



BULLETIN

FOR THE PEOPLE OF AMERICAN SAMOA, PAGO PAGO.

GAS Buys Two Utility Boats

Governor Owen S. Aspinall announced last night before leaving for Washington the government has purchased the two 55-foot steel hulled utility boats in had been considering adding to the GAS fleet.

Capt. John Calver, Manager of the Water Transportation Division, returned earlier this month from New Zealand where he negotiated the purchase for \$80,000 from the Whangarei Engineering and Construction Company Limited at Whangarei.

"These vessels are going to give us an efficient and seaworthy fleet," the Governor said. "All of our ships are going to be used to see that our people have protection and service but they are going to be used in such a way as to encourage the expansion of private shipping operations."

The two new craft have 6071 General Motors engines. They will carry 1,600 cubic feet of cargo and up to 20 passengers. When the cargo is lessened the number of people carried can be increased accordingly. The vessel are completely versitile and can be used as tugs for towing or pushing.

The boats are equipped with modern navigation equipment and they have a range of over 1,000 miles. They will be brought here under their own power with a crew of three.

Delivery may be made as early as September.

The Governor said an extensive training program for Samoans of the Division of Water Transport is being considered and it is possible that some trainees will be sent to New Zealand for training while the boats are being constructed.

Korean Congressmen Due

Five South Korean congressmen will arrive tomorrow night for a one-day visit during which they will inspect the Korean fishing fleet, the canneries and tour the island.

Members of the group area Congressmen Chung Kan Yong, Kim Byung Soon, Bai Kil Do, Lim Kap Soo and Choi Suck Lim. They will be accompanied by Han Joong Kun, a special advisor to the agriculture committee of the South Korean congress.

The group will arrive at 7:25 p.m. aboard Pan American flight 831. They will be greeted at the airport by Acting Governor A. R. Mangnall, and representatives of Star Kist and the Korea Marine Industry Development Corporation.

At 10 a.m. Sunday the group will pay a courtesy call on Governor Mangnall and then will tour the canneries. At lunch the congressmen will be the guests of S.P. Cho, KMIDC manager.

In the afternoon the group will tour the island and will stop at the Korean fishermen's cemetary at Futiga. They will leave at 1 a.m. Monday on the flight to Honolulu.

PERMIT HOURS ARE CHANGED

Beginning next week the Department of Agriculture's Plant and Animal Quarantine Service will issue import permits for plants and plant products only on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday.

Applications for permits may be made between 8 a.m. and noon and 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. on those days.

POWER OF TOMORROW

A major power outage is scheduled for tomorrow for the area from Pago Pago to the western tip of the island. Telephone service will be disrupted from Pago Pago to the eastern tip of the island.

The shutdown will allow Maintenance and Operations crews to replace a key utility pole which was knocked out last week when it was hit by a car.

Most stores are expected to stay open during the outage. Persons in the affected area were reminded to take food out of their deep freezers in advance. If freezers are not opened they will keep food safely for days but a single opening causes them to lose much of their cool.

DE GAULLE GREETES NIXON AT PARIS AIRPORT

PARIS (UPI) - President Nixon flew into Paris today and was met personally at Orly Airport by President De Gaulle.

Behind him in Rome, Mr. Nixon left a rash of anti-American demonstrations. As he headed for the Rome airport this morning, demonstrations halted his motorcade. At one point, he personally intervened with police who were beating the demonstrators.

Mr. Nixon can expect more of the same in Paris. The French capital is already embroiled in a series of anti-U.S. outbursts. And thousands of tough riot police were on hand at Orly Airport as De Gaulle greeted Mr. Nixon.

Mr. Nixon referred to his host as "a great companion in the search for peace." That apparently was the opening shot in an all-out effort to restore strained relations between France and America to an even keel.

De Gaulle's airport remarks were brief. He spoke of the importance of exchanging views. And he concluded with the words: "Long live the United States of America."

Following the airport ceremonies, Mr. Nixon headed for the Arc De Triomphe to lay a wreath at the tomb of the unknown soldier. Only a few Parisians turned out to watch the motorcade as it sped across the Seine and up the Champs Elysee to the Arc.

After laying a wreath at the tomb, Mr. Nixon was introduced to a delegation of French war veterans. And, as he has done throughout his European tour, he made a point of walking up to the crowds of spectators to shake hands.

Mr. Nixon then headed to the Elysee Palace for talks with President De Gaulle.

SIRHAN'S DEFENSE
GETS UNDER WAY

LOS ANGELES (UPI) - It's the turn of the defense now in the trial of Sirhan Sirhan.

His mother and brothers and psychiatrists who have examined him were to take the stand beginning today to buttress defense contentions that Sirhan is mentally deranged and shot Senator Robert Kennedy in a fit of derangement.

Sirhan himself is expected to testify next week. Sirhan has staged a number of violent emotional outbursts in court, and no one predicts how he may react on the stand. His lawyers may be hoping another wild outburst from Sirhan will convince the jury he is too sick to have planned the assassination.

Sirhan's lawyers say he does not remember the shooting.

FOOD STAMP PAIN
DRAWS PROTEST

SOUTH CAROLINA (UPI) - A group of poor people in South Carolina are complaining that the government's new free food stamp program won't do them any good.

About 150 welfare recipients in Beaufort County said today the program is just a "gimmick" because it excludes every family making more than \$30 a month. Plenty of people in South Carolina who try to live on just a little more than that are, they say, also on the edge of starvation. The Beaufort County group wants food stamps distributed free to every one who now has to buy them under present government rules.

SHAW TRIAL
NEARS END

NEW ORLEANS (UPI) - District Attorney Jim Garrison today wound up his case against Clay Shaw, charged with conspiracy to kill John Kennedy. His final witness was a handwriting expert who testified it was "highly probable" that Shaw signed the name "Clay Bertrand" in an airline guest book in 1966. Garrison claims this is an alias used by Shaw while engaged in the conspiracy. Shaw has testified he never used the name.

Today, the prosecution also called back its chief medical witness who testified that the bullet that struck Kennedy probably was fired from the front, contrary to the Warren Report which says he was shot from the back.

Summations are still to come but the jury may get the case later today.

TWO DANCES
SET TONIGHT

The Choir Youth Group of the Catholic Church in Leone will hold a dance at 7:30 p.m. today in the Old Marist Brothers School at Leone. Music will be by the Leonidas.

The Youth Group of the Congregational Christian Church of Lau'i'i will hold a dance at 7:30 p.m. today in Lee Auditorium. Music will be provided by the Penina O Le Tiafau.

Admission fee is \$1, and a heavy supper will be served at both affairs.

TO SEND BILLS

The Comptroller's Office announced today that in the future persons who live in government housing and do not pay their rent by the tenth of the month will receive bills.

EISENHOWER DEVELOPS PNEUMONIA

WASHINGTON, (UPI) - Former President Dwight Eisenhower, still recovering from major intestinal surgery, has developed pneumonia.

The complication came to light in a mid-morning bulletin issue by Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington. That statement reads:

"General Eisenhower spent a restless night. He experienced some respiratory difficulty during the night which is due to pneumonia which has developed in the right lung base."

Mr. Eisenhower underwent surgery for an acute intestinal blockage last Sunday night. He weathered the two-hour, 20-minute operation with no major setback. During the early part of this week, his recovery appeared to be progressing so well that the usual two-a-day medical bulletins were reduced to one as of yesterday.

The latest bulletin on Mr. Eisenhower reports: "He is generally weaker this morning but is co-operative and determined to overcome this latest complication."

MAJOR EARTHQUAKE
SHAKES IBERIAN AREA

area.

The quake was believed to have centered near the Azores and was felt virtually in every town of Portugal. It broke seismological instruments in Lisbon. U.S. scientists said the earthquake was the strongest occurring anywhere in the world since the Alaskan disaster of 1964.

BERLIN ELECTION
STILL SCHEDULED

WEST BERLIN, (UPI) - A West German cabinet official said today the East German regime has until Sunday to come up with an acceptable plan to open the Berlin wall to two-way traffic.

Otherwise, said State Secretary Guenther Diehl, West Germany will elect its federal president in West Berlin on schedule next Wednesday.

The East Germans and the Russians have threatened to sever Berlin's arteries to the West if the election takes place in the divided city. Bonn says it will consider moving the election elsewhere if the Communists open the Berlin wall several times a year.

REPUBLICANS HAVE
'SECRET' PLANS

WASHINGTON, (UPI) - The Republicans today were asking their faithful party contributors to ante up for a "top secret" plan to capture the House of Representatives next year.

The plan is so hush-hush the GOP isn't telling even the people who are being asked to pay for it. A letter sent to 150,000 potential GOP donors by Congressman Bob Wilson of California says, "Details of the program must be kept secret...the plan would lose much of its vote-getting power if the Democrats learned about this new approach." The letter came to light after a Democratic congressman got hold of a copy and inserted it in the Congressional Record.

Democrats on Capitol Hill were reacting with amusement and some indignation. Most believe there's no secret plan at all and that the new approach is just a new Republican twist on an old pitch for campaign funds.

BOMBERS HIT
VIET POSITIONS

SAIGON, (UPI) - In the heaviest raids in four months, U.S. B-52 bombers today hurled 1,000 tons of explosive into Communist guerrilla positions around the northern edge of Saigon. U.S. intelligence says 65,000 enemy troops are within striking distance of the capital, but sources said the Communist offensive now appears to be waning. Unofficial casualty totals put Communist dead at more than 6,000.

ISRAELI PREMIER
IS BURIED

TEL AVIV, (UPI) - A man of peace who led his nation in war was buried today amid signs of continuing tension in the Middle East.

Israeli Premier Levi Eshkol's casket was moved solemnly through Jerusalem's streets to its final resting place. Helicopters whirled overhead and dozens of soldiers, their submachine guns cocked, stood guard as the funeral cortege passed.

The 73-year-old Eshkol was buried on Mount Herzl, which commands a view of the Mediterranean, the village of Bethlehem and the Dead Sea. The peaceful site reminded some of Eshkol's wish in days past that he might get away from his office to the hills where he had farmed as a young man newly arrived in Palestine from Russia.

PETS PROTECTED, TOO

WASHINGTON, (UPI) - The Federal Trade Commission is tightening its regulations to prevent deception in labeling and advertising food even if the consumer can't read the label.

The commission says that food manufactured for dogs and cats cannot be called "stew" or "hash" unless it meets the Agriculture Department's standards for such products intended for humans.

SPORTS NEWS (UPI)SPEAKING OF BASKETBALL

This could be a big weekend for basketball's sixth-ranked Kentucky Wildcats. They're expected to wrap up their 24th Southeastern conference title and earn their 18th bid to the NCAA championships.

The Wildcats play Vanderbilt tomorrow afternoon and Auburn Monday night. In earlier games this season, Kentucky whipped Vanderbilt 103-89 and Auburn 105-93. High-scoring Kentucky has scored more than 100 points in six of its last 10 games.

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Louisiana State's Pete Maravich needs only 14 points to become the first college basketball player to score 1,000 points in more than one season. "Pistol Pete" has 986 points for the season and should soar well past the 1,000 mark in tomorrow's game against Mississippi. Maravich leads major college basketball with an average of 42.9.

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Of the 10 at-large basketball teams selected for the NCAA tournament, only St. John's Seattle and Dayton have ever reached the finals. All lost. St. John's bowed to Kansas in 1952, Seattle had Elgin Baylor but lost to Kentucky in 1958 and Dayton was beaten by UCLA in 1967. Villanova and Duquesne have advanced as far as the semi-finals, the Wildcats in 1939 and the Dukes in 1940.

BASEBALL STARS SQUABBLE OVER SALARY TERMS

Some of baseball's top stars are squabbling over salary terms but it'll take another day before they become official holdouts. All Major League players have until March 1 to put on their uniforms. One of the top players still negotiating is last year's Major League home run leader, Frank Howard. Howard hit 44 home runs for the Washington Senators and reportedly wants \$80,000. The Los Angeles Dodgers and veteran pitcher Don Drysdale are reported close to an agreement. Said player personal director Al Champanis: "I talked to him and we're reasonably close." Slugger Mickey Mantle is scheduled to show up at the New York Yankees' camp at Fort Lauderdale. If Mantle's legs are up to playing this season, he'll get another \$100,000 contract. "Name" players still out of the fold include Bob Gibson, Lou Brock and Curt Flood of the St. Louis Cardinals, and Pete Rose of the Cincinnati Reds. Rose led the majors in batting last year.

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TV FOR TONIGHT

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7:00 Friendly Giant: "Music & Trains"
7:15 Talofa Tamaiti
7:25 Peter and The Wolf
7:55 News In English
8:10 What's New
8:40 Movie: "The Private War Of Major Benson"

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TV SATURDAY NIGHT

7:00 Leave It to Beaver, Beaver Makes a loan"
7:24 Disneyland Movie: "Two Happy Amigos"
8:15 Rifleman: "Mail Order Groom"
8:41 I Spy: "Get Thee To a Nunnery"

News For The Farmers of American Samoa

BE CAREFUL WHICH PLANT YOU EAT OR TOUCH

(By The Department of Agriculture)

American Samoa has a number of plants, both old and new, which can cause various degree of harm to people who touch or eat them. Some cause only relatively minor discomforts such as skin irritations, but others can cause seriously painful sickness and even death.

These plants may grow wild in the forest or field, or they may be so attractive they are used for landscaping the yards of homes and other buildings.

Everyone should learn to identify certain poisonous plants to avoid accidental harm. Children are especially susceptible to the danger of poisoning because they may eat seeds and flowers or chew on branches indiscriminately. Parents should make sure their children are warned to leave dangerous plants alone.

There are two basic rules for avoiding poisonous plants:

- Never eat or taste any strange fruit, seed, leaf, flower or root.
- Avoid touching plants you do not know, especially those with hairy leaves, milky juices or sap, or thorny leaves, fruit, or seed pods.

If you suspect that you or someone else has been poisoned by a plant, call your doctor or the hospital immediately and follow the instructions you are given. Tell the doctor the name of the plant or describe its appearance, the amount eaten, and the symptom of the sickness such as dizziness or nausea. If possible, take a leaf, seed, or other parts of the plant to the doctor or hospital to make it easier to determine the best medicine to fight the poison.

In the interest of farmers and the general public, for the next few weeks "News for Farmers" will describe some of the most commonly found poisonous plants in American Samoa, beginning this week with one of the deadliest.

OLEANDER (NERIUM OLEANDER L.)

Oleander is an ornamental landscaping plant in Hawaii and Samoa only relatively recently. One place where shrubs can be seen is the yards of Row across the street from Samoana.

These shrubs can grow as high as between four and eight inches pointed at the ends. The leaves have light veins. The flowers are five petals ranging in color from white to pink and they have an appealing sweet scent. The fruits are cylindrical pods growing in pairs. The tiny seeds have wings.

All parts of the oleander are highly poisonous if eaten. The most common way oleander poisoning is taken into the body is through food cooked on oleander branches or stems over picnic fires -- the sap bubbles out of the wood and contaminates the food.

In Hawaii over the past few years, there have been several instances in which servicemen from the mainland have died because of eating food they skewered on oleander branches to cook over an open fire. The poison is so strong that the smoke from burning oleander and wood can cause people to faint or lose consciousness.

The symptoms of oleander poisoning are nausea, vomiting, colic, dizziness, drowsiness, irregular heart action, bloody diarrhea, unconsciousness, respiratory paralysis, and death.

Anyone suspected of being poisoned by oleander should be made to vomit and given a strong laxative if the illness is still in the early stage. A doctor or hospital should be called immediately.



shrub which has long been a popular California but came to American Samoa. One place on Tutuila where cleaner government houses on Penicillin and Fia Iloa schools.

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VEGETABLES TESTED IN AMERICAN SAMOA'S CLIMATE

(By The Department of Agriculture)

A vegetable family has as many members or varieties -- and widely separated homes -- as a Samoan aiga. For example, the tomato family has hundreds of varieties, some of which thrive in wet, hot climates while others refuse to grow outside of cool, dry areas.

For this reason, commercial farmers and home gardeners everywhere who want successful crops instead of failures should plant only those vegetable varieties recommended for their particular locales.

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VEGETABLES TESTED IN AMERICAN SAMOA'S CLIMATE

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The Department of Agriculture has conducted extensive tests with numerous varieties of vegetables popular with local consumers to determine which ones grow well in American Samoa's climate and soils. Many of the tested varieties were entirely unsatisfactory, but a good number did prove to be well suited for planting here.

One illustration of the difficulties in finding the right varieties for local use is the case of the experiments with head cabbage. For several years all varieties tested grew heads too small to be worth the trouble of cultivating. In 1965 a Japanese variety was found which could be depended upon here to produce heads comparable in size and quality to those imported commercially from the U.S. and New Zealand. This variety of head cabbage is now grown widely here.

The following list includes all varieties tested by the Department of Agriculture and demonstrated to grow well in American Samoa under most circumstances.

Cucumber	--	M & M Hybrid; Burpee Hybrid
Chinese cabbage	--	Cheefoo Improved
Eggplant (long)	--	Kurume Long Purple
Head cabbage	--	K-Y Cross
Lettuce	--	Green Mignonette
Pepper	--	California Wonder; Yolo Wonder; Keystone Resistant Giant
Pole beans	--	Hawaiian Wonder; Kentucky Wonder; Yard Long
Radish, red	--	Cherry Belle
Radish, White	--	Chinese, Mino Early Long White
Sweet Corn	--	Hawaiian Sugar; Golden Cross Bantam
Tomato	--	Roma
Watermelon	--	Charleston Gray; Chilean Black Seeded

There may be other varieties of these vegetables which have not yet been tested but would also be good producers here. As the Department of Agriculture learns of other suitable varieties, it will pass on the information to the public.

Seeds for all the varieties listed above are usually in stock at the Department of Agriculture's Market Office in Fagatogo and are available for sale to the public. Several local merchants also carry vegetable seeds.

If a farmer or gardener cannot obtain the seeds he wants locally, he may use the Department of Agriculture's seed catalogs to order from seed companies by mail.

For the sake of economy, the seeds of harvested tomatoes, eggplants, sweet corn, pole beans, and watermelons can be used to start the next crops. The other vegetables listed above, however, should be started with seeds from commercial growers for best results.

HERE'S AN INCOME PRODUCER

Between July and December, 1968, approximately 785 pounds of head cabbage grown in American Samoa were sold at the Fagatogo Market at 25 cents a pound for a total gross of \$196.25.

In that same period, 64,735 pounds of head cabbage were imported to be sold here by local merchants. If local farmers had been able to supply all the head cabbage the market could sell during that time, they would have grossed another \$16,683.75 from just that one crop.

Need a job? Grow head cabbage.

REPORT SAYS BLACK-WHITE RIFT WIDENS

WASHINGTON (UPI) - Urban America Incorporated said today the gulf between blacks and whites in America is widening. The report comes one year after the Kerner Report and says no progress has been made in the interim. In the words of the report, "The significant question is not whether black-white polarization will cause disorders next summer, but whether it will become a permanent American institution."

REAGAN PROPOSAL ON DEMONSTRATIONS REJECTED

WASHINGTON (UPI) - The nation's governors today turned aside a demand by Governor Ronald Reagan of California for a federal investigation of campus disorders. Meeting in Washington, the governors instead pledged their full support for anything President Nixon might do to solve the problem. Reagan had said there was evidence the demonstrations were co-ordinated nationally. Vice President Agnew assured the governors that the Justice Department was keeping watch on college demonstrations for possible violations of federal law.