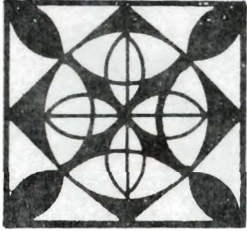


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# BULLETIN

FOR THE PEOPLE OF AMERICAN SAMOA, PAGO PAGO.

## GOVERNOR ASPINALL PUSHES AGRICULTURE DEVELOPMENT

Governor Aspinall announced a new agriculture development program for American Samoa yesterday afternoon. The program is proposed to implement his belief that American Samoa has enough tillable land to produce food for 50,000 people within the territory. (Current estimated population of American Samoa is 26,000.)

Firm action is being taken to initiate a new agriculture reclamation program that will place much land into production that is now covered with bush.

The Departments of Public Works and Agriculture have been instructed to propose new equipment rental rates for agriculture purposes. These rates are only to cover operational and minor repair costs. Equipment depreciation and replacement costs are being suspended at this time in order to considerably reduce costs to farmers and enable them to clear land at a substantial savings.

The Agriculture Department is now working closely with farmers to delineate those areas that should be cleared first.

The governor further indicated that he has recently contacted two large seed supply houses in California to obtain various types of seeds and plants for experimental studies. Plants such as raspberries, strawberries and peanuts will be evaluated for their feasibility of production here, and desirability in supplementing the normal Samoan diet.

Aspinall stated that this is the time for Samoans to attempt to produce new food-stuffs to meet the growing market demands. He encourages interest in new types of food production that would create a cash crop income for the potential farmers of American Samoa.

## USS SUNNADIN TO AID Y-F 340 IN CANTON

The USS Sunnadin arrived at Canton island this morning to aid the Y-F 340 which has been detained there since January 28 with multiple engine difficulties.

It is expected that an electrician aboard the Sunnadin can sufficiently repair the Y-F for return to American Samoa under its own power, although the Sunnadin will accompany it as a safety measure.

Both boats had been dispatched to Canton, an island 750 miles north of Tutuila, to begin hauling about \$350,000 of surplus federal equipment to American Samoa. The Sunnadin left Pago Pago on the evening of January 16, with a large barge in tow, and returned January 28 with a cargo of road-graders, water tankers, pick ups, generators, a crash truck, a D-7 Caterpillar and other heavy equipment which has since been taken to the Tafuna garrage for inspection and service.

The Y-F followed for a second load of equipment after the completion of extensive maintenance work and reassembly of its engines, which had begun a few months previously. Leaving Pago Pago January 23, the Y-F arrived in Canton January 28, after a trip plagued with mechanical difficulties.

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USS Sunnadin To Aid Y-F 340 In Canton (cont'd)

The two boats are to return as soon as repairs aboard the Y-F are completed. The Sunnadin will be carrying the last load of the surplus equipment.

NEW DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES TAKES OFFICE

Carl Meeuwsen officially took over this week as the new director of administrative services--that branch of the government of American Samoa dealing with finances and administrative management--and treasurer of American Samoa.

Meeuwsen (pronounced "MEW--sen") first became acquainted with American Samoa and territorial administrative services last October when he came to Pago Pago as part of a seven-man audit team from the U.S. Department of the Interior. He stated that he acquired a good background of information about administrative services here, and an awareness of needs and problem areas during the two month review by the audit team.

He has moved here with his wife and five children from Portland, Oregon, where he was supervisor-auditor of the regional office of the Department of the Interior.

Meeuwsen succeeds Mike Bales, who has transferred to the Interior Department's office of Territories, in Washington.

HOMEMAKER SURVEY TO BEGIN MONDAY

Women of the villages of Lauili'i and Aumi will be the first to be surveyed by the Home Demonstration Agents of the Department of Agriculture.

Visits to these villages on Monday, and to Aua on Wednesday, will launch the second territory-wide survey of homemaker's interests in cooking, sewing, child care and other household tasks.

Skills which the women are most interested in learning or improving will be determined by the survey and the Home Demonstration Agents can then plan demonstrations and other activities which will offer information the homemaker needs and wants.

Various villages of Tutuila and Manu'a have been selected for the survey. Representatives of the Women's Health Committee in each village will introduce the Agents to the homemakers there.

BUSINESS FIRMS ASKED TO SUPPORT LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL TEAMS

Governor Owen S. Aspinall has sent letters to 16 local business firms to determine whether they would each be interested in sponsoring a Little League baseball team.

The firms solicited were: Van Camp Seafood Co., B.F. Kneubuhl, Inc., Standard Oil, Nia Marie Co., Goat Island Club, American Samoa Development Corporation, Air New Zealand, South Pacific Traders, Star-Kist Samoa, Inc., American Can Co., Burns-Philp Co., Matson Lines, G.H.C. Reid Co., Pan American Airways, Max Haleck, Inc., and the Intercontinental Hotel.

The governor said each participating firm would be responsible for buying about \$100 worth of uniforms, caps and equipment. The players would wear uniforms bearing the printing "Little League" and the sponsoring firm's name. Governor Aspinall said this would promote not only free advertising but a sense of pride and competition between the teams.

Several local businesses have reportedly told the governor they are willing to sponsor a Little League team and are currently making plans to proceed with the project.

Governor Aspinall said that several volunteers would be needed to assist in coaching and managing the teams. Anyone interested in such activity should contact Sid Hill, supervisor of the Parks and Recreation Program, in the old dependents' school.

SAMOA TIMES EDITOR RESIGNS

John Philp, editor of the American Samoa section of the Samoa Times for the last nine months, submitted his resignation several weeks ago and will return to Australia after February 9.

The 26-year-old, Philp, and his wife Anna will visit New Zealand before going to Sydney. Philip's future plans are uncertain at this time.

Until a permanent successor is hired, Felise Va'a of Apia will serve as the Samoa Times' correspondent in Pago Pago. Va'a will arrive here this weekend.

LARGE SUN SPOTS DO NOT AFFECT OVERSEAS COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED HERE

By Verne Williams  
Manager, Radio Station WVUV

A view through a small sun-viewing telescope yesterday afternoon revealed the presence of a large "sun spot" on the sun's southern hemisphere. Usually such a situation is accompanied by extensive interruption of communications, caused by an increase in the intensity of radiation received by the earth from the sun.

Inquiries made this morning to Communications and the Federal Aviation Agency revealed that both agencies had been alerted to expect occasional fade-outs in communications because of the magnetic disturbances caused by the increased solar activities. However, neither agency experienced any appreciable effects on their overseas long distance radio circuits. The FAA reported only one instance of an outage for just a few minutes.

It was pointed out that most communications from American Samoa are in north-south direction, where sun-spot disturbances normally are least noticed. The Communications Office, with east-west circuits to Fiji and to Oakland, California, reported that service was normal. The FAA and Communications reported that the possibilities of magnetic disturbances would exist for a total of three or four days.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF AMERICAN SAMOASecretary Needed By The Office Of The Governor

The Office of the Governor has an urgent need for a secretary who is well qualified in taking and transcribing dictation (shorthand 100 words per minute, typing 65 words per minute), who is fluent in the English and Samoan languages, and who has had experience with office procedures at the executive level. Must be neat, personable, and confident. Starting salary for persons meeting above qualifications is \$4341 per annum. All who believe they are qualified are requested to apply at the Personnel Office. Closing date for submitting application is February 8.

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Alien Employees Must Be Reported to Immigration Office or Face Deportation

The new regulations of the Immigration Board require all employees to make regular reports to the Immigration Office concerning their alien employees. This requirement was publicized last December when the regulations were first issued.

First reports were due in January, but only a few employers have submitted the necessary information. The Immigration Board has therefore decided to give non-complying employers until February 15 to file the required reports. The employees of any employer who has failed to file a report by that time will be subject to deportation.

Blank forms for these reports are available at the Immigration Office located over the police department.

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ARMS RACE MAY BE AVOIDED

WASHINGTON, (UPI) - Defense Secretary Robert McNamara, in his annual assessment of the defense picture, has told Congress that a costly arms race between the U.S. and Russia involving antiballistic missiles may be avoided.

McNamara reported two U.S. intelligence observations which could bear out his optimism.

First, McNamara said a Russia defense system guarding approaches to that country is believed to have no significant antiballistic missile capability. U.S. intelligence officials long suspected it might become a defense against missiles.

McNamara also pointed out that an antiballistic missile defense system under construction around Moscow had not been expanded in the last year and could be penetrated by sophisticated equipment.

FDA WILL BAN DIET PILL

WASHINGTON, (UPI) - The Food and Drug Administration has called a combination diet drug a "danger to health."

FDA commissioner James Goddard said his agency now has sufficient evidence to ban the use of the thyroid and digitalis combination used in the multi-million dollar diet pill industry.

Goddard told a senate subcommittee today that he expects seizures of stocks of the pills very shortly. The combination drug has been on the market since 1938 and has been a matter of concern to the FDA for more than a decade.

In the meantime, an official of the Public Health Service said that many different makes and models of color television sets leak radiation above the safe levels set by the government. A radiation expert told a congressional committee yesterday that there is no problem with black and white sets.

HOUSE, SENATE PASS CREDIT BILL

WASHINGTON, (UPI) - The House-passed Truth-Lending bill has been returned to the Senate, which passed a milder version of the bill on credit charges last year. The House measure requires, without exception, that all stores divulge the annual interest rate on any purchase made on credit.

The chairman of the Senate Commerce Committee, Washington Democrat Warren Magnuson, will unveil wide-ranging legislation to protect the American consumer later today. He said he'll push for bills to guard consumers in the auto, electric power and cigarette industries.

Senate Democratic whip Russell Long is fed up with trying to get senators away from lunch, out of the steam room or back from fence-mending at home to cast their votes on the Senate floor. He proposes to do something about it. Long is toying with the idea of trying to have the rules changed so that senators could vote by phone.

Senate minority leader Everett Dirksen said he is rounding up votes for a compromise civil rights bill he and Senate Democratic leader Mike Mansfield are preparing.

Mansfield said the issue will be decided by the Lincoln Day recess February 9.

The administration Civil Rights bill has been stalled by southern senators. The bill would make it a federal crime to injure or intimidate Negroes and civil rights workers during voting, jury duty and other specified activities.

A dozen senators from both parties have warned President Johnson that restricting American travel abroad could invite retaliation from nations which depend on tourist revenues. Senator Jacob Javits, spokesman for the group, urged the President to encourage travel within the U.S. by Americans and foreigners, instead of imposing overseas restrictions.