

NEWS

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BULLETIN

FOR THE PEOPLE OF AMERICAN SAMOA, PAGO PAGO.

MANU'A TELE MAY BE DESTROYED TOMORROW

Tomorrow may mark the end of the Manu'a Tele, Jimmy Sword of the Marine Railway Division said today.

He was attempting to arrange with the Coast Guard to have the Cape Providence tow the old vessel about 10 miles to sea and sink it.

The ship, an ancient mine sweeper, has been in American Samoa since the early 1940s and was purchased by the people of Manu'a to provide inter-island service. After about 20 years it fell into a state of disrepair and last year the Government was forced to place it up for auction in an effort to recover about \$9,000 in unpaid repair bills.

One of the few bids for \$73.60. It came from a sixth grade class in a San Francisco elementary school. But the government ordered the old ship stripped of salvage and sunk. The stripping has been completed and the last voyage may be made tomorrow.

MARINES DUE TO ARRIVE FOR CELEBRATION

A contingent of Marines is due here tomorrow to take part in the observance of Flag Day and U.S. Independence Day Thursday and the dedication of the Lyndon B. Johnson Tropical Medical Center.

High Chief Tuitieleleapaga Fofogaali'i Napoleone II, co-chairman of the Flag Day committee, radioed from Honolulu that the Marines are coming. He said they are bringing with them a quantity of fireworks for the celebration.

Meanwhile, final plans for the two-day celebration were taking shape and numerous buildings in Fagatogo were sporting sparkling new paint jobs.

A special meeting of the Flag Day Committee was called for 5 p.m. today in the Recreation Hall and all members were urged to attend.

CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS SEND MESSAGES

Chairmen of the U.S. House and Senate Interior Committee today radioed Governor Owen S. Aspinall their regrets over being unable to attend the celebrations and dedications.

Rep. Incelia Butler Hansen, head of the House Subcommittee on Interior and Related Affairs said: "The simultaneous celebration of Flag Day marking the anniversary of Samoan Independence and the U.S. Independence Day is symbolic of the close ties between the U.S. and American Samoa and our mutual dedication to the principles of freedom and democracy. The dedication of the Lyndon B. Johnson Tropical Medical Center is an attestation of the close and genuine cooperation between the U.S. and American Samoa."

Sen. Henry M. Jackson, chairman of the Senate Interior Committee, radioed: "I extend heartiest congratulations to the people of American Samoa on Flag Day, Independence Day and the dedication of the Medical Center. All of us are proud of the political, social and economic achievements of American Samoa and extend our best wishes for continued progress. I regret that urgent Senate business makes it impossible for us to attend."

PLEASE! YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

The Flag Day Committee still needs donations to finance the celebration. Please get them in today. Lists of contributors will be published tomorrow.

PUBLIC HEALTH, NURSING SCHOOL BENEFIT FROM PACT

Last week Governor Owen S. Aspinall signed an affiliation agreement between the new Lyndon B. Johnson Tropical Medical Center and the University of Hawaii School of Medicine.

Included in the agreement's provisions are plans for greatly upgrading the training of public health workers in American Samoa.

Continous consultations will be carried on between local public health officials and faculty members of the school's public health division. As funds are available, local public health workers will be sent to Hawaii to take special and refresher courses.

The agreement also provides that when funds are available students in the school's public health division will come here for field work and research during the summer. The Tropical Medical Center will serve as a base for a continuing education program in public health.

In addition, the school will develop here programs in maternity and child health, family planning, health education, public health nursing, vital records, environmental sanitation and other areas.

In the field of nursing the University's School of Nursing will establish educational programs for the Tropical Medical Center. Refresher courses for nurses and public health nurse will be offered here and possibly later in Hawaii.

A plan for faculty rotation between the University and the American Samoa School of nursing will be developed. Other programs call for offering technical nursing courses. Nursing students from Hawaii may come here for field experience during the summer.

The University's School of Social Workers will make available training in that field for local people through the Medical Center.

RAFFLE IS POSTPONED

Vaiola U. Lauti, chairman of the Marist Brothers' Old Boys Association's raffle committee, said today the group has been forced to postpone the raffle scheduled for tomorrow.

He said committee members have been busy with preparations for Flag Day and that the arrival of two of the prizes had been delayed.

He said the raffle will be held Aug. 2 and that tickets still may be purchased. The raffle will raise funds to help build a new school.

NURSES SCHEDULE BALL

The Nurses' Alumnae will sponsor a dedication ball at 7:30 p.m. tomorrow in Lee Auditorium to mark the dedication of the Lyndon B. Johnson Tropical Medical Center. Formal dress is requested. Tickets will be \$2.50 per person.

BANK INTEREST RATE HIKE FORCED

The Bank of American Samoa has raised interests on real estate loans to 6 3/4 percent, it was announced today.

Under regulations for administration of the loan fund granted the people of American Samoa by Congress, the interest rate charged for such loans must be the same as the rate of the Federal Housing Administration.

That agency recently increased its rate to 6 3/4 percent and the local increase followed.

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