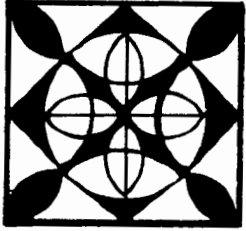


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BULLETIN

FOR THE PEOPLE OF AMERICAN SAMOA, PAGO PAGO.

STROKES, PNEUMONIA, HEART DISEASES LEAD CAUSED OF DEATH HERE

Strokes, pneumonia and diseases of the heart were among the leading causes of death in American Samoa in 1966, according to the American Samoa Annual Report for Fiscal Year 1967.

The report, now being printed in Washington, D.C., shows there were 150 deaths in American Samoa in calendar year 1966. The top 10 causes were:

Residual deaths ("other causes" -- not classified).....	23
Vascular lesions affecting the central nervous system (strokes cerebral thrombosis).....	20
Pneumonia.....	18
Diseases of the heart other than rheumatic, arteriosclerotic, and degenerative.....	14
Malignant neoplasms (cancer).....	10
Gastritis, duodenitis (ulcers and other diseases of the digestive tract).....	10
Accidents other than motor vehicle accidents.....	12
Senility (physical deterioration).....	8
Diseases peculiar to early infancy, excluding birth injuries, post-natal asphyxia and atelectasis.....	7
Non-meningococcal meningitis (inflammation of the Spinal Cord).....	5

LOLO SAYS AMERICAN SAMOA WILL PROCEED CAUTIOUSLY TO TIGHTEN IMMIGRATION LAWS

American Samoa will go ahead with plans to tighten even further its immigration laws, though Senate President A. P. Lauvao-Lolo conceded that "this is a delicate matter which, admittedly, has national and international implications."

Lolo said the legislative committee, headed by High Talking Chief Mulitauaopele T., would work closely with the attorney general's office and with Governor Owen Aspinall, and through him, the United States Department of Interior.

"We hope to come up with legislation not incompatible with basic American philosophies and even more contemporary attitude as reflected by recent Supreme Court decisions," Lolo said.

Chief Lolo said American Samoa must move with unusual caution as a result of uproar caused by Governor Aspinall's original decision to deny a Korean fisherman, employed by a cannery here, and an American Samoa the right to marry on American Samoa soil.

The couple brought legal action against the governor, charging racial discrimination. The matter never got to court because the governor, on his return from the United States, reversed himself.

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Lolo Says American Samoa Will Proceed Cautiously To Tighten Immigration Laws (cont'd)

Governor Aspinall said he had not acted out of discrimination but to discourage fisherman from jumping ship to marry Samoan girls.

Subsequently, Lolo said in an interview with the Samoa Times that the Senate Special Committee on Immigration would nodify its original recommendations to the governor that he tighten regulations on marriages between Samoans and aliens.

At that time he said the committee would reverse itself to the extent that it would permit aliens to marry Samoans, but only if they could meet legal requirements for residency.

Then, Lolo went on to say that the committee favored amending the present law. The amendments would provide that aliens who jump ship be deported immediately and that an alien desiring to marry an American Samoan must have resided continuously in American Samoa for one year and have a reasonable income.

The Samoa Times pointed out that these amendments would make the law even more restrictive against Asian fisherman, who are seldom ashore more than a month at a time.

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More recently, Lolo said these amendments would likely be rewritten to be inclusive of all aliens, both men and women.

Lolo said the inter-racial marriage issue cannot be understood with a superficial glance, but rather must be studied in its historic and geographic contexts.

"No discrimination, as such, is intended," Lolo said. "We are simply trying to preserve our Samoan culture and traditions on seven tiny islands whose total area is only 76.1 square miles, and most of that uninhabitable.

"The policy of Samoa for Samoan as was long ago initiated by the United States. That policy decrees that aliens cannot buy land here, nor can they start businesses without the consent of the governor.

"We are seeing many rapid changes here, and we know change will come in this policy, but we see no reason to hasten it. We simply do not have the vast land area to assimilate a large number of aliens.

"As much as we can, we want to keep alive our cherished culture and traditions. And to protect our society we must tighten our immigration laws."

SKINDIVING CLUB WILL EXPLORE FAGASA REEF TOMORROW

Weather permitting, the American Samoa Skindiving Club will explore the Fagasa reef tomorrow afternoon.

All members interested in participating should assemble in the Department of Education parking lot, across from the Instructional Resources Center, tomorrow at 1 p.m.

FIREMAN RECEIVES 20-YEAR CERTIFICATE

Moe Tagafau, a fireman with the American Samoa fire department, yesterday was presented a certificate honoring his 20 years of employment with the government of American Samoa. The presentation was made by Attorney General Charles Habernigg.

Tagafau, who lives in Fagatogo, was first hired by the government in August 1947 as a general helper in the Public Works Department. He became a fireman on March 1, 1952.

TV FOR TONIGHT

CHANNEL 2: (5:00) Music (7:00) Friendly Giant (7:14) News (Samoan) (7:31) The Lucy Show: "Lucy Gets The Bird" (7:58) Funny Company (8:03) Boy Scouts (8:26) Bonanza: "Jack Knife" (9:16) News (English). CHANNEL 4: (5:00) Music (7:00) News (English) (7:16) Friendly Giant" (7:31) The Lucy Show: "Lucy Gets The Bird" (7:57) What's New (8:26) Bonanza: "Jack Knife".

TV FOR SATURDAY: (7:00) Woody Woodpecker (7:20) The Luch Show: "Lucy & The Old Mansion" (7:45) Disney Feature Movie: "Summer Magic" (9:34) Wide World Of Sports.