

NEWS**BULLETIN**

FOR THE PEOPLE OF AMERICAN SAMOA, PAGO PAGO.

New Bank-Postal Building Planned

The Bank of American Samoa is completing negotiations for the construction of a new two-story building in Fagatogo which would house the Post Office and bank and could be the initial unit in development of a major shopping center.

Governor Owen S. Aspinall said today completion of the negotiations hinges on approval of the plan by the Post Office Department. The bank would construct the building as an investment and lease space to the Post Office Department.

The building would provide about 16,000 square feet of floor space. Costs estimates cannot be made until final plans are completed after the Post Office Department approval is given but it was indicated the building will cost about \$250,000. It could be completed by September, 1969.

The building and its parking lot would cover the approximate area which now holds the General Supply Building, Fire Station, Post Office, Liquor Store, Goat Island Club and Motor Pool. These facilities would be relocated.

PAN AM CHANGES SCHEDULES FOR FLIGHT INCREASE

During this weekend's transition from the old to the new jet schedule, flights from Pago Pago to Hawaii or the Continental U.S. will not be operated on Friday, or Saturday, it was announced today by Don Pegues, district traffic and sales manager for Pan American.

Pegues said all persons who had planned travel on these dates should contact the local Pan Am office immediately to arrange alternate flights.

Pegues said the first northbound flight on the new schedule will be Flight 822 for Honolulu and Los Angeles, leaving at 1 a.m. Sunday.

Pegues also said that due to lack of government approval, all proposed services between Pago Pago and Sydney will not be operated as planned at this time.

There has been no change in the schedule to and from Hawaii/ U.S., New Zealand or Tahiti, Pegues said. A revised schedule will be issued shortly.

GIRL SAVED FROM DROWNING

Quick action by Agugulu villagers yesterday saved the life of a 15-year old girl who was washed off a rocky point while fishing for crabs.

Vuia Lalo'ulu was fishing with a woman and a boy when she was hit by a huge wave that took her to sea. The boy rushed to the village and a number of persons went out to the reef to help. She was helped by a strong wave and three of the life savers, Fia Taveuven, Galu Sagiao and F. F. Mamsau. A Fire Department rescue unit which arrived while she was being given first aid took her to Lyndon B. Johnson Tropical Medical Center where she was treated and released.

TEACHERS MUST REPORT

All elementary classroom teachers are scheduled to report for work each day in their assigned schools until classes begin September 16. All elementary teachers who are assigned to schools in Manu'a should be ready to sail on the Manusina when its schedule is announced.

WILLIS WAS ACTIVE IN HIGH SCHOOL

Marine Private First Class Benjamin G. Willis, who was killed in action in Viet Nam last week, was a 1966 graduate of Leone High School where he was an active student. He was a member of the band and participated in the Skills Training Program. Following graduation he was employed by the Bottling Corporation of American Samoa until December, 1967. He rose during that time from a general laborer to assistant plant supervisor.

FLAVIA DUE SATURDAY

The Cogedar Liner Flavia, carrying about 800 passengers on a Pacific island tour, will arrive at 6:30 a.m. Saturday from Apia. Village tours and a number of other activities are planned. The vessel will leave port about 5:30 p.m. The agent is Burns Philip.

NIXON HITS CAMPAIGN TRAIL

WASHINGTON (UPI) - Richard Nixon launched his first big cross-country swing today since winning the GOP Presidential nomination last month. First stop on his Illinois-California-Texas-and-Pennsylvania tour was Chicago. The major question there was whether he'll encounter like the demonstrations that erupted during the Democratic National Convention last week.

Vice President Humphrey scheduled tentative plans to kick off his Presidential campaign next week with a coast-to-coast swing. Sources close to Humphrey said the only firm date thus far is an appearance in Philadelphia on Monday. But they indicated he may also hit New England, the West Coast and possibly Texas in the early stages of his campaign effort.

Third-Party Presidential Candidate George Wallace says he may scrap plans to hold a national convention. Speaking to newsmen in Miami Beach, Wallace said he may hold state conventions in states where it is necessary for him to be "nominated" in order to get on the ballot.

CONGRESS RETURNS WITH FORTAS STILL ON THE AGENDA

WASHINGTON (UPI) - Renewed verbal fireworks were expected on Capitol Hill over the controversial appointment of Justice Abe Fortas to be U.S. Chief Justice.

This was indicated today as the nation's lawmakers returned to work following the national conventions. Fortas' nomination still is before the Senate Judiciary Committee, which was slated to meet today, although there was doubt as to whether the Fortas appointment would come up immediately.

Opponents of the Fortas appointment said they have enough votes to block a vote on the nomination if and when it reaches the Senate floor.

A heavy work schedule confronts the lawmakers in the days ahead, including action on Viet Nam war appropriations, gun control legislation and a cutoff in aid to college students who engage in disturbances.

HUGHES WINS IN SENATE PRIMARY

WASHINGTON (UPI) - Voters in several states cast ballots in primary elections yesterday. Latest tabulations included these results:

Democratic Governor Harold Hughes of Iowa easily won his party's nomination for the U.S. Senate seat being vacated by retiring GOP Lawmaker Bourke Hickenlooper. Hughes will face state Senator David Stanley in the November election.

Lieutenant Governor Ed Fike of Nevada outpolled fellow Republican William Raggio, the Reno area district attorney, and will face incumbent U.S. Senator Alan Bible in the general election.

There was a cliff-hanger in North Dakota, where Bismarck Auto Dealer Robert McCarney held a narrow lead over newspaper Publisher Ed Doherty for the GOP gubernatorial nomination. The winner faces incumbent Governor William Guy in November.

APOLLO-SEVEN TEST BEGINS

CAPE KENNEDY (UPI) - Stringent safety precautions were in effect today as three astronauts began a simulated Apollo-Seven space launch here.

The test was similar to the one in January, 1967, that killed three astronauts when fire engulfed their space cabin. There was little likelihood of a similar accident today because of the safety procedures.

The test is designed to test whether the spacecraft, the Saturn 1-B rocket on which it rests, and ground equipment are ready for an 11-day orbital flight scheduled next month. Participating in the test was Astronauts Walter Schirra, Donn Eisele and Walter Cunningham.

SENATE PANEL HITS RIFLE CONTRACT WITH GM

WASHINGTON (UPI) - The awarding of a Defense Department contract to General Motors for M-16 rifles today drew heavy criticism from a Senate subcommittee. The panel of investigators accused the Pentagon of inept handling of the contract.

It said it will cost taxpayers millions of dollars more because of General Motors' high bid. The company is inexperienced in arms production. The subcommittee said the basic Infantry weapon used by the Army in Viet Nam should be bought from a competing firm, the Maremont Corporation in Maine. Special Senate investigations and controversy over the contract date back to September 1967.

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