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HIGH COURT WEIGHS TESTIMONY IN LA'AU FANENE MURDER TRIAL

Testimony and summations in the La'au Fanene murder trial ended late Tuesday afternoon in the High Court of American Samoa. The fate of the 29-year-old Fanene is being weighed by Chief Justice Edward Hyden and four associate judges: High Talking Chief Tausala, High Talking Chief Masaniai, Talking Chief Meto Fiaui Mulitauopele, and Talking Chief Malau'ulu.

Fanene is charged with first-degree murder in the shooting of 40-year-old Mose Iuli in Tula January 12. The shooting occurred during a beer-drinking session, according to testimony heard during the trial Monday and Tuesday.

The maximum sentence that could be given to Fanene is death by hanging. The last sentence of this kind in American Samoa was handed down in about 1939 by Arthur Morrow, who was then chief justice. Morrow, now retired from the bench, is public defender for the Government of American Samoa; he is chief counsel for Fanene.

FISHING VESSEL RUNS AGROUND ON REEF

A 60-ton fishing vessel ran aground on a reef near Goat Island light in Pago Pago Harbor in the pre-dawn darkness of Tuesday morning, but no serious damage resulted.

The No. 3 Pafong vessel came to grief at 4:15 a.m., on a reef 50 yards west of the Goat Island light, and about 100 yards from the swimming pool at the Pago Pago Intercontinental Hotel.

Distress whistles brought a harbor boat, under the command of Capt. Jim Vollmer, to the rescue. About 5:30, the LCM Aderenda had pulled the Pafong free from the reef, and the vessel proceeded to the Starkist cannery tieup.

Vollmer commended his aides in the rescue operation, Coxswain Taitafe Sua and policeman Vaisola, particularly the latter who was off duty at the time.

FOFŌ SUNIA RETURNS FROM CAB HEARING IN HONOLULU

Fofō I.F. Sunia, director of tourism, returned to Samoa early yesterday after attending and testifying at the Civil Aeronautics Board (CAB) hearing in Honolulu on the Pacific Air Routes Case. He testified at the hearing Monday morning.

"I felt there was quite a bit of interest in American Samoa, not only from the CAB examiner but also among the many lawyers there who were representing various interest in the case," Sunia said. He recalled that he was questioned about Samoa's capabilities for handling increased air service.

"I told them there is plenty of room for our airport terminal to expand into a large Polynesian-style complex should the need arise. But I told the examiner that for now, the airport is adequate," he said.

Sunia said he testified for only about 15 minutes but that most of the testimony given in open hearing sessions was not "the important discussions" of the case. "I think most of the so-called 'hard line' discussions took place outside the hearing room among the various lawyers."

Fofō Sunia Returns From CAB Hearing In Honolulu (cont'd)

Sunia reported that a second attorney -- Nathan Simmot -- has been hired to assist American Samoa in presenting its interests to the CAB. Simmot will testify on American Samoa's behalf with Governor H. Rex Lee and Mark Egan, North American director of the Hawaii Visitors' Bureau, when the hearings move to Washington March 5. Bernard Hollander, a Justice Department attorney on leave, is acting as American Samoa's counsel in the case.

POLICE CAR CRASHES INTO COCONUT TREE

A police car crashed into a coconut tree in front of the Fagatogo Market Place early this morning, injuring three policemen and reportedly a fourth passenger.

Dewey Allen, commissioner of public safety, said the car was coming from Atua to the police station at 5:10 a.m. when it crashed into the tree. Allen said he is investigating whether the driver, Patrolman Pelesala Vivao, 23, fell asleep at the wheel just before the accident occurred.

Vivao suffered chest bruises and a possible injury to his left lung. He is in fair condition at the Hospital of American Samoa. The other passengers in the care were Sergeant Lepi Semo, 40, who is in good condition with multiple bruises, and Patrolman Tausilia Moliga, 52, who is in fair condition with a lacerated jaw and broken right arm. Harold Bernshock, hospital administrator, said a fourth occupant of the car -- whose name is unknown -- was treated and released.

DAN MCKINNEY DIES

Dan McKinney, assistant to the materials control specialist at the Tafuna Construction Supply Depot, died Tuesday night in his Utulei home of a heart attack. He was 65.

Mr. McKinney was the husband of Mrs. Marjorie McKinney, assistant director for secondary education. The McKinneys came to Samoa in about August 1964 from their home town of Cincinnati, Ohio. They first lived at Lupelele Consolidated School, where Mrs. McKinney was principal.

The McKinneys have one son, Dan, Jr., who is an attorney in Cincinnati. Mr. McKinney's body will be flown back to Cincinnati for burial there.

DR. COOK CITES NEEDS OF THE HUMAN SOUL

The four basic psychological needs of a person were outlined in a talk Tuesday night by Dr. Denton Cook, assistant director for administration, at a meeting of the Fia Iloa Elementary School Parent-Teachers Association.

These needs, Dr. Cook said, are: (1) satisfaction of ego, meaning a feeling of doing well at whatever one attempts to do; (2) group membership, meaning a feeling of being part of society or "belonging;" (3) love, meaning a feeling that somebody cares for you and that you take pride in yourself; and (4) security, meaning a consistency in life, with a minimum of disturbing influences.

The purpose of his talk, Dr. Cook said, was to help parents in the guidance of their children.

Dr. Cook told about 40 persons attending the meeting that children must understand discipline -- in the home, in the school, or in later life.

TV TONIGHT: CHANNEL 2: Friendly Giant (7:00) News (English) (7:00) News (Samoan) (7:15) Expedition: "Flight to Giants" (7:32) Wide World Of Sports (8:22).

CHANNEL 4: Friendly Giant (7:17) Lucy Show: "The Bank" (7:32) What's New (7:57) Bonanza: "Honor of Cochise" (8:27) N.E.T. Men Of The Senate: Mike Mansfield" (9:17) News (English) (9:46).

NEW ORLEANS INVESTIGATOR GOES INTO HIDING

NEW ORLEANS, (UPI) - A former investigator, who claims to know four persons involved in an alleged 1963 New Orleans conspiracy to assassinate President Kennedy, has gone into hiding.

He is David Lewis, 26, married and the father of four children. Lewis said last Monday that he had given New Orleans District Attorney Jim Garrison four or five names of persons involved in the conspiracy. He said as a result he feared for his life. Today, Lewis, his wife and children are reported missing from their New Orleans home.

Yesterday, 46-year-old David Ferrie, a former airlines pilot mentioned in the Warren Commission report and questioned by Garrison in his probe of the assassination, was found dead in his New Orleans apartment. Garrison called it an apparent suicide.

The Mystery Deepens

Coroner Nicholas Chetta said Ferrie suffered a massive cerebral hemorrhage when a blood vessel burst at the base of his brain. He called this the cause of death last night, but said today he is not sure, and indicated Ferrie could have killed himself.

Also, the coroner put the time of death as last Tuesday night. However, George Lardner, a reporter for the Washington Post, said he went to Ferrie's apartment midnight Tuesday and stayed until shortly before four a.m. Lardner said, "Ferrie was certainly living when I said good-bye to him last Wednesday shortly before four a.m."

Lardner also said Ferrie told him he never knew Lee Harvey Oswald, and was convinced Oswald acted alone in Dallas on November 22, 1963.

Garrison No Longer Accepts Theory
That Oswald Killed Kennedy

Garrison indicated that Ferrie was a key figure in his recent investigation into a possible conspiracy

in the assassination. He said he planned to arrest the pilot next week, but his probe now has grown so large he no longer accepts the theory that Lee Harvey Oswald killed President Kennedy

Washington Sources Reject Hints Linking Ferrie With Oswald

Sources in Washington say that a Warren Commission investigation of a dead New Orleans pilot showed he had no connection with the Kennedy assassination. These sources, who asked not to be identified, told U.P.I., "There is no need for any investigation. The allegations of David Ferrie's connection with an assassination plot were washed out by the investigations done for the Warren Commission."

The sources said the post-assassination investigation showed that Ferrie and his plane were in New Orleans at the time Kennedy was shot in Dallas. They said furthermore the inquiry established that the pilot had no associations with assassin Lee Harvey Oswald.

BULLETIN: Lewis Shows Up

The chief known figure in the New Orleans investigation of a possible plot in the assassination of President Kennedy turned up safe and sound at midday in District Attorney Jim Garrison's office.

Lewis had been mysteriously missing overnight. Speaking briefly with newsmen, he said David Ferrie was not one of the possible members of an alleged conspiracy Garrison believes was hatched in New Orleans.

There is still no official ruling on whether Ferrie died by his own hand, as Garrison believes, or by a massive cerebral hemorrhage. Garrison used the occasion of Ferrie's death to declare that he was involved in the events culminating in the assassination of Mr. Kennedy. Coroner Nicholas Chetta says Ferrie's death could have been caused by the hemorrhage, or it could have been from one of several other reasons -- including suicide.

There also are varying reports on the time of Ferrie's death, a discrepancy which Garrison terms one of the mysteries of the investigation.

ON THE WASHINGTON SCENE

Committee Recommends Powell Get His
Seat Back

WASHINGTON, (UPI) - A special House Committee has recommended that Democrat Powell be given back his seat in Congress. But the committee says Powell should be formally censured, and docked \$40,000 pay at the rate of \$1,000 a month.

The committee declares in its recommendation that the Harlem Democrat is guilty of "gross misconduct." However, it says that, nevertheless, under the constitution Powell must be readmitted to the House. The committee concluded that he has the right to represent his House district, because he satisfied the basic provisions of the constitution.

A Senator Says Government Practices
Drift To "Police State Tactics"

Senator Gaylor Nelson cited certain government practices which he contends represent a drift to "police state tactics" in America.

In a prepared Senate speech, the Wisconsin Democrat termed "un-American" secret Central Intelligence Agency subsidies to various groups, wiretapping by the government, and use of detective agencies by corporations and some government units. Nelson called for a full congressional probe of what he called "this whole sordid business."

Teddy Kennedy Denounces Selective
Service System

Senator Edward Kennedy denounced the Selective Service System as unfair and discriminatory. He is offering a five-point program to overhaul the draft, featuring a national registration system, random draftee selection, limited deferments, calling the youngest first and noncombatant service for the physically and mentally defective.

LBJ Sees No Change In Hanoi's Positions

President Johnson sees no signs that Hanoi wants peace. That was what the President told a news conference almost three weeks ago. Administration sources report Mr. Johnson has detected no change since in North Viet Nam's positions.

President Johnson is reported to view a halt in bombing of the North like "unloading your gun" and inviting the other side to shoot.

At a recent news conference, the President said Hanoi would have to offer some "reciprocal action" before American bombing could be halted.

White House And LBJ Agree That C.I.A.
Followed National Policy

The White House released today -- and President Johnson agreed with -- a preliminary finding that the Central Intelligence Agency followed national policy in secretly subsidizing the National Student Association and other private groups. This interim conclusion was reached by the special three-man presidential panel appointed by the President after C.I.A. aid to private groups was disclosed.

Chiefs Of Staff Believe U.S. Produce Defenses
Against Russians Missiles

America's military high command believes that the Johnson administration has underestimated Russia's anti-ballistic missile defense effort.

The Joint Chiefs of Staff believe that the U.S. should proceed now to plan and produce defenses against Russian intercontinental missiles, instead of confining itself to a continuation of research and development.

The administration -- and the civilians in the Pentagon -- oppose any production of an anti-missile system at this time.

U.S. Soldiers Released By Viet Cong Reach
U.S. Outpost

The Defense Department reports that two U.S. soldiers the Communists Viet Cong reported releasing February 7 reached an American outpost today.

The Pentagon identified the men as Sgt. Sammie Womack of Farmville, Virginia and Pfc Charles Crafts of North Jay, Maine.

SUKARNO SURRENDERS POWERS: SUHARTO TAKES OVER

JAKARTA, (UPI) - President Sukarno of Indonesia, nothing but a figurehead for the past several months, has given in completely.

He has surrendered all his powers and turned them over to the Indonesian army strongman General Suharto.

Information Minister B.H. Diah read Sukarno's official statement of capitulation. Sukarno said he realized the current conflict and decided to hand Suharto the powers of the presidency.

It's not yet clear whether he has given up the title of president.

Sukarno's nearly-dictatorial powers started to crumble with the October 1965 attempted coup. He himself has been implicated in the Communist-backed attempt.

Sukarno has not really ruled in past months. Instead, Suharto has taken over as head of a triumvirate.

The Suharto group has been puzzled over what to do about allegations Sukarno was involved in the coup.

There have been reports from various quarters in Jakarta that he would be brought to trial for alleged complicity -- "treason" is the charge often mentioned -- and other offenses.

Other reports said he would be exiled to Japan.

Sukarno was an architect of Indonesian independence. In early years he spent 13 years in jail and exile because of his fight against the Dutch who ruled the East Indies. In World War II, during the Japanese occupation of Indonesia, he collaborated with the Japanese.

Then in 1945 he proclaimed Indonesian independence. It was not that easy. Bloody fighting followed and the Dutch were ousted. He got independence.

His was a one-man rule, a so-called guided democracy that rejected the principles of western democracy.

After the 1965 coup attempt, his power started draining away. Last year, he was stripped of most power, and made responsible to Congress.

His title "president for life" was taken away. He was only president, and after a while that in name only.

Suharto Legally Acting President Of Indonesia

Military strongman General Suharto is now legally acting president of Indonesia. A defense ministry spokesman made the announcement today in Jakarta. Suharto, a leading critic of former President Sukarno, was named to take over the power of the president in Sukarno's capitulation message yesterday. Sukarno bowed out as public and government pressures built up against him.

The new head man in Indonesia began his climb to leadership accidentally. It was a fiery dawn 17 months ago when Communists tried to take over the world's fifth largest nation.

Lieutenant General Suharto, a quiet, pipe-smoking man, considered honest and decisive, was marked for death by Communist assassination squads in the first hours of the bloody uprising October 1, 1965.

By chance, he was not at home when the Communists arrived to kill him. Then a Major General commanding the army's elite strategic reserve, Suharto quickly rallied a powerful mobile striking force in the capital of Jakarta and crushed the Red coup.

U.S. BEGINS BIGGEST MILITARY OPERATION OF THE WAR IN VIET NAM

SAIGON, (UPI) - The United States has begun the biggest military operation of the Viet Nam War.

The object: The encirclement of an entire Communist division, involving about 6,000 men.

The U.S. drive involves up to 25,000 combat troops, and tens of thousands of support element, including planes and artillery.

A U.S. spokesman in Saigon disclosed the massive drive. He said it started Tuesday in War Zone C, a jungle-covered Communist stronghold northwest of Saigon along the Cambodian border.

The operation produced the first large-scale American combat parachute jump since Korea.

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U.S. Begins Biggest Military Operation Of The War In Viet Nam (continued)

The U.S. paratroopers from the 173rd air borne dropped into the dense jungles of War Zone C which encompasses the headquarters of all Communist guerrilla operations in South Viet Nam. It also contains the Viet Cong radio, and the National Liberation Front, the political arm of the Viet Cong.

The U.S. troops are trying to catch the Communists in a horseshoe-shaped trap. First reports from the area said fighting was sporadic with the Americans encountering mostly sniper fire.

The Weekly Casualty List

The weekly casualty figures from Viet Nam show that last week's heavy fighting produced the worst American death toll in more than a year, 172 men killed, the second highest weekly toll of the war. But spokesmen claim the Communists suffered their worst week -- some 2,000 men killed.

On The Battlefield Yesterday

Guerrillas inflicted heavy casualties on American infantrymen in South Viet Nam yesterday.

So intense was the battle at times, Americans fired upon their own tanks to drive off Communist soldiers who were climbing up the sides of the vehicles.

It took place in hilly countryside near Cambodia. A company of the U.S. Fourth Infantry division were trying to set up a base camp. The men had been under mortar attack late Tuesday night and again yesterday before dawn. Then the Communists made their run on four tanks, charging forward with mines and explosives.

Tank officers secured their hatches and opened up on one another with machine gun fire to repel the enemy scampering up the vehicles.

The number of American dead and wounded was so considerable, according to estimates, it meant the unit no longer could accomplish its mission.

IRAQI UNCOVERS PLOT TO TOPPLE GOVERNMENT

CAIRO, (UPI) - The Middle East News Agency reports Iraqi authorities have uncovered, what the agency calls, an "imperialist reactionary plan" aimed at toppling the Iraqi government.

The plot reportedly was based mainly on the International Petroleum commission's refusal to pay royalties to the Iraqi government. The plot is said to have involved the I.P.C., King Faisal of Saudi Arabi, King Hussein of Jordan and advocated of the "defunct royalist Iraqi regime."

INDIA'S RULING PARTY APPEARS IN CONTROL

NEW DELHI, (UPI) - Mrs. Indira Gandhi's ruling Congress party has come through general elections in India with several wounds but appears to have nailed down control of the central government for another five years.

Voters expressed dissatisfaction in various ways, Hindus won a majority in New Delhi's city council; Communists led a leftwing coalition to power in Kerala state; and the congress party ran badly in the non-Hindu areas of South and Eastern India.

A MUTUAL DEFENSE PACT AGAINST MAO

HONG KONG, (UPI) - An English language Hong Kong newspaper says the leaders of three neighboring provinces industrial region have promised to aid each other against Mao's followers. The paper quotes what it calls "usually reliable sources" as the basis for the report.

Elsewhere in Red China, there are signs Mao may be backing off a bit from his plan to crush all those opposed to him. The leading theoretical journal of the Chinese Communist party urges Mao's fanatical Red Guard to restrain their attacks on Mao's opponents.

In a rare admission of purge violence, Red China's New China News Agency says many persons were purged, beaten, jailed and killed in Chungking province during the early days of Mao Tse Tung's cultural revolution. The broadcast indicated that trouble is continuing in Chungking even today.

SPORTS NEWS (UPI)BOXING

Canadian heavyweight George Chuvalo scored his ninth straight victory last night with a third round technical knockout over Dick Wipperman at Arkon, Ohio. Chuvalo seeks another title fight with Cassius Clay.

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Zora Folley who fights Clay on March 22 at New York, started training for the title affair yesterday at Mesa, Arizona. Folley worked two rounds each with three fighters after walking eight minutes to the gym from his home.

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Ring Magazine named Cassius Clay as "Fighter-of-the-Month" and ranked Ernie Terrell as the top contender for Clay's heavyweight crown. Zora Folley is ranked behind Terrell followed by Thad Spencer, Floyd Patterson and Karl Mildenberger.

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Undefeated heavyweight Joe Frazier appears to be heading towards a possible fight with champion Cassius Clay. Frazier knocked out veteran Doug Jones Tuesday night in Philadelphia. He kayoed Jones in the sixth round of their scheduled 10-round bout with a left hook to the chin. Jones later said the 23 year old former Olympics champion is the best puncher in the business. And added Jones: "There is none better." Thirteen of Frazier's 14 fights have been won by knockouts.

TENNIS

Arthur Ashe won a furious three-set battle over Thomas Koch of Brazil today in the singles final of the first annual international indoor tennis tournament at Kiamesha Lake in New York. He beat Koch, 6-3, 2-6, 6-2. Ashe returns to the Army on Friday. The Brazilian team of Ronald Barnes and Koch captured the doubles title.

N.F.L.

National Football League owners, going into their fourth day of meetings today in Honolulu, plan to get down to brass tacks on deciding what form of college draft will be used this season. There is strong support among N.F.L. owners for a single draft of seniors and redshirts, players with college eligibility left. But last week the American League owners voted for one draft to include both categories. Yesterday, the N.F.L. owners decided to keep the player limit at 40 for the fourth straight season.

BASEBALL

Sluggish Hank Aaron of the Braves reportedly confirmed that he has agreed to a two-year contract at \$100,000 a year.

Aaron, who lives in a Milwaukee suburb, says he met Braves' board chairman Bill Bartholomay in Chicago on Monday and worked out details of the contract. This makes Aaron the highest paid player in team history. Pitcher Warren Spahn reportedly received \$82,500.