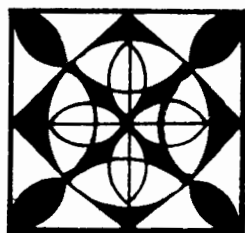


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BULLETIN

FOR THE PEOPLE OF AMERICAN SAMOA, PAGO PAGO.

SIX AMERICAN SAMOAN CHIEFS DEBATE WHETHER PEOPLE WERE HAPPIER IN OLD DAYS

Six American Samoan chiefs last night appeared on the first of four television videotape debates concerning the relative happiness of the Samoan people before and after the coming of the palagis.

Arguing that the Samoans were happier than before Christianity and Western civilization came to the islands were Chief Salanoa Aumoeualogo, Chief Napoleon Tuiteleleapaga and Talking Chief Mageo Felise.

Taking the opposing view that the Samoan people are happier in the modern world were Chief Pula Nikolao, Talking Chief Meko Fiaui and Chief Apelu T. Galea'i.

The affirmative side contended that in the olden days there was far more happiness in the home and in the village because of the firm authority of the parents over their children and the equally firm leadership of the matai who had the full respect of those he led.

It was argued that the leisurely life encouraged group visitations and thus the people of one village got to know the peoples of other villages better. The week-long wedding celebrations and other Samoan customs have largely been replaced by alien customs, the affirmative contended.

Other affirmative contentions included: a more equitable distribution of lands in the pre-palagi days; a better system of justice in which an offender of society paid his debt by fishing and farming rather than languishing in jail; and a stable sense of values undistorted by the new emphasis on money.

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The negative side argued that the old-time matai ruled out of fear, and his regime more closely resembled a dictatorship than that of the benevolent despot.

One chief contended that present-day Samoan idioms clearly indicate the Samoan people do not look with nostalgia on the past. He said the Samoan idioms are replete with references to the days of darkness, days of disagreement, days of spilling blood, etc.

The negative side contended that Western-style government of legislative, executive and judicial branches has assured the rights of the individual and removed the fear element from Samoan society.

"The laws of society can now reach into the family circle and protect the individual...the Samoan people are happier now because all are happy, not just one," the negative side summarized.

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Pita Sunia, ETV teacher and Tala 'Ese 'Ese newscaster, was the moderator of the debate and performed the English translation and interpretation. Sunia reminded the viewing audience, which also included what was expected to be a sizeable segment from Western Samoa, that the opinions of the debaters were not necessarily their own.

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Six American Samoan Chiefs Debate Whether People Were Happier In Old Days (cont'd)

Charles Hall was the program's producer-director. Adult educator director Tiv Wicker invited the TV viewers to send in their opinions of the program and to cast their votes for the winning side to: Debate, KVZK, American Samoa.

The second of the four-part debate series will be shown next Tuesday night at 8 o'clock on both Channels 2 and 4.

PUBLIC HEARING ON RETAIL PRICES ABRUPTLY CHANGED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Yesterday's scheduled public hearing on retail prices was abruptly changed from an open forum into a closed, executive session in the Senate chamber in Fagatogo.

Senate President A. P. Lauvao-Lolo said the executive session was called to review the sub-committee's report of its investigations of retail prices, particularly of food items and building materials.

The Joint House-Senate Committee on Retail Prices was established to determine if the new duty-free status of American Samoa has resulted in lower prices, which was the intent of the law.

A preliminary report indicated retail markups as high as 100 per cent.

Lolo said yesterday that the first public hearing is now rescheduled to the second week of December at which time some of American Samoa's leading merchants will be called into testify.

LIGHTNING DELAYS PAN AM PLANE

A bolt of lightning delayed yesterday afternoon's Pan Am plane as it made its way from Los Angeles to Honolulu on the first leg of its run to Tahiti via Honolulu and American Samoa.

A Pan Am spokesman said there was no danger to the crew or passengers, but the entire plane was magnetized, and its instruments would not function normally. American Samoa and Tahiti passengers finally arrived here at 11 o'clock last night after waiting for another Pan Am jet to become available. The plane left for Tahiti at 11:40 p.m., returned here at 7 a.m. today, and departed at 7:45 a.m. for Honolulu.

KETCH "TOOLUSH" IS SPENDING FOUR DAYS HERE

The 35-foot wooden ketch Toolush is currently at one of the buoys in Pago Pago Harbor for a four-day stay.

The sailboat is owned by Stuart Burns, of Powell River, British Columbia, Canada. The only crewman aboard is Michael Burns, presumed to be a relative.

The Toolush left British Columbia a year ago and has since been to San Francisco, Los Angeles, Hilo (Hawaii), Honolulu and Canton Island. It is scheduled to leave Friday.

SAMOA NEI ASSOCIATION WILL HOLD DANCE TONIGHT IN LEE AUDITORIUM

The Samoa Nei Association will hold a fund-drive dance tonight in Lee Auditorium starting at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$1.00 per person, and proceeds will go toward a scholarship fund to send an outstanding senior from each of Samoa's four public high schools to college next year.

The Samoa Nei Association is composed of Samoans who have attended college.

Free transportation will be provided to Lee Auditorium tonight -- one bus from Leone and one from Alofau.

ST. THERESA OLD GIRLS TO SPONSOR BENEFIT DANCE FRIDAY NIGHT

The Old Girls' Association of St. Theresa School in Leone will hold a benefit dance at Leone Friday night starting at 7:30.

Tickets, priced at \$1.00, will be available at the door. The dance will include a floor show and a heavy supper. Free transportation from town will be provided by a bus leaving the Fagatogo Market at 7 p.m.

CLEAN COCONUT GROVES, TREE BANDS AND POISON FAVORED IN WAR ON RATS

HONOLULU - Pacific Islanders who do not keep their coconut groves and cacao orchards clean and tidy are wasting more than one-third of their labor to keep rats well fed.

That is the conclusion of an East-West Center team of specialists teaching rat control methods in the South Pacific. Dr. Horace Clay, program director for the Center's Institute for Technical Interchange, said that damage to agricultural production caused by rats is one of the area's most serious economic problems, as well as a menace to health because of rat-borne diseases.

Clay headed an East-West Center team teaching rat control methods in New Hebrides, and previously in Tonga. He said research had established that rats stay clear of agricultural plots where the ground is kept clear of rotting coconut husks, weeds and other debris.

In addition to spreading poison baits, which are harmless to humans, rat control instruction emphasizes the need for eliminating places where rats can hide and feed.

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"Coconut husks are placed in piles in the New Hebrides so they will rot and form humus," reported William Smythe, graduate research assistant in the University of Hawaii's zoology department.

"The small gain induced by such humus is far outweighed by the damage done by rats to the nuts on the trees and on the ground. In addition, these husks breed mosquitoes and the rats that live in these husk piles gnaw open nuts that also fill with water and breed mosquitoes."

Smythe said that rats probably eat or destroy over one-third of the crops grown in the New Hebrides.

The experts recommended aluminum bands on tree trunks to prevent rats from climbing the coconut trees and that anti-coagulant poisons be mixed with shredded copra or cereals be put in hollow bamboo to kill the rats.

FAA OFFICIALS CONTINUE INVESTIGATION INTO JET MISHAP WHICH RESULTS IN SIX PERSONS HURT

HONOLULU (UPI) - Federal Aviation Administration officials are continuing their investigation into the apparent explosions of an engine on a BOAC Boeing 707 jetliner yesterday which resulted in six persons being injured, one serious enough to be hospitalized. In satisfactory condition at Queen's Hospital with a fractured right heel is 48-year-old Mrs. Kumchun Chan of Bangkok. She and the five others were injured scrambling from the burning jetliner.

TV FOR TONIGHT: CHANNEL 2: (5:00) Music (7:00) Friendly Giant (7:14) News (Samoan) (7:31) Mc Hales Navy: "Who Will Buy My Sarong" (7:58) British Calendar (8:11) Boy Scouts (8:34) Bonanza: "The Dowry" (9:24) News (English). CHANNEL 5: (5:00) Music (7:00) News (English) (7:16) Friendly Giant (7:31) Mc Hales Navy: "Who Will Buy My Sarong" (7:58) Funny Company (8:03) What's New (8:34) Bonanza: "The Dowry".

TV FOR THURSDAY: CHANNEL 2: (5:00) Music (7:00) Friendly Giant (7:14) News (Samoan) (7:31) The Rifleman: "End Of A Young Gun" (7:57) Funny Company (8:02) Traffic Safety (8:27) Dick Powell Theater: "The Hook" (9:16) News (English). CHANNEL 5: (5:00) Music (7:00) News (English) (7:16) Friendly Giant (7:31) The Rifleman: "End Of A Young Gun" (7:57) What's New (8:27) Dick Powell Theater: "The Hook".

JFK'S GRIM ANNIVERSARY HONORED

ARLINGTON, Virginia. (UPI) - On this fourth anniversary of President John F. Kennedy's assassination...relatives and admirers of the late Chief Executive were visiting his gravesite at Arlington National Cemetery.

A damp fog loomed over the grave early this morning when Senator Robert Kennedy by-passed the regular entrance and climbed over a wall to visit his brother's grave. Earlier, Senator Edward Kennedy spent several minutes at the gravesite.

From the Texas White House, President Johnson sent a memorial wreath of red, white and blue. A delegation of green berets brought a floral arrangement for the Commander-in-Chief they regarded as their patron.

LBJ STARTS FIFTH YEAR; A NEW IMAGE

SAN ANTONIO, Texas. (UPI) - President Johnson started his fifth year in office today with something of a new image. His reply to critics of his war policy have sharpened. He is known to be pleased by the public response to his hard-hitting style in last Friday's televised press conference. It looks like a preview of his 1968 re-election campaign.

On the domestic front, the President fears the war may have diverted attention from his accomplishments in the past four years.

This is particularly true in the area of civil rights where he believes more has been done for the American Negro under his administration than during the terms of the last four Presidents put together.

SENATE VOTES \$7 BILLIONS FOR RETIRED

WASHINGTON, (UPI) - The Senate has overwhelmingly approved a record \$7 billion boost in Social Security and Welfare benefits.

The measure would bring a 15 per cent across-the-board increase in monthly payments to 24 million retired Americans, starting next April. The Senate bill now goes to a Senate-House conference for compromise with a House-

approved measure that provides for a 12½ per cent increase in benefits. Under the Senate version, the maximum individual payroll tax to finance the new benefits would go up about \$62 in 1968.

At the same time, the administration's new fight for an income tax increase will be right out where everybody can see it.

Congressman Wilbur Mills who heads the House Ways and Means Committee said the hearing next week will be public. Earlier it had been scheduled to be behind doors.

Mills also announced the hearing will start next Wednesday instead of Tuesday.

BANKS RAISE PRIME INTEREST RATES

WASHINGTON, (UPI) - Many U.S. banks have raised their prime interest rates since Britain announced last weekend it was devaluing the pound sterling. Among the banks to boost interest rates are the First National City Bank of New York City, the Morgan Guaranty Trust Company of New York, Continental Illinois Bank and Trust Company of Chicago. Harris of Chicago, Chase Manhattan of New York and some Kansas City, San Francisco and Dallas Banks.

The prime interest rate is that charged by commercial banks to their most favored customers, other interest rates are scaled up from it. The federal discount rate is that charged by federal reserve banks on loans to member National banks. The boost in the discount rate was designed to prevent an outpouring of funds from the U.S. to Britain, where currently high interest rates promise a better return.

Senate Democratic leader Mike Mansfield told newsmen that higher interest rates, stemming from a rise in the federal reserve discount rate, may slow the economy and make a tax increase less imperative.

HOUSE FAVORS PEACE CORPS

WASHINGTON, (UPI) - The House gave final congressional approval yesterday to a bill extending the Peace Corps through next June. The House also defeated moves that would have cut the agency's funds. A move to stop corps officials from trying to get draft deferments for corpsmen also was defeated.

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