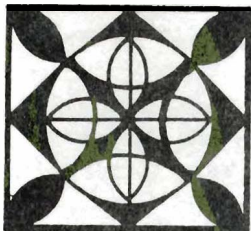


# NEWS

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# BULLETIN

FOR THE PEOPLE OF AMERICAN SAMOA, PAGO PAGO.

## WATCH ASSEMBLY FACTORY COMING TO SAMOA

Governor Owen S. Aspinall today announced completion of an agreement between the Government of American Samoa and the Sheffield Watch Corporation for establishment of a watch assembly factory here.

The Governor said the factory will be opened shortly and that workers will be trained to assemble watches. He said eventually the factory will hire about 50 American Samoans.

The operation will be patterned after others in the Virgin Island and Guam, both of which are U. S. territories and both of which are duty free ports as is American Samoa.

Under the agreement the Sheffield firm, with home offices in New York City and factories in the Virgin Islands, will establish here a local corporation which will be known as Samoa Time Corporation.

The firm will build three homes for supervisors here at once and will soon begin work on a factory building. Governor Aspinall said arrangements are being made to allow the firm to begin operations in a government building, possibly in part of the old Dependents School building. This would enable the company to begin operating before it completes its factory.

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Sheffield will send here three or four supervisors, probably from the Virgin Islands. They will train local workers and direct the operation of the factory.

Under U.S. law, materials such as watch parts may be brought into a duty free area such as American Samoa and assembled by local workers. If the value of the finished product is enhanced by local investment by 50 percent then the finished product can be sent into the United States free of customs duties.

In the Virgin Islands a number of factories assemble watches and make clothers from silk and other cloth brought there from Europe. The operation provides a large number of jobs.

The local agreement came after lengthy negotiations which gave American Samoa a quota of 197,000 items per year which can be assembled here and sent to the U.S. duty free. It also involved requests from Sheffield for tax exemptions and other incentives.

"These now have all be resolved," the Governor said.

Watch parts will be brought here from Switzerland, France, West Germany and possibly from Japan.

## NIXON SEEMS SURE WINNER

MIAMI BEACH (UPI) - The Republicans headed down to the wire today and by tonight their national convention may have picked the party's Presidential nominee.

Observers here in the hectic convention watched one of the most heated battles in years and all predicted former Vice President Richard Nixon was a sure bet to win the nomination...possibly on the first ballot.

Herbert Klein, Nixon's press secretary, claimed the former Vice President had "well

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GOVERNORS PAID LITTLE ATTENTION TO POLITICS

Governor Owen S. Aspinall said today he saw surprisingly little "politiking" at the recent National Governor's Conference in Cincinnati, Ohio.

"It's sure there was a lot of political actions behind the scenes with the national conventions coming up but there was very little out in the open," he said. "And there was none at all on the floor of the conference where the governors had some very interesting and worth while sessions."

He said Mrs. Aspinall was very well received at the conference. Her photo appeared in a number of papers and she made a television appearance for an interview.

"It was the first time many people there had an opportunity to meet a Samoan and I feel she did an excellent job of representing the territory," the Governor said.

JUNIOR BOYS TO MEET

The new Association of the Junior Boys of Marist Brothers School will meet in the Brothers Hall in Atu'u at 3 p.m. Saturday.

All members who have registered were urged to attend and anyone interested will be welcome.

MRS. HALECK ATTENDS CONFERENCE

Mrs. Pepe Grace Haleck Sr. flew to Honolulu last night to attend the Pan Pacific Southwest Asia Women's Association Conference.

She may be joined next week by Mrs. Owen S. Aspinall who is visiting relatives on the West Coast.

DENTAL HYGIENIST POSITION OPEN

The Personnel Office today announced a job opportunity for a dental hygienist in the Dental Division of the Department of Medical Services.

The applicant must be fluent in English and have several years experience through training or school. The starting salary is \$2,214 per year.

Persons who feel they are qualified should contact the Personnel Office before August 17, the closing date.

EISENHOWER'S RECOVERY UNPREDICTABLE

WASHINGTON (UPI) - Doctors treating former President Dwight Eisenhower said today, his recovery from his sixth heart attack "is unpredictable."

The 77-year-old Mr. Eisenhower spent a comfortable night. Doctors said "his vital signs remained stable." And they are satisfied with his current progress.

Responding to written questions from newsmen, doctors said his heart attack yesterday was of "equal severity" to that of his June 15 seizure.

The doctors also indicated they have never considered a heart transplant operation for Mr. Eisenhower.

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News In Samoan, 7:00; Friendly Giant, 7:20; Misterogers' Neighborhood, 7:34; What's New, 8:03; Bonanza; "Mirror of the Man" 8:33  
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