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# BULLETIN

FOR THE PEOPLE OF AMERICAN SAMOA, PAGO PAGO.

## GOVERNOR SIGNS COOPERATIVE PACT BETWEEN LBJ CENTER AND UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII MEDICAL SCHOOL

Governor Owen S. Aspinall today signed an agreement between the Lyndon B. Johnson Tropical Medical Center and the University of Hawaii for a massive cooperative program in research, teaching and service.

The agreement already had been signed by Dr. Thomas H. Hamilton, former president of the University, and it became effective with the governor's signature.

"I have signed this agreement with a great deal of satisfaction because it means so much to the future welfare of the people of the South Pacific," the governor said. "I am particularly pleased to sign it at the time of the opening of the Lyndon B. Johnson Tropical Medical Center because it will broaden the opportunities for that wonderful facility to serve the people of this area."

Aspinall said the agreement not only will add to medical service for American Samoans.

"It will open up a new era of research and training which will benefit thousands in the South Pacific," he said. "For seven years the Hawaii Medical Association has extended to American Samoa the high level specialization which we lacked on many occasions and I feel this pact will further strengthen the ties between the American Samoans and the Hawaii medical community."

The governor said he had written Dr. Windsor C. Cutting, dean of the School of Medicine of the University, who helped develop the agreement, urging that he attend the dedication of the hospital Friday.

"I certainly hope the University will be represented," he said..(continued on page 2)..

## CUP PRESENTED FOR RACE WINNER

A large silver cup will be an award in the Flag Day fautasi race in memory of Marion E. "Liki" Reed.

The cup was presented yesterday to Governor Owen S. Aspinall by the late merchant's sons, High Talking Chief Lea'eno Tuia Reed and Fritz Reed.

The governor in turn presented the cup to Chief Napoleone Tuiteleleapaga and Chief Meko, co-chairmen of the Flag Day Celebration. He told them to award the cup fairly and honestly at all times.

If a team wins the race for the consecutive years it will get permanent possession of the cup.

## BELLS WILL RING TO MARK INDEPENDENCE DAY

Governor Owen S. Aspinall has signed a proclamation ordering village leaders throughout American Samoa to ring bells and strike lalis at 7 a.m. Thursday to observe July 4th. The proclamation recalls the birth of freedom in the U.S. was signaled by the ringing of the Liberty Bell in Philadelphia on July 4, 1776.

It said the sounding of bells here will remind people to reflect briefly on the gifts of freedom which Americans enjoy.

Governor Signs Cooperative Pact Between LBJ Center And University Of Hawaii Medical School (continued)

General provisions of the agreement call for the Medical Center to continue all of its present operations with full autonomy but that educational functions will become joint programs between it and the University.

Provisions also are included for review, modification and termination of the agreement.

With reference to the School of Medicine, the agreement provides for an extensive exchange of staff members between the two organizations. The provisions include Samoan Medical Practitioners who may go to Hawaii for periods to work in the School of Medicine.

The program also calls for consultations between the University, the Medical Center, the Trust Territory Islands and Fiji for development of continuing education programs for graduates of the Fiji school of medicine.

It calls for extensive collaboration on research, with the Medical Center as a location for such projects. It also provides for the development for educational programs for para-medical technicians in various fields.

Other sections of the agreement outline broad programs for research and training in the fields of public health, nursing and social work.

Detailed articles on the provisions covering each phase of the agreement will be published in the News Bulletin next week.

NEW HOSPITAL HAS SINGLE PHONE NUMBER

The telephone exchange today issued a reminder that the new Lyndon B. Johnson Tropical Medical Center has a single phone number...2515.

All of the old numbers for Medical Service divisions are now out of use. The new number is for a switchboard through which calls to all divisions are routed.

The exchange spokesman said patrons should take time to get a good dial tone and then use care in dialing the number.

ECONOMIC SURVEY WILL BEGIN SOON

The first member of an seven-man team which will make a survey of American Samoa's economic development possibilities is due to arrive next week.

He is Stanely Barnett of Wolf Management Services of New York City. The firm has been retained under contract to the Department of Commerce to conduct the survey. Barnett will arrive Friday and two other members of the group are scheduled to arrive the following week.

The survey is expected to take two months.

NEW HAWAII PHONE CIRCUIT TESTS OUT FINE

Governor Owen S. Aspinall talked this morning with President Douglas Guild of Hawaiian Telephone Co. via a new, direct radio-telephone circuit to Honolulu.

Both the governor and Guild expressed surprise with the quality of the circuit.

"Technically it tested out fine," said Alexi Sene, government communications officer who monitored the call with other technicians.

In the past all calls to Hawaii have been routed over the At&T circuit to Oakland, California, and then relayed to Honolulu. The direct route, soon to be open 24 hours a day on a commercial basis, will now be used for Hawaii calls and also will serve as an alternate to calls to the United States when the Oakland circuit is not working.

HEALTH GROUP OFFICIAL 'OVERWHELMED' BY HOSPITAL

A Honolulu health group official who is making a survey in American Samoa said today he is "overwhelmed" by the new Lyndon B. Johnson Tropical Medical Center.

He is James R. Bunker, executive secretary of the Hawaii chapter of the American Cancer Society.

"I'm overwhelmed by your new hospital which certainly must be the finest in any of the Pacific islands," he said. "It marks a new era of medicine for American Samoa."

Bunker is making a study to determine if the American Cancer Society should begin operating in American Samoa. He said a decision probably will not be reached until his report is completed and acted upon by the national organization's board of directors in October.

He ready has launched a program on Guam but has recommended that the start of operations in the Trust Territory of the Pacific be delayed.

Bunker has talked here with Governor Owen S. Aspinall, health officials, a number of leading chiefs and others.

The American Cancer Society works in three areas: research, education and service. American Samoa probably is in greatest need of education which would enable persons with cancer to discover the fact early so that they can be saved by early treatment, Bunker said.

"Our aim is to conquer the disease through knowledge and knowledge leads to early treatment which saves lives," he said.

Bunker will spend part of next week in Western Samoa and will be here for the dedication of the hospital.

AMERICAN SAMOAN DEMOS GET NATIONAL TIES

The newly-organized Democratic Party of American Samoa has been given affiliation with the national party and has scheduled a meeting for next week.

The affiliation, the first for a political party of the territory, was approved last week during the Western States Democratic Conference in Tucson, Arizona.

A meeting to which all interested persons are invited has been set for 5:30 p.m. Tuesday in Sadie's Corner in the Pago Pago Intercontinental Hotel.

Party officials said today the party was organized because of advances which are coming to American Samoa which will demand that the territory have some method of being heard nationally.

BANK TO CLOSE THURSDAY AND FRIDAY

The Bank of American Samoa will work a short week next week and patrons were advised to bank early if possible.

The bank will be closed both Thursday and Friday for the two-day celebration.

It will remain open until 6 p.m. Wednesday.

TWOTELEVISION FOR TONIGHTFIVE

News In Samoan 7:00; Friendly Giant 7:20; Misterogers' Neighborhood 7:34; Mormon Choir 8:04; Shearing Sheep 8:28; Movie: "Coconuts" 8:33; News (English) 10:05.

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TELEVISION FOR SATURDAY

Leave It To Beaver: "Dance Contest" 7:00;  
Disney Feature: "The Moonspinners" 7:26;  
Something Special: "Vic Diamone" 9:24;.

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POPE ATTEMPTS SECRET PEACE TALKS

ROME (UPI) - A ranking Vatican diplomat has disclosed that Pope Paul initiated secret, months-long contacts with North Viet Nam, attempting to arrange peace talks with the U.S. Monsignor Agostino Casaroli said that the pontiff began his initiative shortly after President Johnson called on him at the Vatican last December. Casaroli, Pope Paul's chief negotiator with Communist regimes, told UPI he did not think the Pope's efforts were directly responsible for the current Paris talks.

PRESIDENT SIGNS TAX BILL

WASHINGTON (UPI) - President Johnson has signed into law the bill that will impose higher taxes on 82-million Americans. The legislation places a 10 percent surcharge on personal and corporate earnings, and it forces a \$6 billion cut in federal spending.

SIRHAN APPEARS IN LA COURT

LOS ANGELES (UPI) - The man accused of firing fatal shots into Senator Robert Kennedy in Los Angeles on June 5 appeared in court for the second time today.

Twenty-four-year-old Sirhan Sirhan was granted an additional three weeks to enter his plea on charges he assassinated Kennedy in the kitchen of the Ambassador hotel in Los Angeles.

This delay today, and others in prospect, indicate Sirhan may not be tried until the fall, possibly after the presidential election.

Sirhan was icy calm when he appeared before Superior Court judge Richard Schauer. He spoke only a half-dozen words in response to questions from the court.

The hearing was held in a jail chapel turned into a courtroom.

Sirhan was surrounded by a shield of human bodyguards, and was in a wheelchair. He still is recovering from injuries he received when captured after shooting Kennedy.

The motion for continuance was made by Defense Counsel Russell Parsons. He pointed out that he was just recently named as attorney for Sirhan, and had only limited time to study the case.

The judge granted the delay, set July 19 at 9 a.m. for the next court appearance of Sirhan.

Sirhan was indicted by a county grand jury June 7 two days after he allegedly shot Kennedy as the New York senator was celebrating a California primary victory over Senator Eugene McCarthy.

HOOVER ATTACKS MCCARTHY

WASHINGTON (UPI) - FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover levelled a sharp attack on Senator Eugene McCarthy today.

Hoover said Americans should view with serious concern the Democratic presidential hopeful's threat "to take over and revamp the FBI to suit his own personal whims and wishes" if elected.

Hoover's angry reaction came on McCarthy's assertion that if he became president he would fire the FBI chief. Hoover's blast was in the monthly FBI law enforcement bulletin.

Hoover did not mention McCarthy by name, but left no doubt about whom he was talking.

HOT DEBATE ON JUSTICE APPOINTMENTS

WASHINGTON (UPI) - A spirited debate broke out this morning when Senate Democratic Leader Mike Mansfield opened floor discussion of the nominations of Justice Abe Fortas as chief justice, and Federal Appeals Judge Homer Thornberry as associate justice.

The Democrats accused some Republicans of blatant politicking in fighting the move. Republican Senator Robert Griffin of Michigan says he will filibuster against confirmation of the nominations.

The Republicans said that Mr. Johnson should let the nominations go to the next President.

Mansfield said that if the President did not make the appointments he "would be shirking his duty." He said he will move quickly to invoke cloture if a filibuster starts.