



FOR THE PEOPLE OF AMERICAN SAMOA. PAGO PAGO.

## Winds Expected to Moderate Storm Damage Light

American Samoa this morning was faced with several hours of gale-force winds but it appeared that the territory had escaped any serious damage from a hurricane which at mid-morning was centered southwest of Keppel Island, about 270 miles southwest of Pago Pago.

Governor Owen S. Aspinall ordered all schools closed for the day, chiefly because the forecast indicated frequent heavy showers along with the high winds.

The U.S. Weather Bureau at Tafuna issued a forecast that the winds were scheduled to moderate, indicating that the storm probably reached its peak so far as American Samoa was concerned about dawn today. The bureau clocked 60-knot gusts during the early morning hours.

The storm, which has been monitored by the Nandi Forecast Center which continued today to relay reports to Samoa, took shape as a massive tropical depression, covering about 1,000 square miles, last week. It was sluggish and showed few signs of movement until Saturday morning when it began to edge to the southeast at about 10 knots an hour. It appeared for a time that it would either hit Tutuila head-on or pass the island about 150 miles to the southwest.

The course shifted several times before the storm settled into a definite track early today.

Jim Lee, manager of the Maintenance and Operations Division, said damage from last night's high winds was relatively light.

He said two trees fell on secondary power lines in the Western District early last night. The Pago Pago Inter-Continental Hotel was without power for a short time. Falling limbs caused four outages in the Bay Area between 12:30 and 4:30 a.m.

Lee said inspection crews were checking roads and seawalls this morning but he expected little damage to be found. Cleanup crews were working at removing tree limbs and debris as rapidly as the weather would permit.

Most parochial schools were ordered closed after the Governor's announcement on the closing of public schools was broadcast over Radio Station WVUV.

### REAL ESTATE LOAN OFFICE SHIFTED

The Real Estate Loan division of the Bank of American Samoa was moved today to Room 6 of the Land and Survey Building.

Mrs. Virginia Ridge will be in charge of the office. She will be assisted by Miss Peta Poutoa.

All applicants for home loans should telephone 2429 to make an appointment with Mrs. Ridge.

Payments on home loans should still be made at the teller windows at the bank.

### BASKETBALL MEET

A meeting of representatives of all basketball teams has been set for 4:30 p.m. tomorrow in the Office of Parks and Recreation. Financing of basketball will be the main topic on the agenda. There now are 12 men's teams and 13 women's teams and all should be represented at this meeting.

'THE SPIRAL STAIRCASE'  
SLATED JANUARY 17-18

The Island Community Theatre will present the mystery drama, "The Spiral Staircase," in Lee Auditorium at 8 p.m. on January 17 and 18.

The popular two-act mystery involves a set of characters in an old house on the edge of an average American town. It could have taken place today or 70 years ago as it is not a drama of time but of human emotions.

Tickets are \$1. for adults and 50 cents for students. They may be purchased at the door.

LATE BULLETIN

STOCKHOLM (UPI) - The Swedish Government announced today it will expand its diplomatic mission to Cuba to a full embassy. Foreign Minister Torsten Nilsson told the Parliament: "The development in Cuba and the size of Sweden's interests there motivates that a Swedish embassy be established in Havana."

JOHNSON TO ASK FOR EXTENSION OF SURTAX

WASHINGTON, (UPI) - Administration sources revealed this morning that President Johnson will recommend extension of the 10 per cent income tax surcharge past its June 30 expiration date.

These sources say Mr. Johnson will make the recommendation in his budget proposal for fiscal year 1970. His budget is further said to call for a small surplus.

An official White House announcement said the President will send his budget to Congress on Wednesday, with his economic report following a day later.

Mr. Johnson will make his final State of the Union Address tomorrow night before a joint session of Congress. The speech will be broadcast throughout the nation.

HARRIMAN SAYS TALKS  
WILL BRING SOLUTION

PARIS, (UPI) - Veteran Diplomat W. Averill Harriman made a farewell appearance today at the Anglo-American Press Club. The outgoing chief U.S. negotiator said he believes the still-deadlocked Viet Nam talks will eventually produce "a peaceful solution" to the Asian conflict. Harriman said the Paris conference has reached a point of no return whereby "a certain dynamics" make it difficult to break them off. He said the idea of winning makes no sense in a "limited war" with limited objectives.

"I hope," said Harriman, "that the press and the public will realize this, and not talk about winning a war but rather of achieving these objectives."

American officials said Harriman's reference to limited objectives was aimed at self-determination for the South Vietnamese.

Henry Cabot Lodge takes over Harriman's job after the Nixon inauguration next week.

PAPER SAYS ISRAELIS MASS TROOPS

Cairo, (UPI) - The semi-official Cairo newspaper "Al Ahram" said today Israel is massing troops for a big raid into Jordan.

The newspaper claimed the Israelis want to stage the raid before President Johnson leaves the White House. The paper said timing the raid in the final days of the Johnson administration would keep U.S. disapproval to a minimum in the changeover to Richard Nixon's presidency.

Quoting Iraqi and Jordanian intelligence reports, the newspaper says the raiders will hit either Iraqi troops in Jordan or commando bases from which Arab guerrillas attack Israel.

A Tel Aviv newspaper says two Israelis, a soldier and a policeman, were wounded in separate incidents today. The policeman was said to be injured when his patrol car hit a mine. The soldier was reported wounded by a fingle bullet fired across the Suez Canal.

VIOLENCE STILL PLAGUES TWO COLLEGES

(By United Press International)

Trouble broke out in colleges on both coasts today. San Francisco State College, seduced to a skeleton by two months of violence and internal dissession, faced a showdown between Acting President S. I. Hayakawa and striking union teachers.

Hayakawa has said he will carry out a state law today providing for the "automatic resignation" of any teacher missing five consecutive days of classes on the campus.

In Waltham, Massachusetts, President Morris Abram of Brandeis University, said he is ready to walk alone to the school's barricaded communications center today to meet with protesting black students. The students have occupied the building since Wednesday.

GOVERNMENT TO GROW  
OWN MARIJUANA

WASHINGTON, (UPI) - The government announced today it is going to start growing marijuana for its own use. It is illegal for Americans to grow or harvest the weed.

The marijuana, known to its admirers by such names as grass, tea, and Mary Jane, will be used for governmental and private research.

The government complained that although it seizes hundreds of pounds of the euphoria-producing grass, the quality varies too greatly for use in research. The government wants to determine the effect of marijuana on humans.

ABRAM COOL TO  
EARLY WITHDRAWALS

SAIGON, (UPI) - General Creighton Abrams, Commander of U.S. forces in Viet Nam, said today he thinks an eventual reduction in American manpower there is inevitable.

But Abrams said in Saigon that he will not recommend the withdrawal of any GI's until he's "absolutely sure it's in order." Withdrawals, according to the four-star general, must be made "deliberately, analytically and with sound objectives."

As Abrams put it, "We've put too much into this (war) in terms of sacrifice to get gay with it now."