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The United Nations Political Committee was scheduled to vote Friday on the Indian proposal to resolve the prisoner-of-war issue and bring about a Korean truce. The voting will terminate a week of significant political maneuvering including the averting of a major split between Great Britain and the United States over the Indian proposal.

The Soviet Union gave early indications of joining the Indian delegation to revise the original proposal that a group of impartial nations act as umpires in handling the repatriation of prisoners. Great Britain had supported the proposal with certain reservations in earlier meetings. This week after the United States indicated that the Indian proposal would not have U.S. approval, Russian Foreign Minister Andrei Vishinsky denounced the plan and the possibility of an open split between the U.S. and England on the issue through a scare into international political strategists.

Vishinsky again denounced the plan at the meetings of the Political Committee held Thursday. The Soviet Delegate called the plan "rotten" and said it would not work. The United States had altered its position in view of adjustments proposed for the plan and gave its support to the plan. As it now stands the resolution would call for the United Nations itself to dispose of those prisoners who refuse to return to Communist territory within 90 days after a cease-fire.

Britain's Foreign Secretary, Anthony Eden, said in London that he thought the Indian proposal would be approved by the UN, but he acknowledged to the House of Commons that both Russia and Red China had rejected the plan and that as a consequence, he thought the chances for peace in Korea were slim. Eden said that Russia is anxious to continue the war in Korea because the Chinese Reds are doing the fighting.

NEW YORK: Eight top CIO officials were scheduled to confer with President-elect Eisenhower Friday. The group included two of the contenders to succeed Philip Murray, the late President of the CIO—Allan Haywood and Auto Workers Leader Walter Reuther. The Union's National Convention opening Friday in Atlantic City will pick Murray's successor.

Meanwhile, it was announced this week that George Meany will succeed William Green, the late President of the American Federation of Labor, who died last Friday.

Green and Murray, two of the five major labor leaders in the United States labor movement, died within two weeks time.

As General Eisenhower spent Thanksgiving Day at his residence at Columbia University, two more appointments were announced. The new members of the President-elect's official family are James Haggerty who will be the White House Press Secretary and Major-General Wilton Persons who will act as the General's Special Assistant. Persons served on Eisenhower's staff in Europe and Haggerty, formerly Governor Thomas Dewey's Press representative, was Eisenhower's press secretary during the General's campaign.

Eisenhower appointed Ezra Benson to the cabinet position of Secretary of Agriculture and named his Republican National Chairman—Arthur Summerfield, for the traditional Postmaster General post. The President-elect also selected Mrs. Ivy Baker Preece for the Secretary of Treasury job. Mrs. Preece was an official in the Republican party's women's group. She is from the state of Utah, as is the new Secretary of Agriculture, Mr. Benson, who is a high official in the U.S. (Mormon) Church.

The weather made news this week in the central states as blizzards, deep snows and low temperatures signalled the end of Fall. Traffic was held up in Kansas and Nebraska where the storm was heaviest and temperatures dropped near the zero mark. There were heavy snows in Minnesota and some snow reported in Texas.

Winnie Ruth Judd, the convicted "trunk murderer" who has escaped from an Arizona mental hospital five times before, did it again Thursday. She cut a wire screen in her ward Thursday night and walked away. Mrs. Judd was convicted in 1932 for the murder of two girl friends but was judged insane and confined in the State Institution. Officials are looking for an accomplice who may have aided her in her escapes.

Local News:

Governor John C. Elliott left American Samoa Tuesday on the Manu'a Tele for Apia where he and Mrs. Elliott boarded a TEAL flying boat for Tahiti. The Governor submitted his resignation to the Secretary of Interior last month and after a two week vacation in the Society group, he and Mrs. Elliott will fly to California where Governor Elliott will resume his private business interests.

Governor Elliott was appointed Secretary of American Samoa by Secretary of Interior Oscar L. Chapman in June 1951. He served in that capacity under former Governor Phelps Phelps until July 1952 when he was appointed Governor following the resignation of Governor Phelps.

Governor Elliott was the youngest Chief Executive of any American Territory and impressed Washington officials, his executive staff, and official visitors to American Samoa with his brilliance and wide knowledge of a variety of administrative and technical fields. Governor Elliott was keenly interested in the potential economic development of American Samoa along commercialized handicraft lines. He pursued a continued investigation of the possibility of developing a local canning industry and was anxious to have competent and exhaustive surveys of fishing potentialities in nearby waters.

Governor Elliott had a highly developed sense of the social significance of the changes in Samoan life taking place at an accelerated rate under a civilian administration. He expressed many times in writing and in speeches his appreciation of a prolonged and continuous migration as a partial solution to overpopulation problems of the South Pacific in general and American Samoa in particular. Governor Elliott gave his support to the reorganization of the political structure of the Fono and was quite aware of the significant potentialities of the action.

Governor Elliott took a serious intellectual interest in Samoa. Perhaps the best indication of this can be found in his speeches to graduating classes of the Vocational School and the High School and in impromptu talks to school groups and other assemblies. In such talks he was rarely content to observe formalities and let it go at that. He talked quite seriously to the Samoan people on matters of serious concern.

Governor Elliott's departure will leave the chief executive job in the Government of American Samoa vacant until such time as President-elect Eisenhower appoints a new Governor, sometime after January 20. In the interim Mr. L. P. Draney, the Secretary of American Samoa, will exercise executive authority as the acting-Governor.

Mr. Emil Sady travelled to Apia on the Manu'a Tele Tuesday after a two week inspection visit in American Samoa. The Chief of the Pacific Division of the Office of Territories spent a busy two weeks conferring with Department Heads and staff members of the Government of American Samoa. He expressed great interest in all phases of government activity and described himself as "not pessimistic" with respect to American Samoa's economic potential.

At the dock he remarked that the visit had been very instructive and that he hoped to be able to visit the Territory again in the future. He planned to stay three days in Western Samoa to consult with officials of the New Zealand Administration before catching a Friday plane for Suva where he will make connections for the flight back to Washington.

Mr. J. N. Pease, representing Pan American Airways, arrived in American Samoa this week for the purposes of making a general survey of local facilities for air transportation and service. He indicated interest in the Hotel facilities and in the general condition of Tafuna landing field. Friday afternoon Mr. Pease met with Secretary L. P. Draney to discuss his impressions of American Samoan facilities for air service.

Another representative of Pan American made the trip to Tahiti to make a similar survey of conditions there, it was learned.

Mr. Pease was scheduled to return to Apia Friday night on the Manu'a Tele at 10:00 p.m.

The Tofua, the Union Steamship Company's monthly island ship, is scheduled to arrive early Sunday morning in Pago Pago. The Tofua was replaced last month by Makua.

It was learned late Friday afternoon that Mr. James Arthur Ewing was sworn in as Governor of American Samoa. Mr. Ewing, a native of Youngstown, Ohio, will be the third civilian Governor in the history of American Samoa. It was reported that Mr. Ewing will leave the United States immediately for the Territory.

No details concerning the appointment were released at this time, but in the dispatch sent by Mr. Dan Wheeler of the Office of Territories it was stated

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Third quarter reports from the Central Medical School at Suva, Fiji, reveal that the students from American Samoa are maintaining their excellent standards. Nane Siaumau stands first in his class with an average grade of 85.5 in examinations in Physiology, Anatomy and Histology. Another American Samoa student, Nofu Siliga, is third with an average of 67. Leta Faiiva, formerly the President of the student body of the High School of American Samoa, placed 16th in the competitive ratings. Mr. Filo Jennings, a dental practitioner student, placed third among the dental students and ranked first in the dentistry examination. Solosolo Sae ranks second in his group studying to be laboratory technicians. Ripine Saupo ranks second among the Sanitary Inspection and Mosquito Control group and young Pita Mose from Swains island is at the top of the group studying Pharmacy.

These young men are earning a great deal of respect for American Samoa by their fine showing at the Medical School. Many of their former teachers and friends take a great deal of pride in their accomplishments.

A circular from the House offices of former Congressman Fred L. Crawford of Michigan announces that the ranking member of the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs will become a member of a new firm of consultants specializing in legislation, tax matters and government finance. Representative Crawford will be associated with Mr. J. Hardin Petersen, former member of Congress from Florida, and Mr. Irwin W. Silverman, chief counsel for the Office of Territories of the Department of Interior.

Representative Crawford and Mr. Silverman were members of a group which visited American Samoa a year ago. Representative Crawford has long had an interest in Territories and in American Samoa. He was defeated for reelection to Congress in the Republican primaries in Michigan.

Mr. Clifford C. Greene arrived in American Samoa this week to assume the duties of Radio Engineer in the Communications Section. Mr. Greene comes to American Samoa from a position in the Pearl Harbor Navy Yard in Hawaii where he served as a radio mechanic. Mr. Greene has served on Wake and Guam islands with CAA. He is originally from San Francisco and worked in California until 1947.

Mr. Greene is accompanied by his wife and will occupy quarters next to the Radio Maintenance building. He will take over the duties of Mr. A. R. Fillebrown who left American Samoa last July.

It was reported that Mr. Fillebrown explained the equipment and the technical layout to Mr. Greene before Mr. Greene left Hawaii. Mr. Fillebrown has accepted a position with CAA on Guam.

The Personnel Director, Mr. Loyd Furstenau, announced that the Government of American Samoa has reached an agreement with Dr. Alexander M. Earle who will come to American Samoa sometime after Christmas to accept a position in the Department of Public Health. Dr. Earle was located through the efforts of Dr. Haldeman of the United States Public Health Service. He is at present in the process of disposing of a private practice.

Dr. Earle received his M.D. from Virginia in 1938. He has had considerable experience in pediatrics, having served 15 months as the Assistant Resident Pediatrician at the Medical College at Virginia. Dr. Earle served for three years as a flight surgeon in the U.S. Airforces and has experience with the U.S. Children's Bureau as Pediatric consultant to the Virgin Islands Territory. Dr. Earle also found time to teach Pediatrics at the University of Arkansas School of Medicine for two years.

Dr. Earle also has had training and experience as an Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat resident at the Detroit Receiving Hospital.

It was learned Friday that Dr. Roger Revell, the Director of the Scripps Oceanographic Institute, will be among the scientists who will be on the two ships based in Pago Pago while the Institute is making a survey of neighboring waters. The two ships, the Horizon and the S.F. Baird are expected to arrive in American Samoa approximately December 15. It was also disclosed that John Isaacs will be Dr. Revell's assistant.

An article in the "Micronesian Monthly" which is published at Trust Territory Headquarters in Honolulu reports that two-thirds of the employees on Saipan in the Marianas will renew their contracts at the expiration of their present agreements. An editorial comment by the Editors of the magazine hinted that this may signify a trend towards the extinction of the long fabled "short timer".

Sports News:

The 1952 Football season is on its last legs this weekend, but there are still a good number of traditional battles to be fought this Saturday. Topping the list in national interest is the Notre Dame-University of Southern California game in South Bend, Indiana. Southern California is unbeaten and untied in nine games and by virtue of a 14-12 victory over previously unbeaten UCLA before 97,000 spectators in the Los Angeles Coliseum last week, USC will be the Pacific Coast Representative in the Rose Bowl game against Wisconsin come January 1, 1953. But, even though USC will enter the game as strong favorites, Notre Dame is in an excellent position to pull a major upset. Two weeks ago an underdog Notre Dame team rose up to defeat mighty Oklahoma and throughout the season the Irish have proved to be a good strong team, capable of playing most teams on even terms.

Besides the interest in the USC-Notre Dame game, the televising eyes of the nation will be focused upon the traditional Army-Navy game to be played in Philadelphia. Navy is slightly favored although seasonal records don't mean much in this affair between the cadets and the midshipmen.

In other games, unbeaten Georgia Tech plays Georgia and Tennessee plays Vanderbilt. Mississippi slated to oppose Georgia Tech in the Sugar Bowl in New Orleans January 1, will play Mississippi State.

On Thanksgiving day, Utah defeated Utah State to clinch the Skyline Conference title.

In professional football, the homeless Dallas Texans who will have to play their remaining games on the road since finances are not available to guarantee their continued performance in the Texas city rose up to defeat once-mighty Chicago Bears in Akron, Ohio, 23-21. It was the first victory for the Dallas club in the 1952 season. In another game, the Detroit Lions defeated the Green Bay Packers to almost guarantee Detroit a tie for the National Conference title and to drop the Packers from a four way tie for first place. Detroit will occupy first place alone until the results of the San Francisco-Los Angeles game next Sunday are known. In other up-coming games Sunday, Cleveland, now in a first place tie with New York and Philadelphia, will play Washington, Philadelphia will play the Chicago Cardinals and the New York Giants will play Pittsburgh.

A Heavyweight Title rematch between Rocky Marciano and Jersey Joe Walcott seems to be guaranteed for February in San Francisco. Walcott apparently decided to give it one more try off his good showing against Marciano last fall.

In local sports news, it was reported that the Community Bowling League has completed its scheduled games and the "Butterperchers" have won the "A" league. The winning team is captained by John Otineru and includes Kay Otineru, Pena Levan, and Afasene Taupo. In the "B" league, the "Weaksisters" were the winners, led by Dorothy Nelson with Mrs. D. Crane, Lei Johnson, and Liugalua Reed as team members.

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that further details on the appointment would be forthcoming.

It seems reasonable to speculate that Mr. Ewing's appointment was made with the knowledge and approval of the Republican leaders close to General Eisenhower. Nothing much could be learned locally about the new Governor's background with the exception of a report that he practiced law in Ohio.

Mr. Wheeler's dispatch stated that Mr. Ewing was sworn in Friday, November 28. The announcement was apparently not anticipated by the Office of Territories. Governor Ewing will probably reach Samoa before the end of the year.

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