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Medical Study Needs Cited

Hospital Administrator Dick Warren said today the territory is in dire need of a long range development plan for its medical care program.

The Legislature will open a special session at 10 a.m. tomorrow and a proposal to use \$25,000 from local revenue to finance an initial study which could spark a more detailed and continuing planning program is one of the measures to be considered.

Warren said the increase in medical technology as well as the economic and social changes in American Samoa in the past decade have made it very difficult to plan medical programs.

He said that funds have been available normally only for general medical care. Some programs have been neglected because they were overshadowed by more dramatic projects, he said.

Warren cited a survey made here in November, 1967 by a team from the Department of Health Education and Welfare which proposed that American Samoa immediately participate in the Federal government's National Comprehensive Planning Program.

But the territory has been unable to enter that program because of the policy under which all Federal funds come to American Samoa directly from the House and Senate Interior Committees.

Governor Owen S. Aspinall has been working for several months for a change in that policy which would allow the territory to participate in this and other Federal programs.

Warren said the initial study would deal with these points:

- A detailed survey of health problems with a projection for long term trends.
- An inventory of current health care programs with an evaluation of their adequacy.
- An evaluation of the employment of our health care funds to determine the most effective return.
- An analysis of the organization, administration and funding of the entire medical program.

He proposed that a nationally known consulting firm be engaged to make the study and prepare a preliminary report for the Governor to present to Congressional committees in February. A final report would be submitted by next June 30.

CLASS GIVES TO HOSPITAL

The art class at Fia Iloa School has contributed \$20 to the hospital fund at Lyndon B. Johnson Tropical Medical Center. The money was raised by the students by making and selling tapa.

FOOTBALL FILM

The National League game of the week, between the Cleveland Browns and New York Giants, will be screened at 7:45 p.m. tomorrow in Sadie's Corner in the Inter-Continental Hotel. The film was flown here by Pan American and the showing is free.

NEWS FOR FARMERS

A lengthy roundup of tips on how to profit more from growing of taro appears today on pages 5 and 6.

NIXON TO NAME CABINET TOMORROW

NEW YORK (UPI) - President-Elect Richard Nixon continued working out programs for his new administration today at his New York headquarters.

He will fly to Washington late tomorrow to announce his cabinet choice.

Last night he told a meeting of the Boys' Clubs of America that he wants his health, education and welfare secretary to develop plans to coordinate the efforts of volunteer agencies to help attack social and economic ills. At the meeting, Nixon tendered his resignation as chairman of the youth organization.

L A T E B U L L E T I N

WASHINGTON (UPI) - Defense Secretary Clark Clifford today proposed that the U.S. and North Viet Nam negotiate in Paris for a mutual withdrawal of troops. He said he hoped an agreement could be reached in four months.

AIR BATTLES FLARE IN MIDEAST

TEL AVIV, (UPI) - Air action flared on two fronts in the Mideast today. Israel claimed its pilots downed one, or possibly two, Egyptian MIGs during a dogfight over the Red Sea entrance to the Gulf of Aqaba.

At the same time, Jordan claimed its air space was violated by Israeli fighter-bombers today. Officials said the planes were driven off by heavy ground fire. The dogfight over the Red Sea was only the second reported air contact between Israel and Egypt since the 1967 Mideast war. The gulf of Aqaba, and Egypt's decision to close it to Israeli shipping, was the spark which lit the 1967 conflict.

SOVIETS HIKE
DEFENSE BUDGET

MOSCOW, (UPI) - Soviet military spending will be up by more than \$1 billion next year. That was revealed today as the Kremlin took the wraps off its 1969 budget.

Defense expenditures will hit \$19.6 billion, a peacetime record, but still not as high as some observers had predicted in view of Russia's commitments in Viet Nam and the Mideast. The overall budget calls for outlays of about \$148 billion, with revenues roughly equalling that figure. Quick parliamentary approval of the spending package is expected.

APOLLO 8
TESTS CONTINUE

CAPE KENNEDY, (UPI) - Clearing the way for a flight to the moon December 21, engineers today put Apollo 8 through the final hours of a rehearsal countdown for the second time. The test was held up yesterday by a leaky helium gas cooling unit in the umbilical tower next to Apollo 8's 36-story-tall Saturn 5 rocket. The Apollo 8 now is headed for a mock launch in mid-afternoon.

BOGUS COP IS GENTLE BANDIT

TOKYO, (UPI) - A man disguised as a traffic cop has pulled off what may be the biggest highway robbery in Japanese history. And he did it without firing a shot or making a threat.

Tokyo police officials tell the story this way:

Four bank guards were transporting bonus money for employes at a Tokyo utilities company when their automobile was stopped by a man on a motorbike. The man, dressed as a police officer, explained that he had information there was dynamite planted somewhere in the car.

The four guards got out of the car, the bandit got in and promptly drove off with \$833,000 in bank notes.

PILOT AVERTS
PLANE CRASH

LAS VEGAS, (UPI) - A chartered four-engine Super Constellation was gathering speed for takeoff from McCarren International Airport last night when the flight engineer called for an abort because an engine had quit.

Pilot Dick Robinson reversed the propellers to slow down the plane -- traveling at 100 miles an hour -- but the shock collapsed the landing gear. The plane skidded 500 feet, generating a shower of sparks.

The plane carried 96 passengers, who were hustled out of the craft within two minutes. Five persons suffered minor injuries.

"The pilot did a beautiful job," said one stewardess, "He's got to be the most popular man in Las Vegas and that includes Frank Sinatra."

DEMONSTRATION
PLANNED FOR NIXON

NEW YORK, (UPI) - The Reverend Ralph Abernathy, head of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, said today he plans another demonstration in Washington to try to influence the Nixon administration.

Speaking to an audience at the Princeton University Theological School in New Jersey last night, Abernathy said the new demonstration "will not necessarily be another Resurrection City."

It was Abernathy's SCLC that sponsored the poor people's campaign last spring.

The Negro leader says he'll release plans for the new march later this month or early next.

ROCKY PLANS
TO RUN AGAIN

NEW YORK, (UPI) - New York Governor Nelson Rockefeller, senior governor of the United States in terms of service, will seek a fourth four-year term in 1970.

A Rockefeller spokesman says the governor plans "to run again...as of the moment, subject to future change." If Rockefeller wins in 1970 he will set a record for length of service as governor of New York State.

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