



BULLETIN

FOR THE PEOPLE OF AMERICAN SAMOA, PAGO PAGO.
Visitors In '68: 10,922

American Samoa topped its goal in attracting tourists in 1968, the Office of Tourism reported yesterday.

An influx of 1,159 visitors in December brought the year's total to 10,922. It had been expected early in the year that the number would barely top the 10,000 mark.

The total figure included tourists, business visitors and transit visitors.

The outlook for 1969 looked even better with the final ruling in the Trans Pacific Route Case which President Johnson handed down last month. It will permit Continental Airlines to serve American Samoa and the airline is expected to build a hotel here.

Another indication of an increase of boat visitors came with the announcement that the President Cleveland will call here on Tuesday, January 28. It will be the first time a President Lines ship has called here.

Fofu Suniak, head of the Office of Tourism, said that the visit will be a test for the shipping line to see how their passengers enjoy an American Samoa stop. He said if they react favorably other President liners could call here in the future. He indicated some special events may be planned for the Cleveland visitors.

Sirhan May Get Trial Delay

LOS ANGELES (UPI) - There were indications today of another possible delay in the Sirhan Sirhan trial.

The man accused of killing Senator Robert Kennedy last June was brought into court in Los Angeles today to stand trial.

But within a minute after court convened, the defense requested permission to make a motion in chambers, and the judge, attorneys and defendant retired to the judge's chambers. There was no indication what the motion was.

The 24-year-old Arab immigrant was wearing a light blue suit.

Only five members of the public showed up seeking seats. They were three elderly men and two women, including a Negro couple. The courtroom was jammed with court attaches, prospective jurors and representatives of the world's press.

PLANS COMPLETE FOR TOYS FOR TOTS TOMORROW

Final plans were being completed today for the visit tomorrow of the Matson Liner Mariposa with Santa Claus as a passenger.

He will take part in the annual Toys for Tots events sponsored by the cooks and waiters union on the vessel.

The affair is for smaller children who were asked to assemble at Lee Auditorium by about 8:30 a.m. Santa will arrive at the auditorium 9 a.m. and the children then will be filtered into the auditorium where they will receive gifts.

Police Chief Harry Tu'ufuli issued a renewed warning against disorderly conduct. He said the boys and girls should be patient and take their time in moving through the line.

He also asked older children and adults not to participate since the affair is planned each year for the smaller kids.

SHIP SCHEDULE

Vessels due to Pago Pago Harbor: Mariposa, January 8; Thorsgard, January 11; Iberia, January 12; Samoa Maru, January 14; Orsova, January 15; Arcadia, January 16; Tanker Banos, January 20; Sierra, January 23; President Cleveland, January 28; Sonoma and Monterey, January 29; Ventura, February 2 and Cheusan, February 10.

LATE BULLETIN--Sirhan's motion for delay denied. The trial began.

NIXON CABINET
CALLED TO MEETING

NEW YORK (UPI) - President-Elect Richard Nixon today called on his cabinet appointees to meet Friday and Saturday in his New York headquarters.

Ronald Ziegler, news spokesman for Mr. Nixon, said the cabinet nominees will meet with several task forces which have been studying domestic problems for the President Elect. He said they also will confer with Mr. Nixon.

NEW MOVES AIMED AT GETTING PEACE TALKS STARTED

PARIS (UPI) - American and South Vietnamese representatives met in Paris today in another attempt to get expanded war negotiations off the ground before President Johnson leaves office. As usual, the issue is procedure. The allies were trying to draft a revised list of ground rules that will be acceptable to all parties involved in the talks.

French national security police searched the South Vietnamese delegation's Paris headquarters today for a bomb. The search was ordered after an anonymous caller phoned the headquarters and said, "Get everybody out of there quickly, we are going to blow up the place." U.S. Negotiator Cyrus Vance and Saigon's Ambassador Pham Dang Lam were meeting at the residence when the mystery call was received.

SHAW WANTS
TRIAL MOVED

NEW ORLEANS (UPI) - District Judge Edward Haggerty Junior today set a hearing for Friday on a motion by Clay Shaw's attorneys to move his trial at least 100 miles from New Orleans.

The defense lawyers claim New Orleans District Attorney Jim Garrison attempted to prejudice possible jurors by his public statements about the case. Shaw is accused of conspiring to assassinate President Kennedy.

In another development, in the case, a Turkish bath operator has signed a sworn statement saying that he made false accusations against Garrison on a network television program a year and a half ago. Fred Leemans said he made the untrue allegations because threats had been made against him and his family.

Clay Shaw is scheduled to go on trial in the conspiracy case two weeks from today.

PRESIDENTIAL
PAY HIKE OKd

WASHINGTON (UPI) - Congress Monday formally certified the election of President-Elect Nixon. At the same time, they ruled it was okay for an elector pledged to Nixon to vote for George Wallace.

The House voted to give Nixon a \$100,000 raise, doubling his salary to \$200,000 a year. The Senate is expected to approve the pay hike, despite some cries of governmental economy.

The raise will be effective with Nixon's inauguration. In addition to his taxable salary, the President would continue to receive a taxable \$50,000 a year to cover expenses and a non-taxable \$40,000 for travel and entertainment expenses.

NEWSPAPER SAYS NIXON MAY ATTEND ASIAN SUMMIT MEET

SEOUL, South Korea (UPI) - A newspaper in Seoul said today that Richard Nixon may fly to Bangkok for a summit meeting with leaders of allied nations fighting in Viet Nam.

The paper said Nixon may leave for Bangkok within a month of his inauguration, but a South Korean Foreign Ministry official called the report "sheer speculation."

AGNEW STEPS DOWN
AS GOVERNOR

DELAWARE (UPI) - Spiro Agnew formally resigned as governor of Maryland today to become the 39th vice president of the United States.

Agnew delivered a farewell address before leaving Annapolis this afternoon for Washington to await his inauguration January 20 with President Elect Richard Nixon. The Maryland legislature, meeting in special session, will name his successor.

Almost assured to getting the governor's job was Marvin Mandel, speaker of the Maryland House of Delegates. The Maryland Constitution provides that the legislature elect a successor to a governor who leaves office before the end of his term.

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PLANE CRASH KILLS ELEVEN

PHILADELPHIA (UPI) - An Allegheny Airlines prop-jet with 28 persons aboard crashed on a golf course in Western Pennsylvania last night. Eleven persons were killed, including the pilot and co-pilot.

Witnesses said the plane struck some trees as it flew toward a landing at the Bradford Regional Airport, then caught fire and turned over as it plowed into the ground.

The scene of the crash is only 10 miles from the hillside where another Allegheny airliner on the same Washington-to-Detroit run crashed two weeks ago---with the loss of 20 lives.

WEDNESDAY'S TIDE: Lo. 0351. H1. 1021. Lo. 1551. H1. 2233.

FRENCH MOVE MAY HAMSTRING ISRAELI AIR FORCE

BEIRUT (UPI) - The Lebanese government today was considering whether to draft 100,000 young men and women into its armed forces in the wake of Israeli's attack last month on the Beirut airport. At the same time, Lebanon's government has been thrown into crisis by the resignation of its defense minister following accusations that he misinformed the Lebanese public about the Israeli raid.

In Paris, the government of President De Gaulle dealt the Israeli Air Force a heavy blow by declaring a total embargo on arms to Israel including parts for Israeli warplanes. Most of Israel's planes were manufactured in France.

An Israeli embassy spokesman in the French capital said the French move has created a "dangerous situation" that could seriously impair the Israeli air force "in a matter of months."

MEKONG DELTA BATTLE ENDS. SAIGON (UPI) - A 17-hour battle between a well-entrenched Communist force of about 150 and 1,000 U.S. infantrymen ended Monday night in the Mekong Delta 75 miles southwest of Saigon. American casualties were light but the Reds lost at least 40 dead. When the first encounter threatened to run against the Americans, they called in helicopter-borne reinforcements and overran the Communist position.

In the first release of Communist prisoners since the Viet Cong freed three Americans last week, South Viet Nam has freed 10 Viet Cong as a "humanitarian gesture." The men were given civilian clothing, about six dollars in pocket money and were taken to a bus stop. A spokesman said the release was the first of many planned within the framework of the psychological warfare program to woo Viet Cong over to the government side.

SWEDEN ADMITS MORE DESERTERS STOCKHOLM (UPI) - Sweden said today it has granted asylum to six more U.S. servicemen who deserted to escape duty in Viet Nam. The latest group of American deserters raised to 155 the number who have found legal shelter in Sweden from Viet Nam service. One of the six previously had been turned down and sent to France, but the French sent him back to Stockholm.

DR. WENTWORTH, VOLCANO SPECIALIST, DIES IN HAWAII

HILO, Hawaii (UPI) - Dr. Chester K. Wentworth, 77, a noted retired geologist, died Monday at Hilo hospital following a heart attack.

Dr. Wentworth was nationally known for his work in the study of volcanos.

After his retirement as a full time geologist with the City of Honolulu, Dr. Wentworth served as a part time geologist for the Hawaii Volcanos National Park Observatory on the Island of Hawaii. His home overlooked the live Halemaumau volcano crater.

Dr. Wentworth first arrived in Hawaii in 1924, on a research fellowship to study Diamond Head and Punchbowl Volcanos.

He taught geology at the University of Ohio and Washington University in St. Louis before moving permanently to Hawaii.

FRISCO STATE HOLDS CLASSES SAN FRANCISCO (UPI) - San Francisco State College, with a teachers' strike adding to its problems, re-opened yesterday, but the troubled campus was relatively quiet.

Acting President S. I. Hayakawa, who imposed stiff new rules against rallies and demonstrations, said, "For the first time in weeks, there was no massive rally on the Commons, there was no need to call in police, there were no classroom disruptions, there were no bombs or fires."

But nearly 2,000 pickets, representing the American Federation of Teachers, the Black Students Union and the Third World Liberation Front, marched at the entrances of the campus.

ROMNEY PROPOSES
CHURCH SCHOOLS CLOSE

DETROIT (UPI) - Governor George Romney of Michigan, the nation's next secretary of Housing and Urban Development, believes parochial schools should leave secular education to the state.

In a broadcast farewell speech to Michigan citizens last night, Romney proposed that the state's 330,000 parochial pupils be educated in the public schools while the parochial schools concentrate on after-school programs of religious instruction.

Romney said he believes such a plan would be the best alternative to using public money for the support of parochial education.

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SPORTS NEWS (BY UPI)THE SPICE OF THE DAY'S SPORTS MENU

People forget.

Some are telling New York Jet coach Weeb Ewbank all about the Baltimore Colts. What an amazing defense they have. How next-to-impossible they are to beat.

What people forget is that Ewbank knows some of the Baltimore Colts better than they know themselves. And he'll know more before next Sunday when the two teams battle in the Super Bowl at Miami.

What should be remembered is that the 60-year-old Ewbank took over the Colts the third season they were in existence and coached them for nine years. Before going to the Jets, he molded them into a formidable football machine and led them to National Football League championships in 1958 and 1959.

Don Shula, the Colts' coach, is one of Ewbank's pupils. Shula played defensive back for Baltimore when Ewbank coached there.

The Colts have a number of other players that Ewbank coached. These included Ordell Braase, Tom Matte, Jimmy Orr, Lenny Lyles, Bill Ray Smith, Bobby Boyd, Don Shinnick, Dan Sullivan and Jerry Hill.

Quarterback Johnny Unitas is another Ewbank and Unitas are warm friends.

Ewbank is well aware of the fact that oddsmakers have made the Colts whopping three touchdown favorites to dispose of the Jets. It doesn't faze him.

Said Ewbank: "You do your best and you don't worry about things like that. You do what's in your heart and hope it works out."

Ewbank knows the Colts are good but he also has great faith in the Jets.

"I have the greatest respect for the Jets' ball club and all the players on it," He tells you. I've told them they have all the ingredients."

All the way?

"Why not," he said. "Anything is possible in football."

The Professional Bowlers' Association is embarking on its richest winter tour in history.

Some \$900,000 in prize money will be at stake in 14 tournaments starting in suburban Los Angeles this week.

First prize at each stop will be worth a minimum of \$6,000 ranging to \$25,000 for the Tournament of Champions winner at Akron, Ohio, in April.

Each tournament consists of a pro-amateur on Tuesday, qualifying play Wednesday and Thursday, semi-final match game play on Friday and the championship eliminations on Saturday.

MAJOR COLLEGE BASKETBALL RATINGS

The fifth major college basketball ratings are out and Illinois has jumped up to the number five spot sporting an undefeated record of 10-0. UCLA held their number one spot with another unanimous rating of 35 first place votes for 350 points. The 35-member board of UPI coaches voted North Carolina in the second spot giving the Tar Heels 249 votes.

remainder of the Top Ten looks like this: Santa Clara, third, Davidson, fourth, Illinois, fifth, Kansas, sixth, Kentucky, seventh, St. John's of New York, eighth, Villanova, ninth and New Mexico State, 10th.

of the top 20 in order: New Mexico, 11th, Notre Dame, 12th, Purdue, 13th, Duquesne, 14th, Columbia, 15th, Louisville, 16th, Drake, 17th, Tulsa, 18th, and Northwestern Detroit tied for the 19th spot.

Some of the top college basketball teams were in action last night. Fourth-ranked Kentucky beat Mississippi State 91-72, Kansas at the sixth position easily took care of Iowa State with a 94-61 victory, seventh-ranked Villanova slipped by Niagara 73-68. Louisville needed two overtime periods to defeat St. Louis University 81-80 and Notre Dame ran over Fordham 84-65.

PRO BASKETBALL

Just two games played in the National Basketball Association. Cincinnati edged Chicago 106-104 and Boston downed Seattle 121-97.

A light schedule in the American Basketball Association. Houston beat Kentucky 110-105 and Los Angeles Stars took Dallas 122-114 in overtime.

CHANNEL 2

7:00 Friendly Giant "Skit and Skat"
7:14 Talofa Tamaiti
7:24 Misterogers' Neighborhood
7:55 News In English
8:11 What's New "Flight"
8:43 NET: "Margaret Mead"
10:11 News In Review

TV FOR TONIGHT

CHANNEL 4

7:00 Friendly Giant "Skit & Skat"
7:14 Talofa Tamaiti
7:24 Misterogers' Neighborhood
7:54 News In Samoan
8:14 NET: "Time Of Decision"
8:43 Net Playhouse: "Victoria Regina #2"

WOMEN IN WASHINGTON'S POLITICAL SCENE

(By United Press International)

President Johnson is leaving the White House confident he has established an outstanding record for naming women to high-level government jobs.

He also believes President-Elect Richard Nixon would not have been so critical of his efforts in this field during the recent campaign if Nixon had known all the facts.

Nixon told a women's group in Kansas City that "the past eight years have seen an eclipse of women in the upper levels of government." He also chided Mr. Johnson for not having a woman in his cabinet, noting that President Dwight Eisenhower named Mrs. Oveta Culp Hobby as the first secretary of Health, Education and Welfare.

But Mr. Johnson, who once said "the under-utilization of American women continues to be the most tragic and senseless waste of the century," is proud of his record in the area.

Although no woman has served in the cabinet in the past eight years -- there is none in Nixon's first cabinet either. And President Johnson placed women in positions higher than their sex had ever occupied before in the State, Interior and Agriculture Departments, the U.S. Information agency, the Veterans Administration and the Export-Import Bank.

The October appointment of Mrs. Margaret Pierce, an upstate New Yorker, to the five-member Indian Claims Commission was the latest in a series which put women for the first time on the Interstate Commerce Commission -- Mrs. Virginia Brown...the Federal Trade Commission -- Mary Gardiner Jones...and the Tariff Commission -- Dr. Penelope H. Thunberg.

"I'm a Republican acceptable to the Democrats," Mrs. Pierce said after her appointment.

Her job is to help clear up a small mountain of Indian claims dating back to the first Indian treaties with the federal government. It's a back-log which male commissioners have failed to reduce appreciably during the 22 years of the agency's life.

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Nixon also recalled that Mr. Eisenhower made Mrs. Clare Boothe Luce ambassador to Italy and for the first time elevated a woman career diplomat, Mrs. Frances Willis, to an ambassadorship. Mrs. Willis was first ambassador to Switzerland and then to Norway and Ceylon.

"Since that time no women have been ambassadors to major countries," Nixon told the ladies in Kansas City.

But Mr. Johnson did appoint four women ambassadors -- Mrs. Katharine Elkus White to Denmark, Mrs. Patricia R. Harris to Luxembourg, Margaret Joy Tibbetts to Norway and Carol Laise to Nepal.

Miss Tibbetts and Miss Laise both are career diplomats and are still serving.

Mrs. Eugenie Anderson, long in the diplomatic service, was appointed as U.S. representative on the United Nations Trusteeship Council and Mrs. Marietta Tree was continued in U.N. service.

The first woman ever to have the title of special assistant to the President was Mrs. Esther Peterson, Mr. Johnson's adviser on consumer affairs. She became assistant secretary of labor for labor standards, another "first" for a woman and was succeeded by Betty Furness.

Members of commissions serve specific terms. But many of the other Johnson appointees will be out of office with the change in administration on January 20th.

The President-Elect is said to have a list of some 200 qualified women to be considered for some of the hundreds of executive posts the Nixon regime will be filling.

Those likely to be departing include Mrs. Peterson and Miss Furness...Dorothy Jacobson, assistant secretary of agriculture for international affairs...and Miss Barbara Watson, administrator of the State Department's Bureau of Security and Consular Affairs.

Others are Dr. Alice Rivlin, assistant secretary for planning and evaluation, Health Education and Welfare Department...Barbara White, associate director for policy and research, U.S. Information Agency...and Mrs. Ruth Van Cleve, director of the Office of Territories, Interior Department.

Mrs. Katie Louchheim, deputy assistant secretary of state for educational and cultural affairs, and Mrs. Charlotte Hubbard, deputy assistant secretary of state for public affairs also are subject to replacement.

Ambassadors routinely submit resignations to an in-coming President.

MARINES WHO SOUGHT 'SANCTUARY' WILL FACE TRIAL

KANEOHE, Hawaii. (UPI) - Two young marines who went AWOL and sought "sanctuary" at the University of Hawaii will undergo a military court martial at Kaneohe Marine Corps air station this month.

The first 19-year-old Claude Gray, will face a court martial on January 21 while the other, 21-year-old Tom Met, will face his trial on January 28.

Both face a number of charges but the main one will be for being absent without leave.

DON'T EXPECT A RASH OF CRASH PROGRAMS FROM NIXON

(By United Press International)

Congresses elected with new Presidents tend to be flooded with new legislation. The 91st Congress, according to what its members hear, will be different.

There will be no "100 days" of crash legislative proposals from the Nixon White House, key Republicans are telling fellow lawmakers. They say President-Elect Nixon will be busy taking stock of what has already been done, and deciding what changes are needed.

Also, there is this political fact of life: The Congress is Democratic, the White House Republican. Initially, anyway, Nixon will be inclined to temper his requests with recognition of what he can get.

Speculation among members in advance of the opening session centers on what dramatic, newsworthy, phrase-making issue Nixon will develop into the theme of his inaugural address on January 20.

He probably will save the specifics for an appearance, shortly thereafter, before a joint House-Senate session at which he will discuss the state of the union. At that time he must give at least a glimpse of his legislative objectives.

In his election campaign Nixon promised to let the 10 per cent surtax die with the Viet Nam war. He called for a broad range of new tax incentives for businesses willing to undertake development risks in the ghetto. He favored tax sharing with the states and block grants of federal money for local projects as a substitute for tightly-categorized allotments of federal funds.

His legislative tacticians say he hasn't changed his mind about these proposals. But the immediate situation may preclude acting on them any time soon.

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Nixon and his advisers already have conceded that inflation and heavy budget demands may make it necessary to keep the surtax past its scheduled July 1 expiration date. And in conference with Chairman Wilbur Mills of the House Ways and Means Committee, Nixon reportedly was persuaded that widespread tax incentives will cost more than he can afford at this time.

As for block grants, that is an old Republican idea, favored too by many Southern Democrats who see in it a relaxation of federal guidelines on how the money is spent. Nixon almost surely will ask...and probably will get...authority to make at least a start in this direction.

As for tax sharing, one possibility considered by lawmakers is that Nixon may seize on this concept as a goal for congressional planning now and enactment later. However, some say he would be wise not to throw out the idea, even for planning, until he has committed himself to its practicality and can see in his probable budget room to give up a few billion dollars within the next couple of years.

States and localities will start slicing up this pie even before it is cooked, the be hard to resist once the recipe is discussed. the reasoning goes. The pressure to get it into and out of the oven will be hard to resist once the recipe is discussed.

One certain, and safe, early proposal for the new president is reform of the Presidential electoral system, which many thought came close to collapse in the recent three-way race won by Nixon. Democrats are hot for this, too, and dozens of reform plans already have been drafted, most of them keyed to abolition of the Electoral College. Hearings have been promised on both sides of the capitol.

On many points Nixon still is awaiting reports from a score of task forces he has put to work on major national issues. Among his toughest and most urgent requirements is to come up with a plan for putting liveability back in the cities.

Republicans say Democratic administrations have spent enough billions on that elusive objective to establish that money alone is not the answer. Nixon's plans for the cities probably will not be revealed immediately. In the short run he will ask continued financing of housing, slum clearance, urban renewal, model cities and other aids already enacted.

Democrats do not expect Nixon to propose dismantling of these or other major "Great Society" economic and welfare programs now on the books. Here and elsewhere, some of the big battles of the 91st Congress may come over money.

HONG KONG FLU---EVEN WHALES GET IT

SAN DIEGO (UPI) - Flu-bitten killer whales screeched at each other at their sick tank in San Diego today. The whales are being fed dead mackerel stuffed with antibiotic pills to speed their recovery. The whales' trainer said they were doing an unusual amount of whale talk which means they are still ailing and apparently comparing symptoms.