

NEWS**BULLETIN**

FOR THE PEOPLE OF AMERICAN SAMOA, PAGO PAGO.
Enterprise Death Toll 24

PEARL HARBOR (UPI) - The world's biggest warship, the U.S. Carrier Enterprise lay berthed at Pearl Harbor today her flight deck a shambles, 24 of her crew known dead, 17 missing and 85 injured.

The "Big E" was engaging in training maneuvers off Hawaii yesterday when an explosion sent a ball of flame rolling across her topside. Then other explosions followed as bombs and ammunition exploded. Fourteen planes in the air were ordered to land in Hawaii.

Bosun's Mate Second Class Jerry Dennard of Warner Robins, Georgia, said, "A big ball of fire exploded underneath one of the planes just as we were preparing to launch." The ship's skipper, Captain Kent Lee, said, "What caused the explosion we don't know."

The ship and her 5,400 man crew were preparing for their fourth tour of duty off Viet Nam. Fifteen planes were destroyed by the explosions and fire.

Memorial Service Set At Asu

The French Naval Vessel La Bayonnaise was scheduled to arrive in Pago Pago Harbor today and will go to Massacre Bay at Asu tomorrow for a memorial service.

It was in Massacre Bay on December 11, 1787, that 11 French sailors, members of the La Perouse Expedition, came ashore and were attacked and killed. A small monument marks their grave and periodically French vessels put into the bay to repair it and to hold memorial services.

The Coast Guard Cutter will carry a group of Government of American Samoa officials to the ceremony tomorrow. Both vessels are scheduled to leave at about 6 a.m.

LEGISLATURE COMMITTEES MEET

Meetings of three joint House and Senate committees of the Legislature were announced today. The Investigation Committees on Construction will meet at 1:30 p.m. tomorrow. The Budget and Appropriations Committees will meet at 9 a.m. Friday and the Government Operations Committees will meet at 1:30 p.m. Monday. All sessions will be in the Senate Chamber.

HAWAII JAYCEE OFFICIAL

John A. Mendonca III, executive vice president of the Hawaii Junior Chamber of Commerce, is visiting in American Samoa and was scheduled to meet with local Jaycees to discuss local projects today.

Mendonca, an official in a candy manufacturing firm, is enroute to Fiji on business.

DANCE SCHEDULED

The Asili Women's Health Committee will sponsor a dance from 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. Saturday in Asili Village. Music will be by the Swinging Tamalii. Free transportation will be provided from Nu'uuli. Admission charge will be \$1 and a heavy supper will be served.

SPIRAL STAIRCASE TO BE STAGED

The Island Community Theatre presents its first production of the year at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday when it will stage "The Spiral Staircase" in Lee Auditorium.

Taking part will be Kit Keener, Bill Keener, Alan Ripine, Jean Davis, Carolyn McCann, Patty Barr, Charles Habernigg and Laurance Cole.

In the play the eight characters are thrown together in an old house on the edge of an American town in a situation which builds rapidly to a chilling climax.

Tickets will be on sale at the door for \$1 for adults and 50 cents for students.

GOVERNMENT LAND OFFERED FOR LEASE

Three plots of Government land are being offered for lease for farming. Details appear on Page 6. On the same page are tips on income tax payments.

BOXING TONIGHT.....7:30 P.M.....LEE AUDITORIUM.....EIGHT BOUTS,

LBJ HANDS CONGRESS A BIG BUDGET

WASHINGTON, (UPI) - President Johnson today turned in his last budget -- and its a whopper.

His fiscal program for the year beginning in July calls for spending of \$195 billion, \$300,000. According to his figures, there will be a surplus of \$3,400,000.

And all of this will require extension of some current taxes plus some new charges.

Chiefly, Mr. Johnson wants to maintain the 10 per cent income tax surcharge which is supposed to expire at the end of June. He urged that President Nixon be given power to reduce or abolish the extra tax whenever he sees fit.

He also wants to continue the seven per cent excise tax on new cars and the 10 per cent tax on phone calls.

Social security taxes also would be boosted. President Johnson proposes an increase to 5.2 per cent of wages beginning January 1, 1970. The boost would finance a 13 per cent increase in social security benefits.

In an additional fund-raising proposal, he calls for a seven cent charge for first class mail.

In his budget message, Mr. Johnson called on incoming President Nixon to "press ahead for freedom and justice at home and abroad."

EMPLOYMENT
EXAM SET

A competitive employment examination for the following persons is scheduled for 2 p.m. Thursday in Room 4, Building D, Samoana High School:

Leata Fanua, Aunu'u; Lesuea Ueligitone, Pago Pago; Laura Ledoux, Pago Pago; Teuila Faatoolia, Pago Pago; Niuaveve Aumua, Pago Pago; Sauila Auli Faganeanea; Mele Tu'u-fono Malaeloa; Malaefou Vele, Aoa; Toetu Logologo, Alao; Punipua Fetui, Tula; Lutia Titalii, Alofau; Jeanette Moana, Aua; Falea'i Fesili, Masefau; Lua'ipou Lafitaga, Matu'u; Fa'aali Enilisi, Onenoa; Taumae Ulugalu, Onenoa; Fa'aaliga Uiki, Pava'ia'i; Malaefou Tua, Fagasa; Iulia Pula, Fagasa.

COUPLE WONERING
WHICH TWIN IS WHICH

DETROIT, (UPI) - The horrible fear always lurking in the minds of parents who have twins has become confusing reality for a Detroit couple. Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Bruce don't know which of their six-month old twin girls is Terry and which is Tracy.

Tracy used to be a little heavier than Terry. But then Terry gained weight, cutting out that method of identification. Mrs. Bruce then used nail polish on one of Terry's big toes but when bath water removed that, she forgot to put more on. The babies got switched around in their cribs. Or at least their parents think they did.

Anyway the parents have prevailed on Detroit police fingerprint experts to take palm-prints of the two babies and compare them with palmprints taken at birth. Police hope this will work, but aren't sure because sometimes hospitals don't get good prints.

BASKETBALL COACHES
TO MEET FRIDAY

All basketball coaches were asked to attend a meeting in the Office of Parks and Recreation at 4:30 p.m. James Money also issued an appeal to officials to make sure and appear at the games to which they are assigned. He said there now are 23 organized teams and interest in basketball is growing.

HICKLE, PACKARD
FACE COMMITTEES

WASHINGTON, (UPI) - Alaska Governor Walter Hickel and electronics Millionaire David Packard were expected to face sharp questioning today from Senate committees.

The two men are President-Elect Richard Nixon's most controversial cabinet appointments. Hickel as Interior secretary designate, has been under fire for his controversial statements opposing policies that keep natural resources out of industrial development and water pollution standards that discourage industry.

Packard wants to become deputy defense secretary without disposing of \$300 million in stock he holds in an electronics firm. The firm Whellett-Packard Corporation, did \$94 million worth of Defense Department business last year.

Senate Armed Services Chairman Stennis said the committee must have "clear and convincing proof" that Packard will not be in a position to dispense favors to the firm.

ASTRONAUT BORMAN
HAS A VIRUS

CHICAGO, (UPI) - The crew of the Apollo-8 spacecraft has been dethroned from its round of receiving welcomes by a common intestinal ailment. The ailment, described by space officials only as "an intestinal virus," was contracted by Colonel Frank Borman. It threatens to keep the Apollo-8 skipper from a home town welcome in Gary, Indiana.

After a rousing welcome in Chicago yesterday, Borman, James Lovell and William Anders and their families spent the night in that city. Doctors said Borman's condition could be better evaluated after a night's sleep.

KEEP SAMOA CLEAN
IT IS YOUR HOME