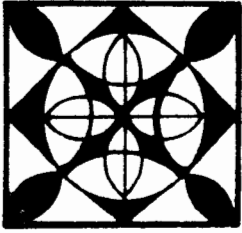


**NEWS****BULLETIN**

FOR THE PEOPLE OF AMERICAN SAMOA. PAGO PAGO.

LARGE LANDSLIDE ON OFU

Kurt Weis, principal of Olosega Consolidated School, reported by radio today that a massive landslide occurred on Ofu Island late Saturday night, sending hundreds of tons of boulders and debris into the sea across from Olosega village.

Weis believes the slide was caused not by erosion but by an earth movement, possibly related to the tremor that shook the Samoan islands a few weeks ago. He said the slide started from the top of the mountain across from Olosega and sent boulders "as big as a hurricane house" crashing down the mountainside and into the sea, breaking coconut trees "like match sticks."

Weis added that large triangular-shaped section of the mountain is now exposed, "deforming the entire mountain." He suggested that it would afford geologists a rare opportunity to study the rock formation of Ofu. The triangle has its point at the top of the mountain, and a base of from 75 to 100 yards at the bottom. Hundreds of tons of earth and rock now cover the Ofu-Olosega trail in that area, he said.

"This was distinctly a dry slide -- possibly the result of an isostatic movement, involving a movement of the earth's crust," he said. The slide occurred around midnight Saturday although the strong tradewinds that night prevented most Olosegans from hearing it.

Weis said most of the land covered by the slide is believed to be owned by a man named Meatuli, who works in the sanitation division of the Department of Medical Services. Weis said the plantation is "a total loss." He added: "It's lucky no one was in that area at the time."

MARIPOSA CREW WILL AGAIN BRING CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR SAMOAN CHILDREN

The crew of the Matson cruise liner Mariposa will again bring Christmas gifts for the children of American Samoa, but it is hoped that this year's effort will be more successful than last year's.

William Sharp, a cook aboard the Mariposa, said about \$400 worth of toys will be handed out to Samoan youngsters who are on the main dock at about 10 a.m. January 5, when the Mariposa next comes to Pago Pago. The money that buys the toys has been raised through raffles among the Mariposa crew.

Some of the toys given out on that day will be left-overs from last year's abortive "Operation Santa Claus." Sharp and other crew members had made arrangements with a local clergyman to have children on the dock when the Mariposa arrived, but no one showed up that morning. A few of the 1,400 gifts aboard the Mariposa that day were given out to some pre-school youngsters and Fia Iloa Elementary School students who happened on the scene or were hastily called because of their nearness to the dock. Some of the Mariposa crew members were dressed up as Santa Claus and his helpers. Cooks, waitresses, cabin boys and other union members of the ship's crew had spent \$526 on gifts and wrapping paper.

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Mariposa Crew Will Again Bring Christmas Gifts For Samoan Children (cont'd)

Sharp explained that Pago Pago is the only port where the Mariposa crew members give out Christmas presents. The practice started in 1964, after the crew members noticed that so few youngsters had toys.

Some of the packages to be given out January 5 will contain more than one toy. Sharp said the toys are generally for youngsters younger than 10 or 11.

CAR SAFETY INSPECTION BEGINS DECEMBER 1; \$1 INSPECTION FEE NECESSARY

Motor vehicle inspection is fast approaching, Chief of Police Moaali'itele L. Tu'ufuli reminded today.

Annual inspection will begin December 1 at the Tafuna garage and at the motor pool.

Chief Moaali'itele reminded that car owners must pay the \$1 inspection fee at the Revenue Division before vehicle inspection. At the same time, he said vehicles must pass safety inspection and owners must file certificates of liability insurance with the Revenue Division before license plates can be obtained.

The deadline for obtaining license plates is February 1.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE SEEKS TO UPGRADE CITRUS FRUIT PRODUCTION

The Department of Agriculture announced today that new experiments will be undertaken towards upgrading citrus fruit production in American Samoa.

Director Thomas Hatakeyama said that avocado seedling stock plants will be imported from Hawaii. They will be grafted with various avocados which it is thought will do well in American Samoa.

Once the most productive variety is determined, it is the hope of the department to make the plants available to the public.

Other agricultural projects under way include one to determine the feasibility of commercial production of Vanda orchids here, and another is the testing of a chemical designed to eradicate worms that attack the roots of banana stalks.

The experiments are all part of the groundwork for an expanded agricultural program for American Samoa.

In view of the experience of other developing countries, notably India, it is Hatakeyama's contention that the essentially agrarian society of American Samoa must have a solid base of agriculture before it can move ahead in other fields of economic development.

SCHOOL BUS PASSES FOR DECEMBER MUST BE PURCHASED BEFORE FRIDAY

The Department of Education reminds parents of children who ride government buses to school that the orange passes for December must be bought before Friday. Children who do not have bus passes by then will not be allowed to ride. The passes may be purchased at the Revenue Office.

TELEVISION FOR TONIGHT

Channel 2: (5:00) Music (7:00) Friendly Giant (7:14) News (Samoan) (7:31) Leave It To Beaver: "Wally's Job" (7:57) Report To The People: Stanford Project (8:55) Wagon Train: "D. Barrister" (9:15) News (English). Channel 4: (5:00) Music (7:00) News (English) (7:16) Friendly Giant (7:31) Leave It To Beaver: "Wally's Job" (7:57) Funny Company (8:25) Wagon Train: "D. Barrister".