

REPRESENTATIVE STAFF NOTE

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ITEM NO. 1

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Interior--Secretary Seaton has accepted an invitation from Governor Peter Tali Coleman of American Samoa to participate in the formal adoption of the first constitution for American Samoa, and raise the first Samoa flag at ceremonies to be held in Pago Pago, Samoa on April 27 and 28. In an announcement prepared for release next Sunday, Secretary Seaton will say, "The sixtieth anniversary of the first raising of the American Flag over the Island of Tutuila has special significance in view of the adoption of an official flag for the territory and of its first constitution." The constitution was drafted by a committee named by Governor Coleman in late 1959. It grants certain defined legislative authority to the Samoan legislature. At present, full legislative authority rests with the Governor.

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