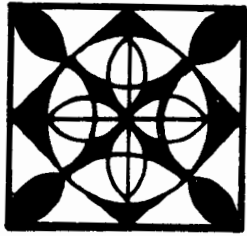


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SAMOAN VETERANS BECOME U.S. CITIZENS AMIDST CEREMONY, SONGS, DANCES

HONOLULU -- About 120 American Samoan war veterans were officially sworn in as United States citizens here yesterday. The ceremony, held outdoors, was highlighted by singing, dancing and a ta'alolo (gift-giving ceremony).

Honolulu Federal Judge Martin Pence officially swore the veterans into U.S. citizenship. After signing official documents, he laid down his pen, stretched out his arms, and said: "Welcome, fellow citizens."

This is the largest known group of Samoans ever sworn in as U.S. citizens at one time.

The Samoan veterans, wearing dark lavalavas, white shirts, dark ties and suit coats, listened intently to a series of speeches. Those taking part in the ceremony included the Reverend Pita Malae, head of the Samoan Congregational Christian Church in Hawaii; Daniel Aoki, administrative assistant to Hawaii Governor John Burns; William C. Oshiro, manager of the Veterans Administration; Charles Habernigg, attorney general of American Samoa representing Governor Lee.

After the ceremony, most of the new citizens retired for a moment, only to return wearing tapa-cloth lavalavas. A series of songs and dances followed, and the new citizens presented fine mats, kava bowls, wooden spears and shell ulas to court officials and other dignitaries present.

The ceremony was recorded on audio tape in Honolulu by WVUV Manager Rick Bates and Announcer Betty Chanel. The tapes were broadcast on WVUV yesterday and today.

NATIONAL PRESS PHOTOGRAPHERS ASSOCIATION HONORS JOHN ALLEY

Former Director of Photography for American Samoa John Alley was cited by the National Press Photographers Association Saturday night for his outstanding work in the South Pacific.

Alley received a NPPA citation at the association's annual Sprague Awards dinner in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Cal Olson, chairman of the Honorary Recognitions Committee, notified Alley of the honor before his recent departure to the mainland. Olson wrote to Alley that he had been selected for the honor "in acknowledgement of your contributions to photo journalism."

Alley's name had been placed in nomination for the award by Territorial Secretary Owen Aspinall, who at the time was serving as acting governor.

Aspinall said that Alley "has given freely of his time and talents, often working around the clock and on his own time to get the job done."

Alley won high praise from the territorial secretary for coverage of the 1966 hurricane. One of his photos was carried worldwide by United Press International and the Associated Press.

Despite the demands made on his time, Alley was praised for his efforts in passing

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National Press Photographers Association Honors John Alley (cont'd)

on his knowledge to Samoan assistants, one of whom is now working on the mainland.

Alley was born in Rome, New York. The 34-year-old photographer is a graduate of Western Michigan University and did graduate work at the University of Michigan. He won numerous photography awards on the mainland and brought to American Samoa a broad background of experience and travel.

Alley worked on the Kalamazoo (Michigan) Gazette and the Detroit (Michigan) Times, and for the United Press International, Associated Press and the European edition of "Stars and Stripes."

He has traveled all over the world and even to the South Pole where he was public information officer for Operation Deepfreeze.

Alley said before he left the territory that his future plans were indefinite -- that he first wanted to take a long rest.

WEATHER OUTLOOK: MORE RAIN

This was an unusually wet weekend in American Samoa, but the U.S. weather station at Tafuna forecasts more of the same over the next few days. John Hertel, officer-in-charge at the Tafuna weather station, said there is a chance for some clearing this afternoon, but the general forecast is: cloudy with rainshowers.

The wet and windy weekend caused no serious damage on Tutuila, but weather -- or atmospheric conditions -- were blamed for the receipt of garbled news stories on United Press International teletypes here. Today's News Bulletin is somewhat thinner for this reason.

PALAGI WOMEN NEED ITEMS FOR RUMMAGE SALE

Items are needed for a benefit rummage sale that will be sponsored by palagi women in American Samoa June 29 in the Women's Health Committee fale, Fagatogo.

Mrs. Kenneth Jones, of Utulei, and Mrs. Don Cole, of Tafuna, say they need just about any type of resalable household item or clothing for the rummage sale. Proceeds of the sale will go to the Women's Health Committee.

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY AT UTULEI CELEBRATES NINTH ANNIVERSARY

The Matsinger Chapter of the National Honor Society at Utulei High School last week celebrated its ninth anniversary and elected new officers. The new officers are: Fiatupu Tavai, president; Joe Fa'ititi, vice-president; Jessie Fiaui, secretary; and Mere Sataua, treasurer.

The Matsinger Chapter was established on June 15, 1958, in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Matsinger, the first high school educators in American Samoa. Governor Peter Tali Coleman inducted the first two members of the chapter in 1959. They were Elisapeta Saelua (now Mrs. F. Laolagi) and Polo Manuma, both of whom are now teachers at the Utulei campus, High School of American Samoa.

EARTHQUAKE IN ALEUTIANS TOO SMALL FOR TIDAL WAVE

Honolulu -- The Honolulu Observatory said an earthquake was recorded at 6:08 a.m. (Samoan time) this morning in the area of Unalaska Island, of the aleutian islands.

A spokesman at the observatory said the tremor, which registered less than six on the Richter Scale, was not enough to generate a tidal wave.

TV TONIGHT: CHANNEL 2: (6:00) Music (7:00) Friendly Giant (7:15) News (Samoan) (7:34) 20th Century: "Gen. Marshall" (8:00) Olaga Manuia (8:26) Funny Comapny (8:31) Cheyenne: "Standoff." CHANNEL 4: (6:00) Music (7:00) News (English) (7:15) Funny Company (7:20) Friendly Giant (7:34) 20th Century Gen. Marshall" (8:00) What's New (8:31) Cheyenne: "Standoff" (9:20) News (Englush).