

2nd Suit Filed Against Haydon

THINGS ARE TOUGH FOR HAYDON!

PAGO, American Samoa (AP) — Criminal charges were filed late Monday against Gov. John Haydon of American Samoa accusing him of interfering with the civil rights of a local television newsman and a court witness.

The charges, stemming from an alleged incident late Friday in a courtroom where Haydon is on trial for alleged violation of the U. S. Hatch Act, were filed by the territory's attorney general's office.

The charges followed a week-end investigation conducted under tight secrecy to prevent,

according to the persons involved, any possible interference from Atty. Gen. Don Williams, who is serving as Haydon's defense counsel in the Hatch Act trial.

They were filed by Asst. Atty. Gen. Jim Kingzett, who is in charge of criminal activities for the attorney general's office.

Haydon is accused of trying to prevent television newsman Barry Burdett from interviewing defense witness Napoleone Tuiteleapaga during a noon Friday's court guaranteed by reason.

The interview was eventually

conducted later. Haydon is accused under a section of American Samoan law which prevents anyone from abusing the civil rights of an individual.

The 53-year-old governor, originally from Seattle, Wash., is charged with interfering with the newsman's function of the

press and also charged in a separate count with interfering with Tuiteleapaga's freedom of speech.

Both rights are guaranteed by the Samoan constitution in language similar to that in the U. S. Constitution.

Haydon has a maximum pen-

alty of six years in prison and a fine of \$3,000.

Haydon already faces removal from office if he is found guilty of the U. S. Civil Rights Commission charges that he violated the Hatch Act by attempting to use pressure to influence the jury selection in American Samoa.