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## SAMOA'S BUDGET FOR FY 1998 & 1999

In late July 1997, the Congress sent to the President the Interior Appropriations Bill which included \$23.1 million for the operation of the American Samoa Government and \$10.1 million for construction projects in the territory. While the operations money for the territory remains the same, we managed to get \$4 million extra for much needed capital improvement projects. In addition, this year's budget includes \$1 million for technical assistance for the territories. Technical assistance funds a number of programs in the U.S. insular areas. This year American Samoa received technical assistance for several projects including training to operate Treasury Departments' new financial management computers and a giant clam aquaculture project.

Other good news for American Samoa is an increase of \$500,000 in medicaid funding in the current fiscal year. This amount will be adjusted in future years for inflation. This increase is in response to our request to President Clinton to provide additional medicaid funding for all the U.S. insular areas. This is particularly significant because the overall medicaid program has been cut by \$13 billion.

There is also considerable new funding to provide health care to

children whose families cannot afford medical care. This should provide additional funding for our hospital.

There are also other tax breaks contained in the legislation. Unless the Fono acts to change our local income tax law, the change in federal tax code will also benefit taxpayers in American Samoa. This issue discussed most often is the \$500 child tax credit. In general terms, this credit will be available to families with annual incomes between \$18,000 and \$110,000. There are also tax credits for families with students in college which can total \$1,500 per year for the first two years of college, and another \$1,000 per year for the second two years.

For those who travel, the federal tax on roundtrip air to the United States will go from the current \$6 to \$24. While this is a substantial increase, at one point the House was pushing a proposal to increase the tax to \$24 and add a 10% ticket tax as well. This would have been a very substantial increase, and it was only through the lobbying efforts of Members of Congress from outlying areas, including American Samoa, that we were able to get that proposal scaled back.



Congressman Faleomavaega and wife Hinanui attend an official reception at the White House. While there, Faleomavaega spent a few minutes with President Clinton discussing some of the important issues in his district, American Samoa.



Congressman Faleomavaega, a member of the House Committee on International Affairs meets with the President of the Marshall Islands, His Excellency Imata Kabua to discuss nuclear issues affecting U.S./Marshalls interests in the region.

## TALA I LE TUPE FA'ASOASOA MO SAMOA

O le lua a'i lenei o tausaga soso'o, ua talosagaina e le Peresitene le Tupe Fa'asoasoa Aoa e aofia ai le \$23.1 miliona mo le fa'agaioiina o le Malo o Amerika Samoa fa'apea le \$10.1 miliona mo galuega e fia faia mo le teritori. E ui na tumau le aofa'i o le tupe mo le fa'agoiina o le Malo, o le lua ai lenei o tausaga ua mafai ona fa'aopoopo le \$4 miliona mo galuega fa'apitoa e fa'aleleia atili ai le atunu'u. E iai fo'i tupe ua fa'aagaaga mo le fesoasoani i le alualu i luma o agavaa masani i tulaga o galuega i ofisa. E tele polokalama i teritori eese o le Iunaite Sitete ua fa'atupeina e le nei fesoasoani. O le tausaga ua tuana'i, na maua ai e Amerika Samoa se fesoasoani mo ana galuega fai e iai le a'oa'oa ina o tagata faigaluega o le Ofisa o le Tupe ia malamalama i se polokalama fou i komepiuta mo le fa'avasegaina ma le fa'aaogaina o tupe, fa'apea fo'i le galuega i le faafofaina o tugane vai tetele.

O le isi tala fiafia mo Amerika Samoa, o le \$500,000 ua fa'aopoopoina i le nei tausaga faaletupe mo le Medicaid aua i latou o lo'o agava'a mo lea fesoasoani, o le a fai fuafua mo tausaga o i luma aemaise le tau o le soifuaga. O le nei fa'aopoopoga na mafai ona fa'ataunu'uina i sa matou talosaga ia Peresitene Clinton ina ia fa'aopoopoina lea vaega tupe i le Medicaid aua atunu'u o lo'o tausaga ma va'aia e le Iunaite Sitete, e aofia ai ona teritori (insular areas). E taua tele lenei fa'aopoopoga pe afai e fa'atusatusa atu o le nei polokalama o le Medicaid ua matua'i fa'aitiitia e tusa ma le \$13 piliona ua toeseina.

O le pili lava lea na fa'auluina mo le tausaga ua mavae na a'afia ai lafoga ua fa'aitiitia mo tagatanu'u ta'ito'atasi (individual tax breaks). Vagana ai e suia e le Fono Faitulafono o Amerika Samoa a tatou lava tulafono tau lafoga, o lo'o solosolo lelei pea tulafono tau lafoga a le Malo Tele e aoga lea mo tagata lafo lafoga i Amerika Samoa. O le mataupu tau lafoga sa feutaga'i tele iai o le \$500 mo le tamaititi e to'atasi i se aiga, e tusa lea ma nai aiga e i le va o le \$18,000 i le \$110,000 le tupe maua i le tausaga. O loo iai fo'i tupe fa'aitiitia mai lafoga mo nai aiga o lo'o iai fanau i kolisi ma iunivesite, e o'o atu i le \$1,500 i le tausaga mo tausaga muamua e lua o le kolisi, ma le isi \$1,000 mo tausaga e lua mulimuli i le kolisi.

Mo i latou o lo'o femalagaa'i i le 'ea, ua iai nei le lafoga fa'ale-Malo e totogi i le Iunaite Sitete mo e malaga ma toe fo'i mai (roundtrip). Ua si'i mai le \$6 le lafoga i le \$24. O se si'itaga tele lenei, peita'i na iai fo'i le vaitaimi na u'una'i ai e le Maota o Sui le tasi manatu e si'i le lafoga i le \$24 ma fa'aopoopo le 10% i le lafoga o le tau o le pasese e malaga ai. Lona uiga ana fa'ataunu'uina, ua matua'i tele atu le tupe e totogi mo femalaga'iga, ae ona o le pulunau nau o sui o le Konekeresi mai sitete ma motu e mamao o le Iunaite Sitete, e iai Amerika Samoa, lea na mafai ai ona fa'aitiitia le si'itaga na fuafuaina.

Ua soso'o ai nei ma le tu'uina atu o le tupe fa'asoasoa ua talosagaina e le Peresitene, i le Soa-komiti a le Maota o Sui o lo'o gafa ma Tupe Fa'asoasoa. E faia lea ia Aperila.

# MORE FEDERAL ASSISTANCE FOR SAMOA

In 1997, American Samoa received substantial federal assistance to upgrade and improve some of its aging infrastructure. Included is \$1.5 million to extend the runway at **Fitiuta airport** in Manu'a; \$495,000 to fund revisions to the environmental assessment for the extension of the runway at **Tafuna International Airport**; and \$450,000 to acquire and install a security system at Tafuna International airport.

Other federal assistance for 1997 includes:... \$146,000 for the Marine Sanctuary at **Fagatele Bay**;... under Job Training Partnership Act (**JTPA**) American Samoa received \$158,000 for adult training, \$66,000 for the Summer Youth Program, \$422,000 for Title II-C youth programs, and \$183,000 for dislocated workers; ... **Local law enforcement** received \$563,625 from the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) to hire additional police officers; the American Samoa Criminal Justice Planning Agency (ASCJPA) received \$33,000 under the Delinquency Prevention Act; and \$377,820 under a DOJ block grant also went to the ASCJPA. The Office of Justice Programs awarded the American Samoa Government \$929,290 under the Byrne Formula Grant Program to develop and strengthen local criminal justice programs.

... The **Department of Public Health** was awarded \$283,521 for Samoa's Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program... \$983,000 was awarded to the local **Department of Commerce** under a Community Development Block Grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to carry out a range of local community programs. HUD also awarded the Department of Commerce \$252,000 under the Home Investment Partnership (HOME) Act and \$32,000 under the Emergency Shelter Grant.

... the **American Samoa Council on Humanities** received a grant for \$215,200 from the National Endowment for the Humanities to promote local activities that encourage and develop an appreciation for the preservation of our cultural resources.

... the **Department of Education** received \$5,694,921 for fiscal year 1997. I would like to commend Governor Sunia and the American Samoa Government for their diligence in applying for and tracking these and other federal grants (too numerous to be named here).

As always, I will do my part to assist ASG, particularly in the Congress, to ensure that American Samoa receives the type of federal assistance our territory sorely needs.



*Congressman Faleomavaega meets with the Mayor of Honolulu, the Honorable Jeremy Harris (middle), and Robert Fishman, Managing Director for the City and County of Honolulu (right). They discussed a variety of programs which assist the growing number of Samoans who reside in Hawaii.*

## TELE NISI FESOASOANI MAI LE MALO TELE MO AMERIKA SAMOA

I le tausaga ua mavae, sa tele lava nisi fesoasoani tau tupe na mafai ona maua mai le Malo Tele mo Amerika Samoa aua le toe fa'aleleia o nofoaga lautele ma tulaga aoga mo le atunu'u ua leva ona fa'aaogaina. E iai le \$1.5 miliona na fa'alauteleina ai le tulaga e sese'e ai va'alele i le malae vaalele i Fitiuta, Manu'a. Fa'apea le \$495,000 ia toe fai ai suiga i fa'amaumauga mo tulaga o le siosiomaga i le malae vaalele i Tafuna. Ese ai lea ma le isi \$450,000 na maua e fausia ai se tulaga puipuia (security system) mo le malaeva'alele lava i Tafuna.

O isi fesoasoani i le '97 e a'afia ai le \$146,000 mo le leoleoina ma puipuia o le gataifale fa'apitoa i Fagatele. I lalo o le polokalama o le JTPA na maua atu mo Amerika Samoa le \$158,000 mo le a'oa'oga tau galuega mo le vaega matutua; fa'apea ai ma le \$66,000 mo le polokalama i le taumafanafana mo le 'au talavou. E \$422,000 mo le polokalama a le vaega talavou i le Title II-C ma le \$183,000 e fesoasoani ai i e ua fa'amatu'u mai i a latou galuega. I le vaega fa'amalosi tulafono sa maua le \$563,625 mai le Ofisa o Tulafono i le Malo Tele, o le fa'amoemoe ina ia fa'aopoopo ai ni leoleo mo le puipuia o le atunu'u. I le Ofisa o le Criminal Justice (CJPA) sa maua ai le \$33,000 aua le puipuia o tulaga o fanau ua alia'i mai le solitulafono a'o laiti lava; ma le isi \$377,820 mai lea lava ofisa o le Malo Tele na tu'uina atu i le CJPA. E \$929,290

na tu'uina atu e le Ofisa o Tulafono mai le polokalama o le Byrne Formula Grant Program aua le atina'eina ma le fa'aleleia atili o polokalama tau tulafono i Amerika Samoa.

I le Ofisa o le Soifua Maloloina, sa latou maua le \$283,521 mo le polokalama e vave sailia ma mautinoa ai le puipuiina o le atunu'u mai kanesa o le fatafata (susu) ma itutino sa o tama'ita'i (tulou). E \$983,000 na auina atu i le Ofisa o Fefa'ataua'iga i lalo o le polokalama o le Community Development Block Grant, o fesoasoani mo atina'e eseese mai le Ofisa i le Malo Tele o Fale ma Atina'e o Nofoaga Tu'ufa'atasi (Housing and Urban Development, HUD). Sa maua foi e le ofisa o Fefa'ataua'iga le \$252,000 i lalo o le polokalama o le HOME fa'apea le \$32,000 mo nofoaga malutia mo fa'alavelave fa'afuase'i.

I le Ofisa o le Arts Council and Humanities, sa maua le aofa'i e \$215,000 mai le Ofisa Tele o le lunaite

Sitete o le National Endowment for the Humanities e fa'asiloa ai fesoasoani fa'alaua'itele ma atina'eina o lagona maualuga i tagatanu'u e fa'atauaina ai le tatou aganu'u ma tausimau.

O le Ofisa o A'oga e \$5,694,921 sa maua mo le tausaga tupe e 1997. Oute fa'afetaia ai le Afioga i le Kovana o Tauese Sunia ma le Malo o Amerika Samoa i lo latou sogaso-ga i le talosagaina ma le fa'amautuina o nei fesoasoani e tele mai le Malo o Amerika e aoga mo Samoa. Pei ona masani ai, oute galue punoua'i pea mo Amerka Samoa a'o o'u iai i le Konekeresi, ina ia saili ma fa'amautuina fesoasoani e aoga mo lo tatou atunu'u ma ona tagata.

## MILITARY ACADEMIES: TEN SAMOAN STUDENTS NOMINATED

Congressman Faleomavaega nominated ten young men and young women from American Samoa to be considered for appointment to the United States Military Academies. Congressman Faleomavaega said "It has always been an honor for me to make nominations to the service academies and it is my hope that these individuals will be successful in their pursuits of becoming officers in one of the branches of the military." The candidates who have been nominated to the United States Air Force Academy, in Colorado Springs, Colorado, and the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York are:

- Mr. Conan V. Alailima, senior, Marist High School, the son of Leiataua Birdsall and Marlene Jahnke Alailima of Tafuna;
- Mr. Christopher Farmer, currently attending the University of Tampa, Florida, graduate of Marist High School (97), the son of Carl and Sandy Farmer of Mapusaga;
- Mr. Kapeteni Frost, senior, Samoana High School, the son of Kolisiosamoa and Fa'amaile Polutea Frost of Matu'u;
- Ms. Caroline R. Fuiava, senior, Samoana High School, the daughter of Mose Liugalua and Carol Correia Fuiava of Aunu'u;
- Ms. Florita Haro, senior, Fagaitua High School, the daughter of Agaalofoa and Ana Haro of Tula;
- Mr. Pelema Kolise, Jr., senior, Samoana High School, the son of Pelema and Terisa Tau Kolise of Malaeaimi;
- Mr. David Levao, senior, Marist High School, the son of

Foto f. Levao and Siaoloau Ah-Soon Taufua of Tafuna;

- Mr. Shawn A. Teaney, senior, Leone High School, the son of Mark and Dale Tuitasi-Lees of Ottonville;
- Ms. Liliokalani Tuinei, senior, Fagaitua High School, the daughter of Sialitu me'i and Lili Va'a Tuinei of Masausi; and
- Ms. Penelope M. Vaiau, senior, Fagaitua High School, the daughter of Kitara and Etevisive Vaiau of Aunu'u.

Candidates who are successful in obtaining appointments are guaranteed a four-year education with an estimated value of \$220,000. Upon graduation cadets are commissioned into the regular united states military as officers and are given the rank of second lieutenant, or ensign in the U.S. Navy.

Faleomavaega concluded, "As always, I wish all the candidates the best of luck in pursuing their goals of becoming cadets at the service academies and then as career military officers."

## FA'ATUINA E FALEOMAVAEGA SUAFA O FANAU SAMOA E TO'A 10

Na fa'atuina e le Afioga i le Faipule o Faleomavaega suafa o alo ma fanau o Amerika Samoa e to'asefulu ina ia mafai ona ulufale i a'oa'oga fa'apitoa i kolisi ma iunivesite o le Vaega'au a le Malo Tele (military academies). Saunoa le Tofa a Faleomavaega, "O se mitamitaga faifai pea ia te a'u ona mafai na fa'atuina o suafa o fanau o le atunu'u ina ia ulufale i nei a'oa'oga fa'apitoa a vaega'au ina ia avea ma avanoa latou te 'ausia tulaga maualuluga i vaega 'ese'ese o le Vaega'au o le Malo Tele." O i latou nei na fa'atuina o latou suafa mo a'oa'oga i le United States Air Force Academy i le aai o Colorado Springs i Colorado fa'apea le United States Military Academy i West Point i le sitete o Niu Ioka o:

Le taule'ale'a o Conan V. Alailima, ua tausaga fa'ai'u nei i le A'oga Maualuga a Marisi, o ia o le alo o le Tofa Leiataua Birdsall ma le tina o Marlene Jahnke Alailima o Tafuna; o le alii o Christopher Farmer, o lo'o a'oga i le Iunivesite o Tampa i Florida, fa'au'u mai i le Marisi i le tausaga '97, o le alo o le Susuga a Carl ma le faletua o Sandy Farmer o Mapusaga;

- o Kapeteni Frost, ua tausaga fa'au'u i le A'oga Maualuga a Samoana; o ona matua o Kolisio Samoa ma Fa'amaile Polutea Frost mai le alalafaga o Matu'u;
- o le tama'ita'i o Caroline R. Fuiava, o lona tausaga fa'ai'u foi lenei i Samoana, ma o ia o le alo o Mose Liugalua ma le tina o Carol Correia Fuiava o Atu'u;
- o le tama'ita'i o Florita Haro, o lo ua tausaga fa'au'u foi i le A'oga Maualuga i Fagaitua; o le alo ia o le Susuga a Agaalofoa ma le tina o Ana Haro o Tula;
- o le alii o Pelema Kolise Jr., o lona tausaga fa'ai'u lenei i Samoana, o ona matua o Pelema ma Terisa Tau-Kolise o Malaeaimi;
- o David Levao, ua lamalama fa'ai'u foi lona taumafai i le A'oga Maualuga a Marisi, o le alo o Foto F. Levao ma Siaoloau Ah Soon Taufua o Tafuna;
- o le taule'ale'a o Shawn A. Teaney, o lona tausaga fa'ai'u lenei i Leone, o ia o le alo o Mark ma Dale Tuitasi-Lees Teaney o le afoaga i Ottonville;
- o le teine o Liliokalani Tuinei o le alo o Sialitu Me'i ma Lili Va'a Tuinei o Masausi; o le fa'ai'uina lona taumafai i Faga'itua i le nei tausaga;
- ma le tama'ita'i o Penelope M. Vaiau, tausaga mulimuli fo'i i Fagaitua; o ona matua o le Susuga a Kitara ma le tina o Etevisive Vaiau o Aunu'u.

O e o le a mafai ona taliaina ma filifilia mo nei a'oa'oga, e mautinoa lava le maua o le fa'atua e a'oga ai, e tusa ma le \$220,000 le tau o le a'oga mo ia tausaga atoa. A fa'apea e fa'au'uina manuia le taumafai pe a mavae le fa'atua ona maua lea o le fa'aliloga o le Lutena lona lua (Second Lieutenant) e fai ma ofisa i le Vaega'au po'o le tulaga o le tele i le vaega o le Navy.

Toe saunoaga a le Faipule o Faleomavaega e tusa ma le nei mataupu na ia fa'apea ai, "Oute fa'amanuia tele atu i fanau o le atunu'u o lo'o taunio mo nei tofiga ina ia a'oa'o ai i a'oa'oga fa'apitoa i le militeri aemaise ai le avea o i latou ma ofisa taua i le vaega'au a le Malo."

## CONGRESS REAUTHORIZES VA HOME LOAN PROGRAM FOR SAMOA VETERANS

In early November, the Congress passed the legislation authorizing the VA Home Loan Program for American Samoans and other Native Americans.

Under the first authorization, passed in 1992, loans were approved for 48 new homes in American Samoa. With the new authorization, I am encouraging all American Samoan veterans who need a loan to build a new home or construct an addition to an existing home to contact the American Samoa Development Bank for application forms.

The reauthorization of this program would not have been possible without the strong support of Senator Daniel Akaka, Congressman Lane Evans, and Congressman Neil Abercrombie.

I am extremely pleased to have participated in moving this legislation forward and will continue working to ensure that our veterans receive all the benefits they are entitled to receive.

### FA'AAU FESOASOANI TUPE NONO MO FALE O FITAFITA TUAI

I le amataga o Novema ua tuana'i nei, na pasia ai e le Konekeresi le tulafono e fa'ataga ai le polokalama mo Tupe Nono mo fale ma maota o Fitafita Tuai o le Malo Tele mai Amerika Samoa fa'apea isi tagatanu'u moni o Amerika. I le fa'atagaga muamua lea na pasia i le tausaga 1992, sa talia ai talosaga mo tupe nono o fale fou e 48 i Amerika Samoa. I le fa'atagaga fou lea ua iai, oute fautua malosi atu ai i fitafita tuai o vaega'au a le Malo Tele mai Amerika Samoa, o e fia fausia ni o latou maota fou pe toe fa'aleleia o latou maota o lo'o iai nei, ina ia fa'afeso'ota'i le Faletupe o le Atina'e o Amerika Samoa mo tusi talosaga i tupe nono.

Ua fa'afiafiaina lava a'u ina ua mafai ona 'ou auai i felafolafoa'iga ina ia maua lenei fesoasoani. Sa le mafai ona fa'ataunu'uina pe ana le sapaapaia malosi e le Afioga i le Senatoa o Daniel Akaka, fa'apea Afioga i Sui o le Maota o Lane Evans ma Neil Abercrombie. O le a 'ou taumafai pea mo nisi fesoasoani o lo'o agava'a ai nai o tatou fitafita tuai o vaega'au a le Malo Tele ina ia mafai ona latou maua.

### \$500,000 WORTH OF MEDICAL QIPMENT ARRIVE IN SAMOA

Three years ago, Senator Daniel Inouye of Hawaii worked to enact a law that would require the United States military to provide transportation (free of charge) for medical equipment to American Samoa. Since then, we have used this law to transport to American Samoa millions of dollars worth of medical equipment we helped acquire from closed military bases and other facilities.

Recently, we worked with the United States Air Force and Air Force Reserve to transport approximately \$500,000 worth of medical equipment donated by Project CURE of Denver, Colorado, South Seas Christian Ministry, and the Southern California Evangelistic Association (SCEA).

I am extremely grateful to Papaliitele Jack Thompson of South Seas Ministries, Dr. Rich Sweeny of Project CURE, and Mike Maxon of SCEA for the commitment and sincere desire to assist our Samoan people with their dire health care needs.

After visiting LBJ Hospital several months ago, I contacted Papaliitele to see if South Seas Christian Ministries could provide some assistance to the only health care facility in American Samoa. He contacted Dr. Sweeny and Mr. Maxon. Sweeny and Maxon immediately traveled to American Samoa to visit LBJ hospital. Upon their return, arrangements were made to collect and ship to Samoa much needed medical equipment and supplies.

I would like to thank the United States Air Force for their assistance, and Senator Inouye, without whose help none of this would have been possible.

### AUINA ATU I AMERIKA SAMOA FESOASOANI MO LE FALEMA'I

I le tolu tausaga taluai na galue malosi ai le Afioga i le Senatoa o le Lunaite Sitete o Fofogao Samoa Daniel Inouye ina ia fa'atulafonoina le militeri o le Malo Tele ia latou saunia auala e auina atu ai i Amerika Samoa masini e aoga ma fesoasoani mo le falema'i. Talu mai lena taimi, ua matou fa'aaogaina pea lea avanoa e auina atu ai i Amerika Samoa le tele o masini fesoasoani e faitau miliona lo latou tau na mafai ona maua mai ina ua tapunia nisi o pou po'o lotoa sa iai le militeri.

I le tausaga ua mavae, na matou feso'ota'i ai ma le vaega'au a le Air Force ma lona itu fa'aleoleo (Air Force Reserve) ina ia mafai ona auina atu i le atunu'u se fesoasoani e silia ma le \$500,000 o masini mo le falema'i na mafai ona foa'iina mai e le polokalama a le Project Cure mai le aai o Denver i Colorado, fa'apea le ekalesia o le South Seas Christian Ministry, fa'apea le fa'alapotopotoga o le Southern California Evangelistic Association (SCEA).

Oute fa'afetaia ai le agalelei o le Susuga a Papaliitele Jack Thompson o le ekalesia a le South Seas Ministries, fa'apea alii foma'i o Dr. Rich Sweeny ole Project Cure, aemaise fo'i le Susuga a Mike Maxon o le SCEA i lo latou naunautai ia iai so latou sao e fesoasoani ai i le soifua maloloina o le tatou atunu'u e ala i le falema'i.

Na 'ou mua'i asiasi atu i lo tatou falema'i i Faga'alu ona 'ou fa'afeso'ota'i ai lea o le Afioga Papaliitele pe maua mai se fesoasoani i le South Seas Christian Ministries aua lo tatou falema'i i Amerika Samoa. O lea na feutaga'i ai le Afioga Papalii ma Dr. Sweeny faapea le Susuga a Maxon, ma o'ina malaga atu ai i la'ua i Samoa ma asiasi i le falema'i i Faga'alu. Ina ua talii mai, na fai ai loa gaoiiga mo le aoina ma le auina atu i Samoa o masini ma vaia'au e aoga mo le falema'i.

E fia fa'afetai atu ai i le vaega'au a le Malo Tele o le Air Force mo la latou fesoasoani aemaise le Afioga i le Senatoa o Inouye, ana le seanoa lana fesoasoani e le taunu'u leni fa'amoemoe.



Two outstanding teachers from American Samoa pose with Congressman Faleomavaega and local resident Luteru Te'o (left) who accompanied the teachers on their recent visit to the U.S. Congress. Tupe Tala, (second from left) a teacher at Leone High School, was recognized for his work as an exceptional math teacher. Okano Sipili, (right) a teacher at Matafao Elementary School, was chosen for his outstanding work in teaching elementary students in the territory. Both discussed their concerns with the condition of educational facilities throughout American Samoa.

## AMERICAN SAMOA PLANS TO COMMEMORATE CENTENNIAL

I have drafted legislation, soon to be introduced, in support of the American Samoa Government's efforts to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the raising of the U.S. Flag in American Samoa.

Working from Washington, my efforts will be focused in three areas:

...I will soon introduce legislation honoring American Samoa's relationship with the United States;

...Last year, I wrote to the Commission which selects the subjects for commemorative postage stamps and the commission expressed interest in American Samoa's application. Working with Governor Sunia, we should have a commemorative stamp printed in time for our Flag Day celebration:

Finally, I have received commitments from the chairman and ranking member of the House Banking Committee that they will support legislation to mint 25 cent coins (quarters) with designs provided by the insular areas and the District of Columbia.

### FA'AMANATUINA O LE SENITURI O AMERIKA SAMOA

Ua 'ou amata saunia se tulafono tau fa'a'ulu e sapaapaia ai fuafuaga a le Malo o Amerika Samoa e fa'amanatuina ai le 100 tausaga talu ona sisiina le tagavai o le lunaite Sitete o Amerika i laufanua o Amerika Samoa. Mai iinei i Uosigitone, e tolu ni vaega o le a taumafai atu iai: ...o le a 'ou fa'a'uluina se tulafono e fa'amanatu aloa'ia ai le mafutaga i le va o Amerika Samoa ma le lunaite Sitete; ...o le tausaga na te'a, sa 'ou tusi ai i le Komisi latou te filifilia mataupu e fa'amanatuina i fa'a'ailoga fa'apitoa i le meli (commemorative stamps) ma ua tali mai le Komisi e fiafia i le talosaga a Amerika Samoa. I le galulue fa'atasi ma Kovana Sunia, e iai le manatu o le a mafai ona maua leni fa'a'ailoga fa'apitoa mo tusi e lafo pe a o'o atu i le taimi e fa'amanatu ai le Sisiga Fu'a. Ma le mea mulimuli, ua 'ou maua ni fa'amaoniga mautu mai le ta'ita'i fa'apea le sui o le vaega Temokarasi e pito maualuga lona tulaga i le Komiti o Mataupu Tau Tupe i le Maota o Sui. Ua la fa'a'ailoa mai le sapaapaia mautu o le tulafono tau fa'a'ulu ina ia fausia ni seleni (25-sene) e iai teuteuga ma tusitusiga ua saunia e motu ma nu'u tausi o Amerika fa'apea le nofoga i le District of Columbia (DC).



Numi Tanielu of the American Samoa Red Cross and Congressman Faleomavaega discuss the territory's Emergency Contingency Plan.

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\* In July I issued an invitation to all our people, including one-parent applicants, who are experiencing difficulties in obtaining U.S. passports to visit our office at the Executive Office Building in Utulei. My staff has been trained by the Passport Agency and they are fully prepared to assist those in need.

\* Last year, I was privileged to escort this year's Cherry Blossom Princess, Betty Eunice Pene, to several of the functions in Washington, D.C., including the opening of Samoana High, Betty is currently studying accounting daughter of Seigafolava and at Seattle University. She is the Carmencita Pene of Fagaalu.

\* In July, I accepted an invitation from General Raymond Gandy, Commander of Command, to observe military maneuvers of units of the 100th waii as they conducted their two companies in American Samoa of the most decorated units in ways, the Samoan companies and I also discussed at length, American Samoa, including Reserve building at Tafuna.



*Congressman Faleomavaega meets with world famous Samoan sumo wrestler, Saleva'a Atisano'e, known in Japan as Konishiki, to discuss U.S./Japan relations in cultural, sports, and social issues.*

\* Speaker Newt Gingrich representing the United States at 50th anniversary of independence being freed from colonialism a made tremendous progress. To-democracy.

\* In August, I traveled with Committee Chairman Ben Gilman Peoples Republic of China. Our delegation met with the President China, his excellency Jiang Zemin. Our delegation also traveled to Taiwan where we met with high government officials, including Taiwanese President, his excellency Lee Teng-Hui.

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## NISI O MEA NA TUTUPU

\* I le masina o lulai ua tuana'i sa 'ou valaaulia ai o tatou tagatanu'u o lo'o fa'afaigata ona fai o latou tusifolau, aemaise e o lo'o talosagaina tusifolau i lalo o le tulafono mo le matua e to'atasi mai Amerika Samoa, ina ia tala'aao mai i lo matou ofisa i Utulei mo se fesoasoani e mana'omia mo le fa'agaioiina o latou tusi folau.

\* O le tausaga ua mavae na avefa ai ma mitamitaga ia te a'u lo'u fa'afeaoina o le tama'ita'i lalelei o Betty Eunice Pene, lea na fai ma sui o Amerika Samoa i le tauaofiaga mo Cherry Blossom Princess iinei i le Laumua. Na a'afia ai ma se 'aiga taualoaina fa'apitoa mo sui o le Konekeresi ma alo tama'ita'i lalelei ua tofia mo leni fa'amoemoe pei o Betty. O ia o le alo fa'asino i le Susuga a Seigafolava Pene ma le faletua o Carmencita Passi-Pene o Fagaalu. Na fa'au'u mai Betty i le a'oga maua a Samoa ma o lo'o a'oa'oina i mataupu tau su'etusi (accounting) i le lunivesite o Seattle i le sitete o Uosigitone.

\* Ia lulai fo'i lava, na 'ou taliaina ai se vala'aulia fa'apitoa mai le alii ta'ita'i'au o General Raymond Gandy, o le vaega'au fa'aleoleo a le Army lona iva, (Commander of the 9th U.S. Army Reserve Command,) lea sa fai a latou a'oa'oga fa'aletausaga i tulaga o le militeri o le vaega 100th Battalion, 442nd Infantry i Hawaii. E lua kamupani mai Amerika Samoa e i lalo o le vaega o le 442nd Infantry - o se vaega pito ta'uta'ua leni i le tala fa'asolopito o le vaega'au o le lunaite Sitete. O le tulaga masani, sa matua'i mata'ina le tomai o i latou na auai mai Samoa. Na maua le avanoa ma te talatalanoa ai ma le alii ta'ita'i'au o Gandy e tusa ma le lumana'i o le Army Reserve i Amerika Samoa aemaise ai se fesoasoani tau tupe mai le Konekeresi mo le fausia o se fale fou mo le Army Reserve i Tafuna.

\* Na tofia a'u e le Afioga i le Fofoga Fetala'i o Newt Gingrich e avefa ma se tasi o le savali na suia le lunaite Sitete i le fa'amanatuina o le 50-tausaga o le tuto'atasi o Initia ma Pakisitani. Talu ona maua le sa'olotoga mai le pulega fa'avaomalo e silia ma le 'afa senituri taluai, ua tele le suiga o le atunu'u o Initia. I nei ona po, ua iloga Initia o le atunu'u temokarasi pito tele i le lalolagi atoa.

\* Ia Aokuso, sa 'ou malaga ai ma le Ta'ita'i o le Komiti a le Maota o Sui i Mataupu Fa'ava-o-malo, le Afioga i le Faipule o Ben Gilman, i se malaga aloa'ia a ta'ita'i o le atunu'u i le Malo o Saina. I le lua aso na matou iai, sa feiloa'i ma fa'atalatalanoa le savali ma le Afioga i le Peresitene o le Malo o Saina, o Jiang Zemin. Sa malaga fo'i la matou savali i Taiwan na matou feiloa'i ai ma nisi o ta'ita'i iloga o lea Malo e iai le alii Peresitene o Taiwan, o ia lea o Lee Teng-Hui.



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