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# NEWS



# BULLETIN

FOR THE PEOPLE OF AMERICAN SAMOA, PAGO PAGO.

## School Enrollment Sets Record

American Samoa school students begin classes tomorrow and Director of Education Roy Cobb said today the enrollment is certain to set a new record.

High School students attended school yesterday only long enough to take a special test in English which was being graded today. The scores will be used to group the students in English classes which will cross the lines between the levels.

"We don't have a firm enrollment figure yet but it is certain to be higher than last last year." Cobb said. About 8,500 were in school last year.

Cobb said that major repairs on the television transmitters on Mt. Alava have been completed on Channels 2, 4 and 5. Some parts are being replaced on Channels 8, 10 and 12 and this work will be completed this week.

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### VISITOR INCREASE CONTINUES IN AUGUST

The Office of Tourism announced today that the number of tourists visiting Samoa during August showed an increase of 19.6 percent over the same month in 1967. The increase for the first nine months of the year was 23.3 above the number for the same period in 1967.

The report showed that 1,054 came during August. The total for the nine-month period was 7,453.

The average age of the visitors in August was 40 and the average stay in American Samoa was five days. There were 1,993 cruise passengers who stayed less than one day and 60 who stayed longer.

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### ENGLISH TEST SET IN OCTOBER

Test in English as a Foreign Language will be given by the Guidance Office of the Department of Education October 28 and the deadline for applying to take it is September 23.

These tests are required for persons who wish to apply for an East-West Center grant to seek a degree at the University of Hawaii in September, 1969. They also apply to persons who wish to study in any field in the Medical school of the University of the South Pacific in Fiji in September, 1969.

The early deadline is to allow the application and a \$10 fee to be sent to the U.S. Information about the tests and applications may be obtained at the Guidance Office.

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### NO PARKING

Police Chief Larry Tu'ufuli today warned motorists that the parking area between the prison warden's office and the police station's main entrance is reserved for police vehicles. He said the public should park in the lots in the front and rear of the office housing the Office of Tourism.

CHIEF MEKO  
MARKS 30TH YEAR

on September 16, 1938.

Fiaui Mulitauaoepele (Chief Meko) ended his 30th year in the Department of Education yesterday. After receiving his education in Fagaitua, Poyer and the Teacher Training School, he began teaching in Ofu School on September 16, 1938. From then until 1946 he taught in Aoa, Ta'u and Onenoa and was principal at Fagatogo. In 1946 he helped organize the high school and taught in it until 1951 when he became assistant principal.

In 1954 he spent 10 months in Australia as a participant in the United Nation's Technical Assistants Training Program in Educational Administration. By 1957 he was village schools supervisor and he became head supervisor in 1958. He now is Samoan advisor for elementary education and educational specialist, serving the department in a number of ways. He has been very active in the Levels 1 and 2 educational programs. He has been in the Samoan Stanford Project three years, the last two as assistant director.

He received his 30-year certificate at a recent general meeting of the Education Department.

Chief Meko said: "I have always felt it a pleasure and an honor to work with the palagis. The many changes I have seen have all been improvements, even though myself and others were sometimes reluctant to make the changes at the time. It doesn't really seem like I have been with the department that long, but I hope I have 30 more years to go."

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NORTH VIETNAMESE LAUNCH NEW ATTACKS

SAIGON (UPI) - The North Vietnamese today have launched a series of surprise attacks on allied forces killing 52 and wounding 126.

The first attack on a U.S. Marine outpost near the demilitarized zone caught the Leathernecks offguard. The Marines were writing letters, sunbathing and playing cards when the barrage of rockets and groundfire hit. Twenty-five Marines were killed before they drove off the attackers.

A South Vietnamese ranger battalion hit by a similar enemy attack early today fled into the dark rivers and rice paddies near Da Nang. The Southern force credited with killing more than 200 of the enemy in recent days panicked, scattering in every direction. Their ranger command post was overrun by the enemy and radio communications were smashed. Twenty-seven South Vietnamese troopers were killed and 200 more are missing.

MORE SOVIET

PRAGUE (UPI) - Diplomatic sources in Eastern Europe reported today new Soviet threats this time to Romania and Yugoslavia.

INVASIONS SEEN

The warning issued through diplomatic sources in Bucharest and Belgrade followed repeated criticisms regarding the Soviet invasion of Czechoslovakia.

The sources reported the Russians warned Romania and Yugoslavia of "serious consequences" if they continue to defy the Kremlin. They did not spell out the nature of the consequences thus leaving room for speculation of another armed invasion.

HANOI REPORTED

LONDON (UPI) - East diplomatic sources here today said that Hanoi is delaying meaningful peace talks until there is a new U. S. President. North Viet Nam insists on a complete halt to American bombing before it will even discuss the possibility of peace and Hanoi does

WAITING FOR ELECTION

not believe the Johnson administration will meet this demand.

The reports said that North Viet Nam is taking a calculated risk that the new President will not escalate the war.

FORTAS GETS

WASHINGTON (UPI) - A coalition of Republicans and Southern Democrats promised a Senate filibuster of the Abe Fortas nomination as chief justice of the United States. The opposition forces lost round-one in the three month old sparring match today when the Senate Judiciary Committee this morning approved the nomination by a vote of 11 to six.

COMMITTEE'S NODNATO PLANS

LONDON (UPI) - The North American Treaty Organization is planning an emergency session of the council of ministers in mid-November.

EMERGENCY SESSION

London sources said that the meeting was being called in light of the Soviet-led invasion of Czechoslovakia. NATO's defense and political plans will be discussed at the NATO headquarters in Brussels.

MADDOX PICKS

ATLANTA (UPI) - Georgia Governor Lester Maddox today has announced his choice for the November elections, George Wallace for President and Chicago Mayor Richard Daley for the number two spot. Maddox made the statement here following his formal endorsement of Third Party Candidate George

HIS CANDIDATES

Wallace.

Maddox also made some predictions on the outcome of the elections. He said the Democrats would carry five or six states while the GOP would take 30. Maddox said he would campaign hard against both parties.

PORTUGAL'S PREMIER

LISBON (UPI) - Premier Antonio Salazar of Portugal today remained in critical condition following a stroke Monday. The Premier was hovering on the brink of death in a Lisbon hospital ten days following an operation for the removal of a blood clot. Doctor Huston Merritt of the Neurological Institute of New York was flying to Portugal to aid doctors there.

CLINGS TO LIFE

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MIDEAST ARMS

BUILDUPS CONTINUE

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phony reports.

Both sides have charged each other with starting the new shooting. Each nation continues a military build-up.

JERUSALEM (UPI) - Jerusalem sources said today that Israeli and Jordan gunners battled across the River Jordan with mortars and artillery

On another front, Egypt claimed that it shot down another Israeli spy plane near the Suez Canal. An Israeli spokesman said the claim was

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