The concern is for backs and ends.

"They take more punishment than they can be expected to withstand," Coach J.T. King of Texas Tech said. "The receiving team doesn't have to concern itself with the interior people and can double up and triple up on the offensive ends."

U.S. SURVIVES BRITISH RALLY TO WIN WALKER CUP

The United States survived a British rally Saturday to win the Walker Cup for the 19<sup>th</sup> time in 21 tries. The score was 13 to 7 at Sandwich, England. Bob Dickson of Muskogee, Oklahoma, scored the clincher, defeating his opponent, 4 and 3. Jim Grant of Wethersfield, Connecticut, and Ed Tutwiler of Indianapolis won their matches, while Ron Cerrudo of San Rafael, California, halved his match.

DONOHUE WINS VANDERBILT CUP RACE BY FOUR LAPS

Mark Donohue of Stony Brook, N.Y., raced to an easy four-lap victory in the Vanderbilt Cup Race at Bridgehampton, N.Y. The victory was the third for Donohue in four U.S. road racing championship races and it gives him a wide lead over runnerup Lother Motschenbacher of Hollywood in over-all standings.

STOCKTON BOOSTS HIS STATUS WITH TRIUMPH AT FORT WORTH

Young Dave Stockton's golfing career took a leap forward when he won the Colonial National Invitation Golf Tournament at Fort Worth, Texas. It was his first triumph on the PGA tour and it brought him \$23,000. The 25-year-old California finished the final round yesterday with a two-under-par 278.

Two strokes back was Charles Coody; followed by Ben Hogan, five-time Colonial champion, and George Archer at 281. Gene Littler was alone at 283. Gardner Dickinson and Arnold Palmer were tied at 284 while Jack Nicklaus shared 285 with Frank Beard. Billy Casper was way back in a group at 298, 20 strokes off the pace.

KATHY WHITWORTH TAKES ONE-STROKE LEAD IN ZAHARIAS TOURNEY

Kathy Whitworth moves into today's third round of the Babe Zaharias Open Golf Tournament with a one-stroke lead. She shot a 69 yesterday to give her a 139. Marilyn Smith is one stroke back at 140 and Sandra Haynie is next at 141. Shirley Englehorn has a 143 and Mickey Wright a 144. All the play was on the front nine because the back nine was water-logged. Heavy rain hit the Beaumont, Texas, area Saturday, forcing postponement of the second round until yesterday.