



Vehicle Count Slated

American Samoa Boy Scouts will go car-counting Friday in a program aimed at determining the territory's increasing road needs.

They will be taking part in an island-wide-traffic density survey, according to Bill Keener of the Department of Public Works. They will be stationed at strategic points from the eastern to the western tips of Tutuila to count and record every vehicle that passes.

Keener said the information is needed by the U.S. Bureau of Public Roads which recently was mandated by Congress to make a thorough study of existing highways here and to plan for additional ones.

He said his department hopes that such a survey can be made annually or semi-annually to keep information on traffic needs here current.

Governor Sees Few Policy Shifts

Governor Owen S. Aspinall yesterday told the Chamber of Commerce he expects few changes in federal policies toward the territory when the administration of President-Elect Richard M. Nixon takes office.

But he added, "The golden goose that laid the golden egg has flown away."

The reconstruction period which began in 1961 and saw high federal spending here is at an end, he said, but the future of American Samoa is secure.

That security came, the Governor said, with the increasing number of tourist flights which will be serving American Samoa. But he said that if it is to be retained the community must be able to handle those flights and their tourist passengers.

He added that that ability could come only with the cooperation of the business community in following business-like policies.

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WESTERN DISTRICT PLANS FOR BEAUTIFICATION DRIVE

Residents of the Western District today made plans for a renewed clean-up and beautification drive and scheduled a dance Saturday night to raise funds for it.

The affair will begin at 7 p.m. in the Starlite at Pava'ia'i. Free buses will leave the Market Place in Fagatogo and Amanave at 6:30 p.m. Admission is \$1 and a heavy supper will be served.

High Chief Fuimaono, the Western District governor, said the funds raised at the dance will go into the beautification program to buy prizes, seed, tools and other items which some of the residents can't afford.

EIGHT BOUTS OFFERED TOMORROW NIGHT

Eight bouts, including three featuring Western Samoans, are on the boxing card for tomorrow as the Pre-Rabaul tournament opens in Lee Auditorium at 7:30 p.m.

Two of the main events are rematches between Western and American Samoans.

Mose Maiava of American Samoa will be out to reproduce his recent victory over Western Samoan Sive Filiva'a. And Leroy Ledoux, a local fighter, will be seeking revenge against Musa Seiuli of Western Samoa who trounced him in their first get-together.

The third main event will pit "Cassius Clay" Siufaga against Toga Mochēnoa.

WATER SHORT

The continued drought last night forced the Division of Maintenance and Operations to extend the hours in which water is cut off in the Bay area. Formerly the valves had been closed between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. The cut-off now has been extended to from 9 p.m. until 5 p.m.

DEMOS TO MEET

American Samoan Democrats have slated a general meeting from 2 to 6 p.m. Saturday at Two Dollar Beach at Avaiō. Families and friends were invited and food and drinks will be served. Ivi S. Pele, chairman of the committee, said a number of important items are on the agenda.

GOVERNOR EXPECTS FEW POLICY SHIFTS

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He called for a "self help" campaign in which the government and the business community would find some way to solve problems created by fund shortages which have prevented the building of a new customs house and a new shopping center.

He urged the community to take over such projects as the South Pacific Games and the Flag Day celebration. He said he is anxious to see the government remove itself from such functions where possible, allowing the entire community to participate.

The Governor also noted that the government is attempting to put many of its agencies on a revolving fund status. He said they should become self-sustaining instead of leaning on Congress or the Legislature for financial support.

He touched on the need for skilled tradesmen and noted that 12 young American Samoans now are studying in trade schools in Honolulu. He said the territory cannot afford a trade school or college and urged the Chamber to back programs to send trainees to Hawaii or the West Coast for training.

The Governor was questioned about temporary facilities to house tourists who cannot get hotel room but he said he would rather see the airlines reduce the flow of visitors until proper facilities are available.

He said Continental Air Lines, recent winner of American Samoa air routes, has indicated it will move rapidly into the service. But he predicted that the line will not bring tourists here until it is sure they can be properly housed. He indicated he expects work to begin soon on the Coconut Point hotel which Continental will build.

Governor Aspinall also said he or a member of his staff will confer soon with federal officials concerning loans for the expansion of the Pago Pago Inter-Continental Hotel.

GOVERNMENT EXAM
SLATED TOMORROW

A competitive examination for employment with the Government of American Samoa is scheduled for 2 p.m. tomorrow in Room 4, Building D, of Samoana High School. The following should report then:

Mafa J. Togiola, Aua; Matalasi Laga'ali, Pago Pago; Martin Langkilde, Afao; Samuelu Vao, Lauili'i; Valavala Siliva, Lauili'i; Mutu Nemura, Leloafoa; Enele Satafaka; Ivona S. Maafala, Aua; Fiala'auli Lemapu, Lauili'i; Leano A. Ia, Amanave; Malia Totua, Aua; Eleni Fanene, Nuu'uli; Annie Emelio, Pago Pago; Uluai Mona'ana, Faga'alu; Saouli Tui, Faganeanea; Sela Failautusi, Atauloma; Lagi Mapuatuli, Pago Pago; Tufa M. Lolo, Aoloau; Elisapeta Burleigh, Aoloau.

Taulolomi Stowers, Fagaalu; Paepae Semo, Futiga; Foliga Taitoa, Faga'itua; Fualelea Aitu, Fagasā; Legalo Ta'a, Tula; Fausaga Ena, Tula; Keleefa Fa'ausu, Leone; Kilisitina Atiga, Leone; Taumafaalofi Tavini, Pava'ia'i; Malaea Amito'elau, Fagatogo; Silaumea Selefati, Vaitogi; Sionemoa Sula, Poloa; Fa'apūpū Salanoa, Faga'itua; Vikisifa Moana, Aua; Maria Vailotui, Nuu'uli; Mali Ape, Fagatogo; Fifo Tuiolemotu, Malaeloa; and Fesili Masani'ai Puapua.

OFFICERS NAMED

Officers were named yesterday by two government boards. Public Works Director Matt Oliver was named secretary and Special Assistant Munday Johnston was named chairman of the newly created board of directors of the Marine Railway.

Fōfō Sunia was re-elected president and A. P. Lauvao-Lolo was renamed vice president of the board of the American Samoan Development Corporation. Johnston was named treasurer and Tima Ma'o secretary.

FOOTBALL TONIGHT

The last games played in the National Football League series will be screened at 7:45 p.m. today in the Inter-Continental Hotel. Featured are clashes between the Baltimore Colts and the Minnesota Vikings and the Dallas Cowboys and Cleveland Browns. The film was flown here by Pan American and there is no charge for admission.

COMPTROLLER
TAKES POST

Administrative Services Director Carl H. Meeuwsen has announced the appointment of John Dial as comptroller. Dial arrive here several days ago. Booth Isahm, who has been serving as acting comptroller, has assumed his regular duties as accounting and disbursing officer.

Meeuwsen also announced that the construction cost accounting office, formerly located at Tafuna, has been consolidated with the department's accounting arm.

AMERICAN SAMOA PARTY TO MEET

Members of the Executive Committee and all other members of the American Samoa Party will meet at 9 a.m. Saturday in the office of High Chief Le'iato, party chairman. The party Secretary, Chief A. P. Lauvao-Lolo; said a number of vital issues will be discussed. .

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

WASHINGTON, (UPI) - Police in Washington say two FBI Agents were shot and killed in a gun battle with a suspect bank robber. Police issued a homicide warrant for 29-year-old Billie Bryant, identified as an escapee from a federal prison. Police said the two agents -- who were not identified -- were trying to question Bryant about a bank robbery earlier today in suburban Maryland.

SEATING ARRANGEMENTS STILL STALL PEACE TALKS

PARIS, (UPI) - The shape, size and seating arrangements at the Paris talks table still were the biggest hurdle today in the way of getting the conferences rolling.

North Viet Nam said today it will not reconsider its refusal to accept American and South Vietnamese procedural proposals. A North Vietnamese spokesman said there was no chance Hanoi would listen to a U.S. appeal and adopt some of the seating arrangements put forward by the United States.

The spokesman said: "All these arrangements aim at making the conference a two-sided issue...as we have already said, this is unacceptable to us."

The official said the Hanoi delegation and the National Liberation Front, the political arm of the Viet Cong, insist on seating arrangements making the conference appear as a parley of four equal parties.

SIRHAN LAWYERS TRY TO KILL CHARGE

LOS ANGELES, (UPI) - Lawyers for Robert Kennedy's accused assassin were expected to make new efforts in court today to have the murder charge against their client suppressed.

Their motions -- routine in most criminal trials -- probably will be denied by trial Judge Walker of Los Angeles Superior Court.

The long-delayed trial of 24-year old Sirhan Sirhan, an Arab immigrant from Palestine, opened quietly yesterday in a heavily-guarded courtroom. Only seven members of the public showed up to watch the proceedings.

The defense opened with a motion to have two juries try the case -- one to decide Sirhan's guilt and the other to fix his penalty. The motion was denied.

Sirhan's lawyers acknowledged that the prosecution's case that Sirhan fired the bullets which killed Robert Kennedy appears incontestable. They are concentrating instead on saving Sirhan's life.

FRANCE TO RETAIN TIES WITH ISRAEL

PARIS, (UPI) - President De Gaulle of France apparently has decided to stop short of breaking relations with Israel.

French Information Minister Joel Le Thuele told newsmen in Paris after this morning's cabinet meeting that the French ambassador to Israel will not be recalled.

The De Gaulle government yesterday imposed a total embargo on arms shipments to Israel as a result of the raid on the Beirut airport -- which was carried out by commandos in French-built helicopters.

The embargo includes spare parts for Israel's warplanes -- most of which were made in France.

MOSCOW SAYS MIDEAST SITUATION IS EXPLOSIVE

MOSCOW, (UPI) - Moscow Radio said today the situation in the Mideast is "explosive."

The broadcast said "it is likely that large scale military conflicts will occur again" and blamed Israel for the new tensions.

Western diplomats in London have disclosed that a new Russian peace proposal calls for Arab recognition of Israel after Israeli forces pull out of occupied Arab territory. The plan would permit Israel to use the Gulf of Aqaba but would bar it from the Suez Canal.

U.S. PLANE HITS BASE

SAIGON, (UPI) - Military spokesmen report a U.S. jet fighter-bomber crippled by enemy ground fire crashed into an American artillery base eight miles from Saigon yesterday. The pilot and co-pilot ejected safely, but two American soldiers and a Vietnamese civilian were killed when the plane hit the fire support base. Another civilian was injured.

Two barracks were burned and a dispensary scorched by flames in the fire that followed the crash of the F-4 Phantom jet.

In Saigon, South Vietnamese government sources reported that 17,486 government troops were killed in combat during 1968. And 57,718 were wounded. U.S. casualties last year included nearly 15,000 men killed and more than 92,000 wounded.

Saigon said 191,000 Communists were killed in 1968.

LBJ MAY SPEAK
TO CONGRESS

WASHINGTON, (UPI) - President Johnson, working on his last state of the union message, is said to be considering delivering it in person to the 91st congress.

Outgoing Presidents usually have sent their final message to Capitol Hill, rather than make a personal appearance to read them.

Senate Democratic Leader Mike Mansfield said Mr. Johnson plans to give the speech "in some form Thursday or Tuesday, but how he's going to do it I don't know."

SPORTS NEWS (UPI)PRO BASKETBALL

The Chicago Bulls ended the New York Knicks' 10-game winning streak, 102-101, in NBA action last night. Detroit shaded Philadelphia, 117-114, Milwaukee shocked Cincinnati, 116-101, Los Angeles downed Baltimore, 100-93, San Diego whipped San Francisco, 113-108 and Phoenix nudged Seattle, 116-112.

Three games are scheduled in the American Basketball Association tonight. Minnesota at Miami, Indiana at Kentucky and Denver at Los Angeles. Last night, Indiana drubbed New Orleans, 120-108, the New York Nets whipped Minnesota, 113-101 and Kentucky beat Dallas, 101-98.

At the halfway mark of the NBA season, rookie center Elvin Hayes of San Diego and a couple of veterans dominate the statistics. Hayes is the leading scorer, has the best scoring average and is third in rebounds. Wilt Chamberlain of Los Angeles is the rebound leader and also leads in field goal percentage. Oscar Robertson of Cincinnati leads in assists and is second in scoring.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Purdue stung fifth-rated Illinois with a 98-84 loss in college basketball last night. Davidson, ranked fourth, whipped St. Josephs of Philadelphia, 83-69 and Providence downed St. Bonaventure, 70-59. Kansas State trimmed Nebraska, 95-72, Marquette shaded Loyola of Chicago, 65-64 and Bradley nipped Memphis State, 68-67. LaSalle bombed Creighton, 103-84 Michigan State stunned Wisconsin, 77-67 and Michigan edged Indiana, 89-87.

The nation's second ranked team, North Carolina, returns to action tonight against old rival North Carolina State. Other leading games, Seton Hall-St. Johns of New York, New Mexico State-Pan American, Wake Forest-Duke and Cincinnati-Xavier of Ohio.

First round action in this year's NCAA basketball tournament will be held at North Carolina State, University of Rhode Island, Southern Illinois, Texas Christian and New Mexico State.

The NCAA, meeting in Los Angeles, also announced that Houston's Astrodome will host the 1971 championship game and the Los Angeles Sports Arena, the 1972 finals.

B O X I N G

Middleweight Champion Nino Benvenuti plans to step into the light heavyweight ranks. His first bout will be against Dick Tiger with an eye on a title fight against champion Bob Foster. Benvenuti will face Tiger in New York sometime in May.

The first professional boxing card of the year in Honolulu will be presented next week Tuesday at the HIC arena.

Two 10-rounders will be the main attractions, with Yoshio Ando of Japan facing Humbert Reyes of Mexico in the first and Osamu "Rocky" Miyashita of Japan taking on Roberto "The Executioner" of Mexico in the other.

In an eight-round special, Gerardo Ferrat, two-time conqueror of Emil Agustin, will take on Leroy Sayas.

H O C K E Y

The St. Louis Blues blanked Los Angeles 5-0 behind veteran goalie Glenn Hall last night and are back in action against the Black Hawks at Chicago tonight. Montreal scored two goals in each period to down Minnesota 6-3 to open a three-point lead in the National Hockey League's eastern division. The only other game tonight, Philadelphia at Toronto.

CHANNEL 2

TV FOR TONIGHT

CHANNEL 4

7:00 Friendly Giant "Everything Has a Shape"
7:14 Talofa Tamaiti
7:24 Misterogers' Neighborhood
7:53 News in English
8:09 What's New #177 "Air Pressure"
8:39 Bonanza: "The Sage Of Muley Jones"

7:00 Friendly Giant "Everything Has
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7:24 Misterogers' Neighborhood
7:53 News In Samoan
8:14 Wells Fargo; "The Bounty Hunter"
8:59 NET: International Magazine

THURSDAY'S TIDE: Lo, 0433. H1, 1114. Lo, 1651. H1, 2333.

ONLY CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGE CAN CUT ELECTORAL COLLEGE POWER

(By United Press International)

Unless the constitution is changed, the nation could be subjected to wheeling and dealing for Electoral College votes in the event of a deadlocked Presidential election in the future.

By refusing to reject the ballot of a single runaway elector Congress Monday confirmed that bargaining for shifts in individual electoral votes was possible and constitutional.

The turmoil was over one elector, Dr. Lloyd W. Bailey of Rocky Mount, North Carolina, who ran on the Republican slate but voted for George Wallace even though Richard Nixon carried the state.

But much more than Bailey's vote was involved. The formal protest against Bailey's action was aimed at a future George Wallace's bargaining power in the Electoral College.

The protest against Bailey's runaway vote was pressed by Democrats....Senator Edmund Muskie of Maine and Congressman James O'Hara of Michigan.

If their plan had worked, it would have set a precedent which would deprive any future third party candidate of being able to work out a deal in the Electoral College.

That is exactly what Wallace had hoped to do last year, if he had been able to get enough votes to keep Nixon or Hubert Humphrey from getting a clear majority.

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It was a close thing. If Wallace had been able to sweep the South and the border states, as he hoped, the election November 5 would have been deadlocked. Nixon finished with only 31 votes more than the constitutional majority needed for election.

The Muskie-O'Hara plan would force Wallace electors to vote for Wallace, come what may, or lose their votes when the counting is done by Congress. That would have prevented Wallace from trading votes for concessions to end the deadlock in the Electoral College.

Most members of Congress sympathized with the Muskie-O'Hara objective, even though they voted against their protest.

Not a single member of Congress said that Bailey was doing the right thing by voting for Wallace, who carried his congressional district.

But most of the lawmakers defended Bailey's right to be wrong.

They merely objected to the way Muskie and O'Hara were trying to use a mere formality.. countings of the electoral votes cast....in order to end the practice of runaway electors which is permitted by the Constitution.

The founding fathers contemplated that electors would be free agents to chose a President and they wrote it into the Constitution. It never worked out that way and the Electoral College merely became a formal way of casting the votes as reflected by the way the states balloted in a Presidential election. Only six times in American history did electors bolt the election results in their own states.

In no case did the mavericks change the outcome of a Presidential election.

The Muskie-O'Hara plan was to see to it that runaway electors never do affect a Presidential election.

Congress decided that the prohibition will have to be imposed by amending the Constitution, rather than by congressional fiat.

THESE CAR BUYERS WILL GET A BREAK

BRIBANE, Australia (UPI) - There will be a sale of used cars in Brisbane on March 20....and there won't be a "lemon" in the lot.

The cars that will go on sale belong to multi-millionaire Rancher and Engineer Paris Palfreyman of Brisbane, and they're all Rolls-Royces. What is more, they're all vintage Rolls-Royces.

Palfreyman, who has been collecting Rolls-Royces for years, will still have 11 of the luxury cars left when the sale is over. Hundreds of collectors from Australia and overseas are expected to attend the sale.

Even the Rolls-Royce Company's headquarters in England may send a buyer, to fill in gaps in their own collection. Most of the cars in Palfreyman's collection date back to between 1920 and 1926.

KEEP SAMOA CLEAN

IT IS YOUR HOME

THE COMMONWEALTH IS A SHADOW OF THE OLD BRITISH EMPIRE

(By United Press International)

Prime Ministers and other leaders of 28 Commonwealth nations are meeting in London this week. The meeting is billed as the biggest gathering of the worldwide family founded and still to some extent led by Britain.

It could be a crucial meeting. It may show whether the Commonwealth is doomed as an organization.

To some extent the Commonwealth is a holdover from the former British Empire, but it is now neither British nor an empire. Britain now is just a member nation. She has taken and is likely to continue taking more than her share of kicks from the others.

Today's Commonwealth is made up of 28 independent nations, including Britain, and about 30 dependent territories and island groups. Its total population is more than 800 million and its area more than 14 million square miles.

The Commonwealth carries on more than one-fifth of the trade of the world. More than one-fourth of its own total trade is between Commonwealth member countries.

Just as the Commonwealth is no longer an empire, it also is neither a political union nor a federation, neither a military alliance nor an economic bloc. It has no constitution, formal set of rules, nor even a defined objective.

It generally is described as a "voluntary association of independent nations, consisting of Britain and countries which were formerly in the British empire."

It could even be described as a "club." The only formal link which binds the Commonwealth together is the British sovereign. Queen Elizabeth II is recognized by all member countries as the titular head of the Commonwealth.

One of the chief advantages of commonwealth membership is the fact that it provides a convenient framework for regular political consultation. There are gatherings of Commonwealth prime ministers every few years.

This consultation is helped by a Commonwealth secretariat in London. Its secretary general, Arnold Smith, is a Canadian.

Another advantage is the favorable trade concessions granted by most Commonwealth countries to each other, another holdover from the empire. However, these "Commonwealth preferences" are of diminishing importance, due to changing world trade patterns and worldwide agreements negotiated under the general agreements on tariffs and trade.

India's prime minister, Indira Gandhi, said recently her country would quit the Commonwealth if it seemed no longer useful. Several black African members have threatened to quit because Britain has refused to use force against Rhodesia.

This week's London meeting could decide whether the advantages of a continuing Commonwealth outweigh the strains threatening to tear it apart.

ENGLISH CHANNEL TUNNEL A STRONG POSSIBILITY

(By United Press International)

Early in the 19th Century, Napoleon Bonaparte looked across the English Channel toward Britain and wondered: "Why can't we build a tunnel to England?"

His intentions at that moment were peaceful and the remark stirred great interest. But soon the countries were at war and the English argued that a tunnel would give some future enemy a highway into their country.

All the way to the 1990's the English Channel remained a protective moat in the eyes of most Britons. The idea of a channel tunnel or "channel" began to gain favor again and today, although France and Britain still have their differences, the project is closer to reality than ever before.

The British and French governments are awaiting final bids from three groups of international financial interests.

"If all goes well," said a government source, "a group might be selected early next year so that detailed engineering design work and new traffic and revenue studies could be carried out."

British experts commenting on this statement said: "On this basis construction work might begin in 1971 and be completed during 1976."

The French are even more optimistic and believe that by 1975 "it should be possible to take a train in Paris and be in London four hours later."

Under present conditions it takes about seven hours by train and almost 10 hours by automobile, including the ferry journey. And a tunnel would not suffer from bad weather as ferries do.

There is some divergence in estimates of the cost of the tunnel. The British are talking in terms of about \$500 million. The French are inclined to think it will be closer to \$700 million.