

Manu'a Water Plan Aired

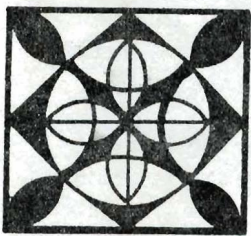
A cooperative plan for furnishing water systems for all villages of Manu'a was outlined yesterday before the Senate by officials of the Department of Public Works.

Director Matt Oliver and Engineer Phil Keener said the islands will need four systems which will cost a total of \$74,700. Under the plan, the territorial government would contribute \$51,100 and the villages of Manu'a \$23,600. Labor would be provided by the villages and supervision by the Public Works Department.

Keener said a New Zealand driller is to handle the sinking of four deep wells. He will use a special demountable drilling rig which can be taken ashore in manageable-sized parts. He said work can begin on the wells in mid-April and be completed by September 1.

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BULLETIN

FOR THE PEOPLE OF AMERICAN SAMOA. PAGO PAGO.

Bank Hearing Set Tomorrow

A public hearing on the proposal to allow the Bank of Hawaii to open a local branch and convert the Bank of American Samoa into a development bank is scheduled for 1:30 p.m. Wednesday before the House of Representatives sitting as a committee of the whole.

Expected to testify are Munday Johnston, special assistant to the Governor, Clifford Horsman, manager of the Bank of American Samoa and Attorney General Charles Habernigg.

Already introduced in the House are the two measures which would make the move possible.

One is a bill establishing a charter for the development bank. The other is a resolution asking the Governor and other members of the board of directors of the Bank of American Samoa to proceed with arrangements for the change. Their action would be subject to approval by the Secretary of Interior, the board of directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation and the Legislature through another concurrent resolution.

Power Shortage Critical

Tutuila faced a critical power shortage this morning and all residents were urged to conserve electricity.

The problem began developing Saturday when bearings in the Number 5 generator, which produces 3,000 kw, burned out. Additional trouble came yesterday when the 2,000 kw Number 4 generator began throwing oil. Some repairs were made on it last night but it was operating this morning at only part of its capacity.

Jim Lee, manager of the Maintenance and Operations Division, said that street lights and outside flood lights will be reduced tonight.

Tafuna was without power all last night. It was to be restored there this morning and the Eastern District, which had electricity last night, was to be turned completely off today. Some areas of the Western District may be without power today.

Lee said the shifts were being made to spread out enough power to prevent food in deep freezers from spoiling.

He asked that housewives not use clothes driers and that all unnecessary lights be turned off. He said air conditioners should be cut off where possible. The shortage may call for even more drastic reductions, he said.

L A T E B U L L E T I N S

ZURICH, Switzerland. (UPI) - Officials at Zurich's International Airport said today unidentified gunmen fired several machine gun bursts at an El Al Israel jetliner. Reports said fire was returned from the plane and one of the four attackers was killed. The other three were reported arrested.

It was not immediately known if any of the plane's passengers and crew were killed or wounded. Swiss police and airport officials delayed comment on the reports.

WASHINGTON, (UPI) - Secretary of State William Rogers made an appearance on Capitol Hill today and relayed President Nixon's wish for quick ratification of the nuclear non-proliferation treaty. Rogers told the Senate Foreign Relations Committee "there is no effort of greater importance" than preventing the spread of atomic weapons.

TONGAN HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMP TO MEET SAIPELE TONIGHT

(By Fa'alepo Fa'alepo Jr.)

A 10-round special bout between Saipele Saipele of Western Samoa and Tongan champion heavyweight George Mahoni is set for 7:30 p.m. today in Lee Auditorium.

Both boxers are confident.

It will be the second clash for the two boxers. Saipele will try to defend his technical knockout decision over Mahoni when they met February 8 in Western Samoa.

A full house is expected for tonight's show.

Local bouts will be featuring tonight.

NEW LEGISLATIVE
BUILDING PROPOSED

The Legislature is considering a House bill which would appropriate up to \$100,000 from local revenue in excess of \$3.6 million in the fiscal year ending June 30 for the building of two Samoan-type buildings to serve as chambers for the House and Senate and offices for the Legislative Reference Bureau.

Also in the hopper are bills which would make building permits valid for one year instead of for 60 days. Another would curb the importation of air and gas weapons into the territory.

SOFT DRINK TAX
IS DEBATED

The Senate this morning was scheduled to hear testimony on a bill passed by the House last week which would levy a tax on soft drinks with a higher rate on those imported from outside the U.S. and its territories.

CAGE RESULTS

In girls basketball play, Samoana will meet Mapusaga at Samoana at 3:30 p.m. tomorrow while Faga'itua plays Leone at Leone. Boys games will not be played this week because of the holiday Friday.

Last week in the girls league Samoana defeated Faga'itua 52-22 with Mele of Samoana scoring a season high with 31 points. Leone girls downed Mapusaga girls 24 to 9. In the boys league Mapusaga defeated Samoana 53-49 with Aitofele of Mapusaga ripping the nets for 30 points.

FRIDAY IS
A HOLIDAY

There is a long week end coming up with Friday, which is Washington's Birthday, an official holiday. Only essential government services will be operating.

MAINTENANCE WORKERS
GO ON REDUCED HOURS

A shortage of funds yesterday forced the Department of Public Works to place over 300 maintenance workers in the Maintenance and Operations Division on a 32-hour workweek. The move amounts to a reduction in force of about 20 percent in that division.

* The cut will not apply to utility workers and certain shift employees whose skills are in short supply.

PTA MEET DELAYED

The February general meeting of the Fia Iloa Parent-Teacher Association has been delayed from tomorrow night until 7 p.m. February 26. This will enable students to complete science projects for display at the meeting.

Ship arrives due in Pago Pago Harbor: Tahiti Maru, tomorrow; USS Taylor and USS Walker, February 21. USS Strauss and USS Jenkins, February 22. Mariposa, February 23. Ventura, February 26 and Jarama, February 28.

AUTOPSY ITEMS
ORDERED TO COURT

WASHINGTON (UPI) - A legal battle is developing around the autopsy photographs and X-rays of President Kennedy. A federal judge in Washington ordered the material taken to New Orleans for the Clay Shaw trial. But the Justice Department said it will appeal in order to keep the material out of sight in the National Archives. The federal government has given its word to the Kennedy family that the autopsy records won't be made public until 1971.

Yesterday at the trial in New Orleans, Kansas City pathologist Dr. John Nichols testified after watching a film of the assassination that the fatal bullet could have been fired from the front. The Warren Report states that Lee Harvey Oswald shot the President from behind.

EUROPEAN UNION
TALKS GOING ON

LONDON (UPI) - Six Common Market nations and Britain are proceeding with a meeting of the Western European Union in the face of a demand by French President De Gaulle that the meeting be cancelled. France says it will boycott the WEU meetings indefinitely. Diplomats in London say the quarrel could touch off a new Common Market crisis.

REDS CLOSE GATEWAY TO WEST BERLIN

BERLIN (UPI) - The East Germans today turned up the heat a notch on West Berlin.

This morning, Communist authorities at the Babelsberg checkpoint, on the main highway route to West Berlin, closed the border for an hour and 50-minutes.

The action follows threats of retaliation for what the Soviets and East Germans call a "provocation" by Bonn.

The West German assembly plans to gather in West Berlin next month to elect a federal president. The East Germans say West Germany has no claim on Berlin, which lies 110 miles inside East Germany. And they have threatened, as in the past, to take measures which might result in the most serious Berlin crisis since the 1948 blockade.

President Nixon is due in West Berlin nine days from today. Many European diplomats wonder if the Soviets are testing his resolve.

SEIZED YACHTS
SEEN IN CHINA

HONG KONG (UPI) - Sailors returning to Hong Kong have reported seeing three missing pleasure yachts, seized Sunday by Communist Chinese gunboats, riding at anchor in a mainland Chinese harbor.

The yachts and 15 persons aboard, including four Americans, were seized while on a Chinese New Year's Day cruise from Hong Kong to Macao. Peking maintained official silence on the fate of the passengers.

Diplomats from several nations said attempts are being made to persuade Peking to admit seizing the yachts and agree to return them. With their passengers, to Hong Kong. They report "no positive response" to the queries.

MEKONG DELTA
OUTPOST BATTERED

SAIGON (UPI) - Military spokesmen in Saigon said today Communist guerrillas last night overran and mauled a South Vietnamese outpost in the Mekong Delta.

The defenders suffered six men killed, seven wounded and 82 missing. U.S. helicopter gunships were rushed to the scene and quickly drove off the attackers, who left 12 dead on the field. The battle occurred 50 miles southwest of Saigon.

The battleship New Jersey shelled North Viet Nam for the first time in 1969, wiping out a machinegun nest that had fired on a U.S. spotting plane.

Military spokesmen said the 16-inch shells of the battlegroup screamed into the North Vietnamese half of the demilitarized zone Friday. The spokesmen said the North Vietnamese guns had fired at the U.S. scout craft, which in turn directed the battleship's fire on the machinegun nest.

NLF SPOKESMAN
HITS AT AIR STRIKES

PARIS (UPI) - The National Liberation Front's Paris spokesman today, denounced the resumption of allied air raids in Viet Nam while the Communist truce still is nominally in force.

The NLF spokesman declared "no coalition is possible" with the Saigon administration. Earlier, South Vietnamese President Thieu said much the same about the Viet Cong.

The next public session of the talks comes tomorrow.

JACKSON SAYS SENTINEL
STILL WILL BE BUILT

WASHINGTON (UPI) - Senator Henry Jackson said today that contrary to some reports the Nixon administration is not considering scrapping the multi-billion dollar anti-ballistic system known as the

Sentinel.

The Washington Democrat is regarded as a leading authority on the project. In an interview, Jackson said the Pentagon review of the ABM is aimed only at deciding whether to limit it to a system that would only protect offensive missile sites.

The issue may get another airing this week when Secretary of State William Rogers and Defense Secretary Melvin Laird testify before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. The chairman of the panel, Senator J. William Fulbright, says he thinks ABM deployment is inconsistent with the nuclear non-proliferation treaty. The treaty calls on the nuclear powers to start immediate talks on nuclear arms control.

POVERTY OFFICE
LOSES TWO PROGRAMS

WASHINGTON (UPI) - The Nixon administration will strip the War on Poverty's Office of Economic Opportunity of two big programs, Head Start and the Job Corps, giving one to Health, Education and Welfare and the other to the Labor Department.

The impending change was announced yesterday to Republican legislators by President Nixon's urban affairs adviser, Daniel Moyhihan added that for the time being OEO will remain otherwise intact.

SPORTS NEWS (UPI)NORTH CAROLINA IS DROPPED FROM SECOND PLACE

NEW YORK, (UPI) - For the first time all season the Tarheels of North Carolina are not in their familiar number two spot in the college basketball ratings. North Carolina was knocked out of the number two spot behind top rated UCLA by South Carolina who handed them a stunning 68-66 defeat. Undefeated Santa Clara has taken over the second spot with a 21-0 record.

In order it's, UCLA, first, Santa Clara, second, North Carolina, third, Davidson, fourth, Lasalle, fifth, Kentucky, sixth, St. John's of New York, seventh, Purdue, eighth, Villanova, ninth, and Duquesne, 10th.

Rounding out the top 20, South Carolina is 11th, Tulsa, 12th, New Mexico State, 13th, Louisville, 14th, Ohio State, 15th, Illinois, 16th, New Mexico and Wyoming tied for the 17th spot and Columbia and Kansas are tied for the 19th position.

UCLA SNAPS BACK TO DRUB WASHINGTON

There's no stopping UCLA even when opponents use the deliberate slowdown. The top-ranked Bruins posted their 20th straight victory of the 1968-1969 season and 36th in a row last night by coming from behind to beat Washington 53-44. UCLA's Lew Alcindor triggered the Bruins to an 11-point spree late in the second half to lift UCLA from a four-point deficit. Kentucky's fast-breaking Wildcats virtually clinched their 24th Southeastern Conference basketball title with an 85-77 victory over Georgia.

SPORTS AT A GLANCE

San Diego's Elvin Hayes has National Basketball Association scoring honors just about wrapped up. Hayes leads the league with an average of 29-point-five.

National Hockey League governors will discuss problems of the Oakland franchise at a meeting in New York. Various proposals have been made to transfer the franchise to Vancouver or Buffalo or stand pat.

Major league baseball players and owners are still stalemated on the pension issue.

The Macon International Tennis Tournament begins today in Georgia. Clark Graebner is top-seeded.

THE SPICE OF THE DAY'S SPORTS MENU

The Minnesota North Stars of the National Hockey league are glad to have Claude Larose. The former Montreal Canadian right winger is one of those players who can bring a hockey crowd to its feet any time he's on the ice.

Larose is an all-around hockey player. He skates fast and deceptively...gets his hard, accurate shot off quickly...and checks like a defenseman.

He scored 55 goals in three seasons with the Canadians and added five more in Stanley Cup play. But last season his production fell off to two goals and nine assists and Montreal traded him.

Larose says he's glad to be with the North Stars because he's getting far more playing time than he would with an established club. Chicago Black Hawks Coach Billy Reay calls Larose the best player in the NHL's Western Division.

Two months ago Claude's skate struck an object on the ice and he slipped, damaging a groin muscle that still bothers him. He missed 10 games but still is among the division scoring leaders.

CHANNEL 2

TV FOR TONIGHT

CHANNEL 4

7:00 Friendly Giant: "Songs & Songs"
7:15 Talofa Tamaiti
7:25 Misterogers' Neighborhood
7:55 News In English
8:10 What's New
8:40 Wide World Of Sports

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8:15 Net Jazz: "Thad Jones & Mel Lewis"
8:45 Net Playhouse: "National Theater Of
The Deaf"

WEDNESDAY'S TIDE: Hi, 0251. Lo, 0921. Hi, 1515. Lo, 2133.

NEWSMAN FINDS HUNGARIANS MAKING PROGRESS

Editor's Note: Karol Thaler, UPI chief diplomatic correspondent for Europe, is on a swing through the Communist satellite countries of Eastern Europe. Here's what he found in Hungary.

By Karol Thaler

Budapest, (UPI) - Hungarians proudly refer to their country as the Switzerland of Communist East Europe. The capitalistic Swiss would wince at this comparison.

But, relatively speaking, Hungarians may well claim they have never had it so good since the Communist regime was established.

After the grim times of the Stalinist regime under Matyas Rakosi, the 1956 revolt and the rumbling of Soviet tanks in the streets of Budapest, Hungary today enjoys markedly improved living conditions.

The regime of Party Chief Janos Kadar has, according to best available information, managed to come out unscathed from the aftermath of Russia's military intervention in Czechoslovakia and the tightening of Moscow's grip on its allies.

Compared with the regimes in East Germany and Poland, Hungary appears to follow a middle-of-the-road type of Communism in which the party prevails. It keeps tight control on the life of the nation, allowing the people nevertheless to go about their business without undue interference.

The uneasy look over the shoulder, the fear of the midnight knock at the door or of the secret police are things of the past now almost forgotten.

Shops are well stocked with a growing variety of goods, of slowly improving quality. Food is ample and the choice generous.

French liquors, Scotch whisky, and Havana cigars are some of the luxuries of foreign make which can be had in liberal quantity, among the produce of some of the East European neighbors.

Restaurants offer greatly improved standards and service, and traditional gypsy music rivals with pop and rock in some of Budapest's flourishing night clubs. Even striptease has begun to make its appearance.

Two American-financed hotels are in the process of construction. An Intercontinental Hotel is expected to be completed by next fall and a Hilton Hotel, the first in Communist East Europe, will probably be completed within two years. Hungary is readying for a growing tourist industry, as one of the potential hard currency earners.

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Refrigerators, washing machines, and electrical appliances abound. Often they are too expensive for the ordinary family to acquire. Many tradition-bound Hungarians show reticence toward the new mechanical devices.

With earnings averaging from 1,300 forints monthly at its lowest (about \$43) and 4,000 florints (\$133) for the highly skilled worker the scope for luxuries is strictly limited.

A pair of men's shoes of reasonable quality could take up to one fourth of a month's salary, and even more in the case of ladies shoes.

Managers, top officials, technocrats and the like can make up to 10 times the salary of an ordinary unskilled worker.

The general appearance of the Hungarian Communist capital of Budapest also has gradually improved. Neon lights have appeared everywhere in the city's main streets. Displays in shop windows are less drab.

Radios and television are in most homes. The latest fashion...and a new status symbol apparently...is to carry transistor radios on an evening stroll, blaring away full blast.

Miniskirts are in fashion and makeup of considerable variety is available, but discreetly used. The male youth does not seem to follow Western fashion to the same degree. Long haired or sack clothed, bearded apparitions of the hippie type are a rare exception. More often they are foreigners who attract critical attention, rather than admiration.

The automobile is still a dream as a means of mass transportation. Few cars are available at prohibitive prices and on priority basis. But traffic is increasing. Budapest boasts that it now has a parking problem.

CONGRESS IS TAKING A LONG LOOK AT INCOME TAX LAWS

(By United Press International)

Congress starts an investigation today of what's wrong with the income tax laws.

Now don't everyone rush up and say they're too high.

This investigation will probably last two years and Congress wouldn't need one day of hearings to establish from witnesses that taxpayers think the taxes are too high.

The tax-writing House Ways and Means Committee, is trying to find out whether:

Tax players being treated fairly under the law?

Is one person paying more than he really should be expected to and another paying less than he should?

Are the taxpayers being hit according to their ability to pay?

The fact is that in many instances they are not. And frequently intentionally so.

No matter what the theory is, the practical matter is that all groups of taxpayers aren't treated the same.

But what is one man's tax loophole is simply fair treatment to the taxpayer who benefits.

Over the years, Congress has passed numerous tax amendments favoring certain groups for social or other objectives it felt desirable at the time.

There is special treatment for the aged, for investors, for home-owners, for real estate developers, for those who make their incomes from state or local bonds, for the blind, for oil men, coal men, clay men, for those who own stocks, for those who modernize their plants, for those who are sick, for those who are married, for the widowed, for those who are robbed or suffer losses through natural disasters, for those who build up large estates through life insurance, for those who give to charity, for charitable and private foundations, and even for those who don't want to bother keeping records for personal deductions.

The special tax preferences, exemptions, deductions, benefits are countless. And just as many questions are bound to arise during the hearings.

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But generally the questions fall into two categories:

One...is the purpose for which the special tax treatment was granted still valid and should it be accomplished through tax favoritism?

Two...is it accomplishing the result Congress intended?

An example of the first case might be the oil depletion allowance and the equally profitable method of escaping taxes by selling shares in oil production. Are those tax benefits still needed to encourage oil research? Were they ever?

An example of the second might be the way a few multi-millionaires have used a special charity provision designed to forgive their taxes if they give away almost all their income for several years. The way it works out, these multi-million dollar income too.

Another example of a gap between intent and result would be the way some 14,000 non-farmers are using special provisions for farm income to cut their taxes on incomes which have nothing to do with agriculture.

Whether for good or bad, the exemptions, loopholes, favoritism, tax avoidance or whatever you want to call it, have distorted the concept of ability to pay. It is possible, for example, for one taxpayer to have an income of \$15,000 to spend on himself and family during the year and pay only \$300 in taxes, while a neighbor who earned \$15,000 in wages could have to pay as much as \$3,000 and more.

According to treasury figuring, the present income tax setup requires that two and one-quarter million families with incomes below the government poverty level pay taxes of some kind while some very wealthy pay nothing or very little compared with their ability to carry the tax load.

That is the situation which the Congress is out to study and perhaps correct.

INFLATION TERMED TOP PROBLEM FOR NIXON

Washington, (UPI) - The head of the President's Council of Economic Advisers told a congressional committee today that halting inflation is the Nixon administration's top-priority economic job.

Paul McCracken said he hopes anti-inflation measures can be used that will not lead to any significant unemployment, though there will be some effect on jobs.

INTERIOR SECRETARY HICKEL ISSUES NEW REGULATIONS

WASHINGTON, (UPI) - Secretary of the Interior Walter Hickel put the pressure on oil companies today and issued new regulations making them liable for the cost of cleaning up any pollution which results from offshore drilling on federal leases. The regulations are immediately effective.