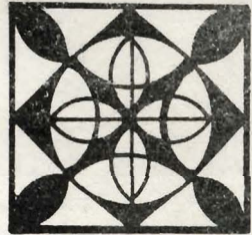


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LEGISLATURE TOLD ETV BUDGET IN DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SHARPLY CUT

The special session of the Legislature of American Samoa moved into its third day of budget hearings today.

Yesterday's session heard testimony from department heads within the Department of Education on a preliminary budget estimate for fiscal year 1969 of \$3,912,298.

The projected budget represents an increase of \$355,663, which falls within the President's guideline that 1969 budgets not exceed those of 1968 by more than 10 per cent.

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Despite the Department of Education's overall increase of \$355,663, the division of Education Television Services was cut nearly \$37,000 from the 1968 budget.

Director of Education Roy Cobb explained that when cuts had to be made in the department's original budget, in compliance with the Presidential order, a cut was deliberately made in ETV.

Cobb said this was done to protect the classrooms -- that if a reduction in quality of education had to come, he would prefer it come in ETV where it would be most obvious to the public.

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William Dale, assistant director for coordination, reminded the legislature that "sizeable cuts" had been made all through the Department of Education budget and that ETV would operate on a "very close" margin.

Lee Morris, assistant director of education, engineering, said, "If we see this not enough, we will seek additional funds."

Dale and Morris testified in response to a question asking if the budgeted \$840,001 were enough for ETV.

Meanwhile, Morris testified that a new antenna had been installed to improve television reception in Manu'a; that as far as he knew all TV sets in Manu'a were operational; and that even better reception would be sought for the remote islands.

Morris said that with the present transmitting equipment, ETV would not reach Swains Island. He said that the Samoans in his division were doing well in the on-the-job training program, and that some of them were moving into positions of responsibility.

Cobb said that \$100,000 was cut from the original 1969 ETV budget, alone.

OSI director Thomas Kaser testified for his division and promised more local news, and an improved record library for Radio Station WVUV. He said that when the new 10,000-watt transmitter is operational at Leone, WVUV will be heard throughout American Samoa, Western Samoa and probably as far away as New Zealand and Australia.

Testimony by Principal William Feaster of Fia Iloa School and Director Cobb brought out such items as:

- ETV is used only as a supplement to classroom teaching in that school, established primarily for dependent children of contract workers.

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Department Of Education Expected To Wind Up Testimony Today On Budget (cont'd)

- Of Fia Iloa's 400 students, about half are palagis and half Samoans.
- About 1,000 Samoan children last year sought admission to Fia Iloa and only 15 could be admitted because of insufficient classroom space.
- Fia Iloa has the poorest equipment of any school on the island and the best achievement record.
- Though per pupil cost was raised \$100 in the 1969 budget to \$438, that figure is still below the average per pupil cost of other schools on the island, \$459.

AUTHORITY ON U.S. TERRITORIES DIES

Dr. John L. Taylor, a staff consultant to the U.S. House Interior and Insular Affairs Committee, died Tuesday in Washington of cancer. Governor Owen S. Aspinall said he was a recognized authority on American territories and possessions.

Dr. Taylor had been a staff consultant to the Interior and Insular Affairs Committee for more than the last 15 years, solving many problems in insular (territorial) areas. He visited American Samoa several times -- the last being the dedication of the Pago Pago Intercontinental Hotel in December 1965.

Dr. Taylor became ill about nine months ago but continued to work, despite severe pain and with the aid of a cane, for the Interior and Insular Affairs Committee. He had been confined to the Washington Hospital Center for the last five weeks.

Governor Aspinall said Dr. Taylor's death "is a great loss not only to the Interior and Insular Affairs Committee but also to the various territories and possessions."

GOVERNOR ASPINALL NAMES WILLIAMS TO COORDINATE WVUV CONSTRUCTION AT LEONE

Governor Owen S. Aspinall today appointed Vernon Williams, newly-arrived station manager of WVUV, to be the coordinator for the construction and installation of the facility at Leone that will house the new 10,000-watt transmitter.

The governor asked that all supporting departments clear their requests through Williams "to see to it that work is efficiently and properly done."

HABERNIGG ASKS HELP FROM PUBLIC IN PROGRAM TO CURTAIL RECKLESS DRIVING

Attorney General Charles Habernigg today announced a program in which help from the public will be sought to curb reckless driving and excessive speed.

His announcement came in the form of the following statement:

"I am today announcing a program of enlisting public aid in enforcing traffic laws against reckless driving and excessive speed. Due to the shortage of police personnel we are presently not able to cover the entire island of Tutuila with adequate numbers of traffic enforcement personnel. But the problem of reckless and high speed driving has become so severe that some action must be taken before more people are injured or killed. I am therefore requesting members of the public to take the following steps:

"When you observe a car being operated in a grossly reckless manner, or traveling at grossly high rates of speed, where lives could be endangered, please (1) 'carefully observe the car, and try to identify the make and model, the license number, the driver and number of occupants, and any other information which might help police identification later;' (2) 'Note the time, place, and the estimated speed or reckless behavior which concerns you;' (3) 'Write or send a note to the Police Department, Traffic Control Division, with this information, and your name if you are willing to be identified. When a note is not possible you may call the Police Department at the Traffic Control number, 2290. Please do not use the emergency telephone number which is reserved for other serious emergencies. These complaints by themselves will not be used as a basis for prosecution but the information received will help the police identify vehicles which are the worst and most frequent offenders. This will aid us in focusing our investigation; in setting up a program of