

NO RELIEF FROM WATER SHORTAGE

American Samoa continued today to be plagued by a serious water shortage with no relief in sight.

The Division of Maintenance and Operations continued its rationing program with the water turned off between 8:30 and 11 a.m., 1:30 and 4:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. and 6 a.m.

"We had little rain during the past 24 hours, so the situation is unchanged," said Jim Lee, head of the division.

He said little progress was made on the well which is being drilled in Fagaalu Valley.

He said the rationing program was serving its purpose and keeping adequate water for drinking, cooking and sanitation purposes in the system.

But he urged that everyone continue to conserve water in every way possible. No one should wash cars, water lawns or allow children to bathe outside with hoses.

TOMORROW IS BOAT DAY

The Mariposa is due in Pago Pago Harbor tomorrow for its regular visit from about 6 a.m. until noon.

Other vessels due to call soon include the Tofua, out of New Zealand, which is will be here July 17 and the Freighter Graziela Zeta, out of San Francisco, which is due July 19.

BUS STRIKES HOSPITAL

A tragedy was narrowly averted yesterday when a bus driven by Kolani Panapa of Auasi left the road and slammed into a wall of the new Lyndon B. Johnson Tropical Medical Center.

No one was injured, chiefly because there were no patients in the ward which was struck.

The wall has been repaired. No damage estimate was available.

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THIEF STRIKES IN STRANGE PLACE

Some one picked an unusual place to stage a bit of larceny, it was revealed yesterday. Police Lt. Michael R. Sala of the Criminal Investigation Bureau reported that seven wrist watches involved in an earlier theft case had been stolen from a cabinet in his office.

The watches had been tagged for use as evidence in court. Sala could not determine when the theft took place.

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MARINE TELLS OF PLANTING PLAG IN VIET NAM

Marine Corporal Molimau Niuatoa has written Governor Owen S. Aspinall that he has planted the American Samoan flag on some of the highest points where combat has taken place in Viet Nam.

He wrote the governor recently, requesting the flag. One was sent by eirmail.

Niuatoa wrote that he received the flag May 14 and that he raised it on Hill 881S at 8 a.m. on May 15, 16 and 17. He said 19 other U.S. flags were flown on the hill on those days.

His unit was ordered to help another Marine unit which had been attacked near Danang and they spent 26 days clearing an area about two miles from the Cambodian border.

"Our flag was the only flag to go on this 26-day operation," Niuatoa wrote the governor. "Others gave up because there was no room to carry their flag but I didn't give up...the first thing I put in my pack was our flag."

He said it was flown on 10 different hills.

On the morning of June 14, he wrote, his unit captured Hill 1235 which was the site of a large enery supply and ammunition dump.

"Lieutenant Boudria and I raised the flag on the highest peak of Viet Nam," he wrote. "Every officer believes the American Samoan flag was the first to fly on this hill."

Niuatoa was air-evacuated to a Naval Hospital in Danang after his unit was hit by rocket fire.

""""""The American Samoa flag will continue to fly until my tour in Viet Nam is finished," he wrote the governor.

SPC OFFICIALS SLATE VISIT

Mr. Granger, economics program director, and Mr. Watson, an economist, who are with the South Pacific Commission, are scheduled to visit American Samoa for two days July 18. While here they will confer with the team from Wolf Management Services which is

making a economic development study for the territory.

MATERIAL DISPOSAL OFFICER NAMED

Wilbur Larson today was named material disposal officer on a temporary basis by Carl H. Meeuwsen, director of the Department of Administrative Services.

The Government is beginning a new procedure to provide for periodic review of stocks and to establish methods of disposing of obsolete and inactive stock.. This will cut the cost of maintaining warehouse space.

Government agencies needing information on the program should contact Larson.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEES TO MEET

A joint meeting of the Ways and Means Committee of the House and Senate of the territorial government will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday in the Senate Chambers.

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TV FOR TONIGHT

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News In Samoan, 7:00; Friendly Giant, 7:20; Animal Stories, 7:34; "hat's New, 8:06; Enigma: "The March From Camp Tyler", 8:34; News In Review, 9:21; News in English, 9:51. Friendly Giant, 7:05; News In English, 7:19; Animal Stories, 7:34; British Half Hour: "Britain Today", 8:06; Enigma: "The March From Camp Tyler", 8:34; News In Review, 9:21; News In Samoan, 9:51.

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LBJ URGES AFPROVAL OF NUCLEAR PACT

WASHINGTON, (UPI) - President Johnson sent the nuclear non-proliferation treaty to Congress today.

He urged the Senate to "move swiftly to enhance our security." Senate ratification is expected before Congress adjourns.

Mr. Johnson said: "I consider this treaty to be the most important international agreement limiting nuclear arms since the nuclear age began. It is a triumph of sanity and of man's will to survive."

The treaty, opened for signature July 1, has only been signed by three of the world's nuclear or near-nuclear powers. The three major nuclear powers, the U.S., Britain and Russia have signed but France, Red China and all nations believed near possession of nuclear capabilities have not. France and Red China have flatly refused to do so.

The treaty pledges the protection of the major nuclear powers to any nonnuclear power in the event of aggression or the threat of aggression. But such a protected country must pledge not to develop nucelar weapons of its own.

US PRESIDENT TO MEET PRESIDENT THIEU

SAN ANTONIO, (UPI) - The Texas White House said President Johnson will be glad to meet with South Vietnamese President Thieu but no exact date has been set.

News Secretary George Christian said the President still must confer with his top advisers on a proposal by Thieu for a two-nation summit in Honolulu around July 20.

Christian said President Thieu had been in consultation with American Ambassador Elsworth Bunker in Saigon on plans for the conference. Thieu announced today that he will confer with Mr. Johnson for about two days as a result of his request for a meeting to discuss peace moves and the military situation.

The South Vietnamese are concerned about U.S. peace moves and a possible softening policy at the Paris talks with North Viet Nam.

ROCKY BIDS FOR MISSOURI BACKING

ST. LOUIS, Missouri. (UPI) - Republican Nelson Rockefeller was here today on a twosided political mission.

The New York governor's speech to a breakfast gathering was standard campaign stuff. He blamed the Johnson administration for fiscal irresponsibility in failing to foresee the high costs of the Viet Nam War and the war on poverty.

Rockefeller's post-breakfast meeting with Missouri GOP leaders was clearly aimed at drumming up more convention support. Rockefeller was trying to convince Missouri's convention delegates that Richard Nixon is not the end-all beat-all and that he is the man to bring the party a victory in November.

At the same time, Richard Nixon went to Ohio taday. The GOP presidential frontrunner met with New Jersey delegates to the nominating convention yesterday and defended his membership in a country club that excludes Jews and Negroes. Nixon said he disapproves of the restriction.

In Califronia, Governor Ronald Reagan said he would become a serious candidate for the Republican presidential nomination if he received a sizeable block of votes at the convention. But Reagan did not specify how many votes he thought it would take to get him into the race.

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On The Democratic Scene...

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Vice President Hubert Humphrey is in Washington, fighting a flu bug. Yesterday the secretary-treasurer of the AFL-CIO Union urged members in San Diego to support the Vice President.

In New Jersey, a joint steering committee has been formed by leaders of the late Senator Robert Kennedy's campaign organization and backers of Senator Eugene McCarthy. The group hasn't endorsed McCarthy, but said it cannot support his rival, Vice President

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On The Democratic Scene (continued)

Humphrey, unless he separates himself from Johnson administration policies.

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Meanwhile, Third-party Candidate George Wallace cut short a rally in a Boston suburb last night when about 100 pickets gathered outcide an auditorium to sing "We Shall Overcome."

Wallace is **boosting** a petition drive to put his American Independent Party on the Massachusetts ballot in November.

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In the meantime, the possibility of the Democratic National Convention opening in Chicago August 26 is beclouded by an unsettled telephone strike.

Chicago Mayor Richard Daley made an unsuccessful try at arranging a settlement between the Illinois Bell Telephone Company and Electrical^{*} Workers yesterday. But Daley said he was hopeful that the strike would end within a week.

SCLC LEADER ACCUSES NIXON

CHICAGO, (UPI) - A leader of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) has accused Richard Nixon of playing "on the fears and prejudices of a racist country."

The Reverend Andrew Young, executive vice president of SCLC, said he would not call Nixon a racist, but added that the Republican presidential candidate's attitude approaches that.

Young, appearing on a vision show today said Nixon's talk about crime in the streets and increased police protection merely avoids the causes of poverty.

In Washington, Senator Wayne Morse has charged Republican presidential hopeful Richard Nixon with advocating a spoils system in his opposition to President Johnson's Supreme Court nominees. Nixon has supported efforts of 19 Republicans who want to stop the appointments.

GUN CONTROL LAW APPEARS DOOMED

WASHINGTON, (UPI) - President Johnson's proposal for strong gun registration and licensing laws appears virtually doomed at this session of Congress. The administration, however, today continued to urged action on the measure.

In testimony before a Senate subcommittee, Attorney General Ramsey Clark renewed his endorsement of the stricter gun laws.

Registration-licensing legislation was discarded Monday in the House in order to help passage of a compromise measure to ban mail order sales of rifles and shopping to individuals.

In Trenton, New Jersey Attorney General Arthur Sills disputed gun lobby arguments against firearm control legislation.

In figures Sills released yesterday, he showed that sporting gun sales have increased steadily since New Jersey emacted tough gun control laws two years and

COMMISSION ON VIOLENCE MEETS TODAY

WASHINGTON, (UPI) - The President's Commission on Violence has called leading scholars today for reports on academic studies on Americans who break behavior bounds.

The commission has arranged a closed meeting with between 40 and 50 scholars in fields ranging from history to political science and medicine.

The commission was named after the shooting of Senator Robert Kennedy on June 5.

PANEL WARNS U.S. OF SUB GAP

WASHINGTON, (UPI) - The House Armed Service Committee said the United States is facing the possibility of a "major submarine gap" The panel used such terms as "alarming" and "menacing" to describe Russia's underwater fleet.

In a report released yesterday, the committee blamed the condition on civilian planners hired by former Defense Secretary Robert McNamara.

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ACTION CENTERS IN DMZ

SAIGON (UPI) - Determined American Marines were hanging on to Hill 689 just below the western edge of Viet Nam's demilitarized zone.

The Leathernecks reported they have turned back repeated North Vietnamese attempts to take the hill, killing at least 300 in the process. With 70 North Vietnamese killed in the most recent assault on Hill 689, the number of Communist dead in this week's fighting near the DMZ has hit 530.

Hill 689 is also the focal point in an enemy victory claim. Hanoi's delegation to the Paris talks claims the peak is surrounded, and is about to be added to a series of North Vietnamese triumphs near the DMZ.

Military spokesmen in Saigon said Viet Cong guerrillas used a nausea type gas in an assault on a south Vietnamese outpost in the Mekong Delta last night.

Reports said most of the South Vietnamese were affected by the gas, but that they beat back the attackers anyway.

In the air war, American fighterbombers have notched another 140 missions over North Viet Nam. Strikes were concentrated on supply areas just above the demilitarized zone. One Phantom jet was gunned down, but helicopters rescued the plane's twoman crew.

WAR IS BETWEEN NORTH AND SOUTH

PARIS UPI) The South Vietnamese observers at the Paris talks on Viet Nam said the Viet Nam War is chiefly between the North and South and officially called for direct Saigon-Hanoi negotiations for peace. Bui Diem, South Vietnamese ambassador to the United States, made the proposal at a Paris news conference. Diem expressed skepticism about the chances for success of the talks between the U.S. and North Viet Nam.

ISRAEL CAPTURES ARAB COMMANDOS

JERUSALEM (UPI) - Israeli officials in Jerusalem said four Al-Fatah Arab commandos were killed, one captured, today in a clash with Israeli patrols on the west bank of the Jordan River.

The officials claimed that Russian made rifles, sub-machine guns, bazookas and explosives were captured from the infiltrators.

Earlier, an Israeli army jeep struck a mine presumably planted by Arab commandos, and an Israeli patrol exchanged fire with Arab guerrillas in the northern Beisan Valley.

Military spokesmen in Cairo said Egyptian and Israeli forces exchanged tank and artillery fire across the Suez Canal ceasefire last night. It was the longest border flareup on the canal in nine months. The Egyptians claim that the Israelis triggered the exchange when they fired on a densely populated section of the city of Suez. In Tel Aviv, the Israelis said the Egyptians started the incident, and reported one Israeli soldier was killed.

RUSSIA SETS UP MISSILES, MONGOLIA

LONDON (UPI) - Defense reports from London said Russia has det up missile bases in outher Mongolia within striking range of Red Chinese muclear centers and U.S. bases in Korea. The reports said the accent appears to be on Red China, with Seviet troops and armored units already installed in parts of the vast Mongolian plains.

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In Moscow, Soviet Communist Party Chairman Leonid Brezhnev said no one, as he puts it, should "take the Soviet Union's love of peace as a sign of weakness."

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In a speech yesterday to the graduating classes of Soviet military academies, Brezhnev said the Kremlin will cooperate in new peace moves, but at the same time will continue to strengthen its military posture.

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Russia Sets Up Missiles, Mongolia (cont'd)

Referring to the U.S. government, the Soviet leader declared; "We cannot ignore the fact that exponents of aggression, or the hawks, as they are called, retain their positions."

CZECHS WA NED OF POLER SQUEEZE

PRAGUE (UPI) - The president of the Czechoslovakian parliament said "it is not necessary to be an ry" with allies who criticize the liberalizing actions taken in his nation. He has told Communist Perty members that the nation has "explained to our friends many things which have happened here since January. Much already has been understood."

Russia, Poland and East Germany have warned Czech Reds of a possible power squeeze that would compromise the party's supremacy in Czechoslovakia.

The Czech Communist Party Presidium has scheduled an emergency meeting this week to discuss the notes.

One of the new liberal reformers, party Secretary Cesmir Cisar, plans to visit Moscow soon to explain the Czech party's "perspectives."

"REMEMBER THE PUEBLO"

COLUMBUS, Ohio (UPI) - The mother of a member of the U.S. Intelligence ship ' "Pueblo" has told the State Department she would rather see her son lose his life in a rescue attempt than die slowly in a North Korean prison.

A member of the "Remember The Pueblo" committee, Mrs. Warren Hayes of Columbus, Ohio, and others of the group demanded stronger action, force if necessary to get back the ship and its crew.

The group charged Secretary of State Dean Rusk and the administration with "vascillating and incompetence" action in the case.

The ship and its crew of 83 was seized January 23 by the North Koreans, who charged that the vessel had intruded into their territorial waters. One crew member has died since the seizure.

FOUR NORTH KOREANS KILLED

SEOUL (UPI) - A South Korean army spokesman said four North Korean infiltrators were kill-4 in two actions yesterday, while the United Nations command accused the North of building up its army "far out of proportion to that required for defense."

The U.N. command charged the violation of the Korean Armistice at the 272nd meeting of the Korean Armistice Commission.

South Korean spokesmen said their troops captured a machine-gun and a rubber boat when they killed the infiltrators.

POMPIDOU WILL LEAVE PREMIER POST

PARIS (UPI) - There are growing sings that French Premier Pompidou will step down tomorrow.

President Charles De Gaulle met with Pompidou today, and French political sources were already picking Maurice Couve De Murville as his successor. They said Pompidou will take no new political post, but will be groomed to take over should De Gaulle decide to step down from the presidency.

SIEGE ENDS FOR WALLACE MELLISH

SYDNEY, Australia (UPI) - The eight-day siege of Wallace Mellish here has ended.

Mellish gave up today on a police promise to allow him to volunteer to fight in Viet Nam, and he released his bride and her infant son. He was married to 19-year old Beryl Muddle during a truce in the siege.

Police Chief Norman Allan was a witness at the marriage, and allowed an overnight truce for a "honeymoon" for the young couple. Allan also furnished soft drinks and cookies for the wedding feast, and had to give the bridegroom an M-16 rifle and 200 rounds of ammunition.

Allen said: "Police methods used throughout the siege have been thoroughly vindicated."

Mellish, former inmate of a psychiatric prison ward, and his wife were married early in the siege. Mellish's mother said: "They should have left him in the asylum."

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SPORTS NEWS (BY UPI)

BASEBALL'S ALL-STARS GAME TONIGHT

The National Leagues go after their sixth straight All-Star baseball victory tonight against the American Leagues.

The scene will be Houston's Astro-dome where some 50,000 fans will be on hand for the annual mid-summer classic.

If the game was scheduled for any place but Houston it might be wiped out by rain. A heavy, steady rain started early today in Houston.

The Astro-dome has leaked during several hard rains in the past, but never enough to halt a game. Leaks are mpaired as soon as they are noticed.

The National Leaguers get the nod because of pitching, speed, experience and defense. They also have a habit of winning these games over the last few seasons.

Don Drysdale, the big Dodger righthander, will be the starting pitcher for Cardinal manager Red Schoendienst. Manager Dick Williams of the Red Sox will go with Cleveland star Luis Tiant.

National League pitchers must face the likes of home run sluggers Frank Howard of the Senators, Harmon Killebrew of the Twins, Willie Horton of the Tigers, and Carl Yastrzemski of the Red Sox.

Williams and Schoendienst said that they plan to let everyone play, but admit that "winning comes first."

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Injured Dodger outfielder Len Gabrielson is expected to practice with the team tomorrow. X-rays showed no broken bones after the collision with teammate Paul Popovich Sunday. A spokesman said Gabrielson suffered only bruises in the mishap. Another Dodger, pitcher Don Sutton, left yesterday for two weeks of military duty.

The National Baseball League is expected to reluctantly follow the American League into divisional realignment at a meeting in Houston tomorrow.

National League owners will hold a separate session tomorrow morning to decide whether to split into two divisions like the American League. They will meet in a joint session with the American League later.

The National League must also settle Montreal's future. An adequate stadium looms as a problem for putting a new franchise there.

However, the Montreal mayor said today that city officials and owners of the Montreal franchise had worked out a solution to several problem areas at a meeting yesterday and will present the solution to the National League tomorrow.

PRO-COLLEGE ALL-STAR FOOTBALL GAME THREATENED

The pro- college All-Star football game is being threatened by the National Football League players dispute. General Manager Vince Lombardi said last night the Green Bay Packers won't take part in this summer's game unless the dispute is settled in time for sufficient conditioning. He did not say how long that would be, but Packers coach Bill Bengtson said he figured it would take two and one-half to three weeks to get ready to play. The pro champions are slated to take on the best of last year's college players in Chicago, August 2.

Meantime, National Football League owners have been asked to meet in Chicago today to discuss the latest deadlock in negotiations with the Players' Association. NFL President Art Modell called the meeting after the talks broke down last night. The players rejected

MORE SPORTS NEWS

Pro-College All-Star Football Game Threatened (cont'd)

the latest management offer on pensions, which called for a 25 percent boost in club contributions this year and a 50 percent increase in 1969. Players Association President John Gordy said the 1968 hike would still leave football's projected pension benefits 100 percent below those in baseball. He said no more meetings have been planned with the owners. The pansion impasse has held up the start of training camps originally scheduled for this week.

In other football news, the Philadelphia Eagles announced the signing of Gene Ceppetelli, who earned All-Canadian football league honors with Hamilton last year. Ceppetelli will try out for the offensive center post vacated by retired Jim Ringo.

Coach George Allen of the Los Angeles Rams disclosed the retirement of defensive back Dan McIlhany after about four years with the club.

CHAMBERLAIN TRADED TO LAKERS

Wilt Chamberlain has been traded to the Los Angeles Lakers by the Philadelphia Flyers. The 76ers found they could not come to contract terms with the National Basketball Association's all-time scoring champion.

In return, the 76ers get Darrall Imhoff, Archie Clark and Jerry Chambers. No money was involved according to joint announcements in Philadelphia and Los Angeles.

This gives the Lakers one of the greatest three-pronged scoring attacks in pro basketball history. Wilt joins Elgin Baylor and Jerry West on the Laker team.

Chamberlain's salary remains a mystery but it's believed he is getting in the neighborhood of \$200,000 a year.

Wilt is expected to be in Los Angeles tomorrow to sign his new contract. It will be his second tour of duty with a West Goast Glub. He went West with the Warriors when they moved from Philadelphia to San Francisco, then was traded to the Philadelphia 76ers.

Chamberlain has scored more than 25,000 points during his NBA career.

LOUIS SAYS LISTON SHOULD BE NUMBER THREE

Former Champion Joe Louis said he thinks that Sonny Liston should be rated no lower than third among contenders for the world heavyweight boxing title. Liston scored another comeback victory last Saturday with a seven-round knockout over Henry Clark in San Francisco.

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RAY WILL APPEAL EXTRADITION, JULY 29

LONDON, (UPI) - A British court will hear James Earl Ray's appeal on an extradition order on July 29, two weeks from next Monday.

The surprise announcement came this morning at what was expected to be a routine court appearance for the accused assassin of Martin Luther King. Ray was ordered to appear a week from today to answer British charges of carrying a loaded pistol and two forged passports.

But it's expected that Britain may not press these charges if Ray's extradition order is upheld.

Legal sources said the July 29 date for the extradition hearing was arranged jointly by high court officials and lawyers in the case.