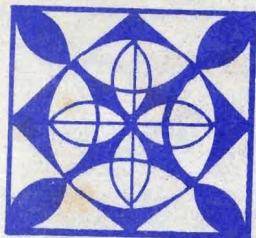


# NEWS

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# BULLETIN

FOR THE PEOPLE OF AMERICAN SAMOA, PAGO PAGO.

## Astronauts Get Big Welcome

The Apollo 10 astronauts reached Houston this morning following a non-stop flight from Tafuna Airport and made good use of the dozens of leis and ulas they received here yesterday.

United Press International reported that as soon as they left their Air Force jet Space Travelers Thomas Stafford, John Young and Eugene Cernan rushed to their families and began hanging the leis and ulas on the necks of their children.

It was a fitting homecoming for the three astronauts following the most successful space flight in history which was a rehearsal for the Apollo 11 mission which will attempt to land two men on the moon in July.

Yesterday's colorful reception at Tafuna Airport was as successful as the moon flight and the three astronauts clearly were captivated by Samoan hospitality.

Three helicopters bearing the space travelers and a fourth carrying newsmen landed at 4:10 p.m., just about on schedule. By that time the crowd at the airport filled the lawn in front of the airport building, and spilled over onto the runway. A Pan American plane enroute to New Zealand was delayed and its passengers joined the crowd.

Kurt Luedde-Neurath, the Federal Republic of Germany's ambassador to New Zealand, arrived shortly before the astronauts and joined the reception line. Also present was Orme Lewis, Jr., deputy assistant secretary of the Interior Department.

Governor and Mrs. Owen S. Aspinall greeted Stafford who dismounted from the first helicopter. Jim Lee of the Maintenance and Operations Division marked the spot where each astronaut touched earth and brass plaques will be mounted in the runway to mark them permanently.

The Aspinalls chatted with Stafford as the other choppers taxied noisily up the runway and then greeted Cernan and Young as they left their aircraft.

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The Governor then made good on his promise which had been radioed to the astronauts while they were enroute from the moon Sunday. He led them across the runway for a performance of Polynesian dances and a brief show by Loleni Talo, a fire dancer from Se'etaga.

#### LIBRARY GETS APOLLO 10 BOOKS

The Office of Samoan Information this morning placed copies of the press kit for the Apollo 10 mission in the Feleti Library. The 106-page book contains all details of the moon flight and will be available for public reading.

The astronauts, who appeared a bit tired but happy, were clearly enjoying themselves. Mrs. Wanda Miles, the Governor's secretary and one of the dancers, came forward and placed leis on the astronauts and kissed them. Cernan got in some horseplay by waving to the others and pretending to follow Mrs. Miles as she returned to the dancers.

The Governor then escorted the three space travelers to the platform which was decorated with tapa and torch ginger and the Fagasa band played the National Anthem and Amerika Samoa.

He then told the astronauts that the people of American Samoa, whose prayers had been with them during their eight-day moon trip, were deeply thankful for the successful return to the earth.

Stafford said that the moon voyage was the result of a team effort by half a million people. He called Young and Cernan the two greatest pilots in the world.

He praised American Samoa's natural beauties and looked to the mountains rising greenly in the background and said, "I don't know why we want to go to the moon...or anywhere else except here."

Cernan also had a word for the landscape.

"We spent three days orbiting the moon and looking at crater after crater," he said. "I can tell you that the moon is never going to be a second American Samoa. The Governor then escorted the astronauts through the receiving line. His gifts to the visitors were two-foot paopaos and desk nameplates decorated with Samoan fales and miniature palm trees. The group then moved to the Air Force jet which was waiting to fly the astronauts to Houston. The three got in some more horseplay by waving up to the plane's crew and pretending that they were to remain in American Samoa. Throughout the welcoming ceremony a pale, almost transparent half moon which the Stafford and Cernan had approached to, within 50,000 feet during their moon lander flight hung over the airport.

NIXON PRESENTS POSTAL PLAN

WASHINGTON, (UPI) - President Nixon has presented his plan for putting the post office on a going basis.

He told Congress in a special message today that taking the post office out of politics will take the post office out of the red.

Mr. Nixon wants Congress to create an independent government-owned corporation to run the nation's mail service. The post office would lose cabinet rank.

A major feature of the plan is that the post office would set its own rates. Congress would block them within 60 days.

Postmaster General Winton Blount was present as Mr. Nixon discussed his postal program at the White House. Blount said the post office, now losing \$1 billion a year, could start breaking even within five years under the corporate plan.

Congressional observers said the Nixon postal plan has little chance in the current form.

CULTURAL SOCIETY  
TO INSTALL OFFICERS

Mrs. Kathy Barton will be installed as president of the American Samoan Women's Cultural Society at a luncheon in Soli's Restaurant at 1 p.m. tomorrow. Mrs. Marge Roe is the new vice president, Mrs. Joan Younger is the new secretary-treasurer and Mrs. Julie Sullivan is the new publicity chairman.

BUS TICKETS  
ON SALE FOR JUNE

Tofu Fia, chief of the Revenue Office, said today that school bus passes for June will be blue and will be sold for 50 cents since public schools will close in mid-June. Passes for other students whose schools will continue through the month will pay \$1.

TAX OFFICE  
WILL MOVE

H. H. Fuller, manager of the Income Tax Branch, announced today that his office will be relocated Wednesday in the former Ward A of the old hospital. The office will not be open for service Wednesday and Thursday and Friday is a holiday. Normal business will resume next Monday.

DANCE SET

The Boys and Girls Brigades of Utulei will sponsor a dance in Lee Auditorium from 7:30 p.m. until midnight Friday. Music will be by the Six Stringers. Admission will be \$1 and a heavy supper will be served.

MAPUSAGA PLANS  
FIRST ART SHOW

The first annual Mapusaga High School Art Show has been scheduled for Friday night from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. in the school auditorium.

SCOUT SHOW TONIGHT

Miss Jean Hoff, Girl Scout executive, will discuss the future of girl scouting the American Samoa on a 30-minute program at 8:05 p.m. tonight on Channel 4. Appearing with her will be Betty Chanel and Bernadette Manase and a number of Girl Scouts.

EDITOR WANTED

The Personnel Office announced today an opening for an Editor position with a starting salary of \$4776. The duties include editing, rewriting, and correcting grammatical and factual errors in educational lesson plans. To qualify applicants should have a college degree with at least one year of pertinent experience. Interested persons should contact the Personnel Office.

SOUTHEAST EXPERT  
TALKS IN PARIS

PARIS, (UPI) - A U.S. diplomat credited with conducting secret contacts that led to the beginning of the Paris talks is in the French capital talking with the U.S. and and Saigon delegations.

A U.S. delegation spokesman said William Sullivan, former U.S. ambassador to Laos, talked with allied diplomats during the weekend. Sullivan is credited with holding secret sessions in Vientiane, Laos, that led to last year's preliminary Viet Nam talks. Sullivan also arranged the talks with North Viet Nam that led to an exchange of U.S. and North Vietnamese prisoners last May.

TV FOR TONIGHT

7:00 Talofa Tamaiti  
7:10 Misterogers Neighborhood  
7:40 News  
8:05 Girls Scouts  
8:40 Wide World Of Sports

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