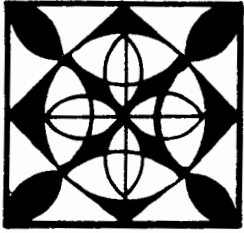


# NEWS

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# BULLETIN

FOR THE PEOPLE OF AMERICAN SAMOA, PAGO PAGO.

## MANU MEREDITH AND SAM PETERS WIN DOUBLES TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Two bay-area tennis players survived the hot sun and a gruelling challenge of more than 10 matches over a two-day period to win the American Samoa Doubles Tennis Tournament Saturday.

Manu Meredith of Leloaloe and Sam Peters of Satala edged the other finalists, John Philp and Dick Janson, to take the first-place trophies in the tournament, which was conducted by the Tafuna Racquet Club. About 85 spectators watched the championship game late Saturday afternoon at the new Pago Pago Park tennis courts. Trophies were presented to the two finalist teams by Governor Owen Aspinall.

Meredith, an employee of the Bank of American Samoa, and Peters, an employee of the Samoa Construction Co., won all but two of their matches over the two-day tournament, while Philp and Janson won all of their matches. The championship game was neck-and-neck from start to finish.

South Pacific Traders, the sponsors of the tournament, donated the trophies and tennis balls. Each match was decided by whichever team reached eight games first.

The tournament was not only a competition of tennis skill but also physical endurance. Several players dropped out before the conclusion because of blistered feet, sore muscles or exhaustion, and most of the entrants said they felt the tournament should have been extended over the entire weekend -- as was originally announced -- instead of just Friday and Saturday. Reportedly, one of the tournament officials felt that tennis should not be played on the Sabbath.

Approximately 10 doubles teams were entered in each of the tournament's two groups. The top five teams in each group were:

GROUP A: Manu Meredith and Sam Peters, Brownie Tuiasosopo and Sili Atuatasi, Saumage Gaisoa and Colin Mandry, Bill Cravens and Eric Howland, and Marc Sisk and Ron Pritchard.

GROUP B: John Philp and Dick Janson, Patilia Passi and Dick Thompson, Fotu Soliai and Peter Randall (tied for second-place with Passi and Thompson), Mekiafa Vaifanua and Tom Kaser, and Philo Jennings and Andrew Puletasi.

## Governor Dedicates New Pago Courts To Al Pratt

Governor Owen Aspinall dedicated the new tennis courts at Pago Pago Park to Director of Public Works Al Pratt Saturday, following the presentation of trophies to the winners of the tournament.

The governor drew back a curtain covering a mounted sign that reads: "Malū le faiva (roughly, "Have fun"), dedicated to Mr. Alma Pratt, Director of Public Works, for his contribution to American Samoa, Pago Pago, November 11, 1967."

Pratt, who will soon be leaving for a new job in Melbourne, Australia, was praised by Governor Aspinall for being the main push behind many improvements in American Samoa, including roads, building construction, and maintenance projects. He said it is fitting

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Governor Dedicates New Pago Courts To Al Pratt (cont'd)

that the new courts -- the first recreational facility in Pago Pago Park -- be named after a man who has made capital improvement dreams come true in American Samoa.

VARIETY CONCERT BY WESTERN SAMOAN WOMEN TONIGHT IN LEE AUDITORIUM

More than 140 women from Western Samoa tonight will present a variety concert in Lee Auditorium, featuring singing, dancing and a fashion show. The concert starts at 8 p.m.

The event is being sponsored by the Western Samoa National Council of Women, which is a consolidation of the Women's Health Committee and number of other women's groups in Western Samoa.

Admission to the concert is free, but a donation will be solicited during the program. Proceeds will go to the "Mothers' Center" of the organization in Apia.

AFFILIATE OF CONTINENTAL AIRLINES AWARDED TRUST TERRITORY AIR ROUTE

WASHINGTON -- The Interior Department Friday awarded Air-Micronesia a contract to provide air service to and within Micronesia for the next five years.

Air-Micronesia is an affiliate of Continental Airlines, Aloha Airlines and United Micronesia Development Association.

The Interior Department said the carrier will undertake "a vigorous program" of travel promotion in Micronesia that will include construction of a hotel in each of the six principal population centers of the far-flung territory.

Air Micronesia will take over on January 1 the service now provided by Pan American World Airways. Air Micronesia's proposal to serve the area was selected over bids filed by Pan Am, Northwest Orient and Hawaiian Airlines.

Direct service between Honolulu and the Trust Territory depends upon Civil Aeronautics Board action.

Initially, Air Micronesia will be owned 31 per cent by the Continental, 20 per cent by Aloha and 49 per cent by the Micronesia Development Association.

After five years, the Interior Department said, the Development Association will be offered an opportunity to acquire an additional two per cent of the stock and effective control of the new corporation.

The department said Continental will engage in training operations for Micronesians and will staff the entire operation with Trust Territory residents "as rapidly as possible."

Robert F. Six, Continental president, said the service represents "a new hope" for the Micronesians "to obtain the social, political and economic benefits that they have so clearly lacked and that they so rightly deserve."

Two Continental Executives Here Over The Weekend

Two executives of Continental Airlines were here over the weekend to gather information for Continental's pending application for an air route through American Samoa.

Ted Haueter, vice-president for operating standards, and Ellis Furda, special assistant to the vice-president for international affairs, arrived here late Thursday from Apia and left early this morning for Honolulu. They have been away from their headquarters in Los Angeles since October 19, fathering historical and statistical information about Tahiti, New Caledonia, New Hebrides, Fiji, Tonga, the Gilbert and Ellice Islands, and both Samoas.

STRONG EARTHQUAKE TREMORS FELT HERE SATURDAY NIGHT

An unusually strong earthquake tremor was felt in the Samoan Islands late Saturday night, according to many reports received in the Office of Samoan Information.

Strong Earthquake Tremors Felt Here Saturday Night (cont'd)

Philipp Muller, observor-in-charge of the Apia Observatory, said the center of the tremor was about 250 miles southwest of Apia, and the Richter Scale reading was 4 to 5.

Muller said the tremor, which occurred at 11:37 p.m. Saturday, was not unusual for this area, but several residents of American Samoa said it is the strongest they have felt.

Kurt Weiss, Principal of Olosega Consolidated School in Manu'a, told the Office of Samoan Information by radio that the tremor was accompanied by an eerie deep-sounding noise and caused considerable concern on that island.

"I've lived in southern California and felt many tremors, but his was the strongest I've ever felt," he said. He added that dogs on Olosega howled for about a half-hour after the tremor was felt for about five seconds late Saturday night.

Many Tutuila residents said they noticed the tremor not only because of its movement but also because of the noise, which is unusual.

HAWAII VOLCANO ERUPTION SAID TO BE IMMINENT

HILO, Hawaii -- Activity at the Halemaumau firepit atop Kilauea volcano is definitely on the increase.

Dr. Tom Wright, geologist with the U.S. Geological Survey's Hawaii Volcano Observatory made that report in a bulletin at 8:30 this morning.

Wright said since the second phase of the eruption at six this morning, an increase in tremors has been recorded west and south of Halemaumau. Four fountains, in the firepit are splattering lava about 50 feet in the air.

Wright said tilt-meters are showing outward tilting and volcano re-inflations as the eruption proceeds. The present activity is not like that recorded in the 1952, 1954 and 1961 eruptions.

The continued boiling is reminiscence of the steam explosion in 1924 when the present crater was formed. Then, as now, there was constant surface activity.

ARRIVAL OF THOR I MARKS BEGINNING OF THIS WEEK'S PORT ACTIVITY

The arrival of the Norwegian freighter Thor I yesterday marked the beginning of a week's activity at the port of American Samoa. Cargo loading of the Thor I is under way and port officials said she would probably leave tomorrow.

Scheduled to arrive Thursday is the oil tanker Bryant. Due to arrive Saturday is the Dutch cruiser Statendan, northbound to the states.

Two scheduled arrivals for Saturday are the University of California oceanographic research vessel, Argo, and the northbound Matson freighter Sonoma.

GUAM HIT BY TYPHOON GILDA

AGANA, Guam -- Typhoon Gilda struck a glancing blow at the Pacific island of Guam yesterday morning, then it churned across open water, leaving behind an American freighter in flames.

However, 53 men aboard the United Fruit Company's San Jose were rescued in time by a U.S. destroyer and another freighter amid storm-tossed seas. Squadrons of Air Force B-52 jets that attack targets in South and North Viet Nam were flown to bases in Thailand and Okinawa. Navy ships in port at Agana put out to sea to ride out the storm.

There were no deaths or injuries, but high winds and heavy rain damaged crops severely, and some 10,000 residents took refuge in storm shelters.

TV NEWS FOR TONIGHT: CHANNEL 2: (5:00) Music (7:00) Friendly Giant (7:14) News: (Samoan) (7:34) Leave It To Beaver: "Beaver & Chuey" (8:00) Funny Company (8:05) Report To The People: Stanford Project (8:31) Wagon Train: "Sally Potter Story" (9:21) News (English). CHANNEL 4: (5:00) Music (7:00) News (English) (7:15) Funny Company (7:34) Leave It To Beaver: "Beaver & Chuey" (8:01) What's New (8:31) Wagon Train: "Sally Potter Story".

JOHNSON BEGINS WEEK OF VIET TALKS

WASHINGTON (UPI) - President Johnson begins a week of top-level conference on the Viet Nam conflict.

Mr. Johnson plans to talk over the situation with Ambassador Ellsworth Bunker, who returned from Saigon over the weekend, and General William Westmoreland. The U.S. commander in Viet Nam, who is flying in from Saigon with Robert Komer, head of the pacification program.

The President takes up the war council after his two-day tour of military bases during which he challenged Hanoi to a peace conference aboard a neutral ship on the high seas.

Mr. Johnson went to church Sunday at Williamsburg, Virginia, in the same Episcopal Church where George Washington worshipped. He heard the rector, the Reverend Cotesworth Lewis, say that loyal Americans are "appaled" and "my-stified" by the Viet Nam War.

After the sermon the President shook hands with the minister but did not speak to him.

POLL SAYS VIET STEPUP FAVORED

NEW YORK (UPI) - According to the latest Gallup Poll, nearly half of the American people support further escalation of the U.S. military effort in Viet Nam. The poll said that of the 48 per cent who favor escalation, seven per cent want to use nuclear weapons. The poll also indicated that 34 per cent want the U.S. to reduce its military effort and another 10 per cent favor withdrawal.

South Viet Nam's vice president Nguyen Cao Ky says he wants to visit the U.S. so he can explain the situation at home to the American people. However, Ky said he wouldn't be able to make the trip for at least six months.

REAGAN ASKS VIET REASSESSMENT

ALBANY, Oregon (UPI) - California Governor Ronald Reagan called for a reassessment of the U.S. role in Viet Nam. Reagan said the administration and the nation must decide whether the war effort

should be stepped up.

In California, backers of George Wallace reported only 8,000 signatures so far on petition designed to list the American Independent Party on the state ballot next year. Under state law some 66,000 signatures must be secured by next January 2 if the effort is to succeed.

Visiting Florida Republican Governor Claude Kirk charged in Rio De Janeiro that Wallace was a "tool" of President Johnson. Kirk said Mr. Johnson had "arranged" Wallace's candidacy for the presidency to divide the Republican vote next year.

MCCARTHY NEWEST THREAT TO LBJ

CHICAGO, Illinois (UPI) - President Johnson has suddenly found his political fortunes challenged not only by the small army of GOP presidential contenders but also by a man the President once considered as a running mate.

Democratic Senator Eugene McCarthy of Minnesota, a member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, has recently emerged from his office and threatened to oppose the President in the 1968 Democratic primaries.

McCarthy told newsmen yesterday that he'll decide whether to run next month. And if he throws his hat in the ring, the 51-year-old senator says it will be "in a serious role to beat President Johnson."

Over the weekend, McCarthy sampled political currents in Massachusetts, Michigan and Illinois. Speaking to a labor gathering at the University of Chicago yesterday, McCarthy expanded on his peace-in-Viet Nam theme, saying: "I've not found anyone yet who can tell you what good might come out of a military victory."

In Boston, cries of "McCarthy for President" marked the close of the college Young Democrats convention.

THE ROLLING STONE GATHERS

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