

City, State Gift Policies Seem to Differ

By BARBARA MILZ

It's just the week after Christmas—and some people are still looking their gift horses in the mouth.

Only no one reports getting a horse.

Candy and liquor were the most popular hand-out gifts.

One land development firm sent out gift overnight bags.

Another gave selected recipients letters offering a free meal for two at a Waikiki restaurant.

Councilman-elect Frank Fasi unwrapped the gift problem by sending an overnight bag and the proffered dinners back to their senders with angry letters.

ONCE IGNORED

Fasi commented that the two firms sending the gifts had ignored him while he was a private citizen—but remembered him when he was a Councilman-elect.

Fasi is asking for the language on gift-taking in the City Charter to be "spelled out."

How big is the practice of giving Christmas gifts to people in public office?

It's hard to tell.

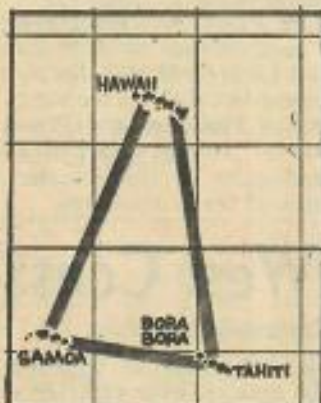
State officials questioned emphatically denied that they—or their employees—accept gifts from other than close friends or relatives.

But City officials admitted they only have to beware of gifts that would tend to influence them.

City Planning Director Frederick K. Lee was munching Christmas candy when he answered, "As far as I'm concerned, my morals aren't injured by this candy."

Lee said, "I've told our employees that as far as a small gift is concerned, when it is a method of appreciation for work you have done, by all means go ahead."

He explained, "I feel that if a person is going to be



Tahiti, a French possession is 2,700 miles south of Hawaii.

Matson Liner Monterey Aground at Bora Bora

Matson Navigation Company's cruise ship Monterey ran aground in Bora Bora harbor yesterday but none of 320 passengers was injured.

In a telephone interview this morning, Spence Weaver in Papeete, Tahiti, told the Star-Bulletin the grounding was not as serious as it seemed at first.

Weaver, president of Spencecliff Corporation, said the Monterey was grounded in the Bora Bora harbor, not outside the harbor as first reported.

He said hopefully the luxury liner would be floated at high tide today with arrival in Tahiti tonight or tomorrow.

The 21,000-ton Monterey is on a six-week holiday cruise to the South Pacific, with Tahiti the next port after Bora Bora.

The Monterey had sailed from San Francisco on December 20.

Blocks Introduction of Tahiti Gen

Special to the Star-Bulletin
PAPEETE, Tahiti—Tahitians yesterday staged a successful 24-hour general strike against the introduction of an income tax into this island paradise.

The strike ended when the Territorial Assembly shelved the proposal.

The successful strike clos-

ed all businesses and offices, except the postoffice and public utilities.

"You couldn't even get a cup of coffee," one resident told the Star-Bulletin today.

However, Spence Weaver, president of the Spencecliff Restaurants of Honolulu and of the Hotel Tahiti, said service at his hotel was unin-



Corinne Calvet

6 Arrests, 1 Injury From Fireworks

One injury from a homemade "bomb" and six fireworks arrests have been tallied by police as Oahu approaches tomorrow's New Year Eve celebration.

Police Chief Dan Liu warned the public again today that no fireworks may be used on Oahu until after 1 p.m. tomorrow.

His men have been ordered to make arrests when violations are witnessed.

The celebration's first victim was Richard Simbre, 12-

ploded a homemade "bomb" at his home.

Richard suffered severe lacerations of his left hand and is in "satisfactory" condition at Wahiawa General Hospital after surgery.

He made the bomb, he told police, of powder from cracker balls left over from the family's New Year's supply last year.

Police have arrested five boys and a 21-year-old sailor this week on fireworks violations.

The sailor, William G. Sands, 21, of the U.S.S. Sargo, was arrested on Olohana Street, Waikiki, Sunday and turned over to military authorities.

Police experience has shown that servicemen are frequent offenders of the fireworks law, largely, police believe, because of their unfamiliarity with the law.

Liu issued the following reminders for New Year's celebrants:

Income Tax

General Strike Succeeds

interrupted and that guests got their meals on schedule.

Authorities in this French island tried to enact an income tax in 1958, but riots halted its adoption.

There were no riots yesterday and the streets were calm.

"It was like a Sunday in Boise, Idaho," said an American observer.

Demonstrations were planned for today, but these were canceled after the legislators retreated on the tax plan.

The tax would have started at a rate of 4 per cent on income over \$230 a month, going up to 8 per cent on income over \$600 a month. The average earnings for Tahitians is only \$75 a month.

"The problem is that life is so carefree and that Tahitians don't want to write down every time they sell 15 cents worth of candy to a kid," said Corinne Calvet, French actress.

Miss Calvet arrived in Honolulu yesterday after a three-week vacation in French Polynesia.

The government wants people to keep books, Miss Calvet said, and the people don't want to.

ASSEMBLY VOTE

The territorial assembly had scheduled to vote on the income tax measure. Private business places closed their doors and put up signs in French and Tahitian condemning the tax plan.

But a communique published by the assembly late yesterday said the tax bill was being sent back to committee and most observers thought it would not come out again.

A Pan American plane yesterday afternoon brought to Honolulu the first news of the strike.

Passengers aboard the plane included Miss Calvet and former Honolulu artist Walter Keane.

"We were lucky to get our plane off the ground,"

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An aerial view of Papeete, Tahiti—Camera Hawaii Photo

Belnap Promised Permanent Tenure

By HELEN ALTONN

Ray V. Belnap, State corrections administrator, has been promised permanent tenure in his post under civil service regulations.

He told the Star-Bulletin today he has discussed his status—the subject of a four-year controversy—with William G. Among, State Social Services Department director.

"And he has assured me that when I am recertified according to civil service rules he will appoint me to the position.

"Assurances are firm that I would stay."

The State Personnel Services Department began recruiting applicants yesterday for the job, which will be deemed vacant when Belnap's contract expires January 17.

But the civil service procedures apparently are merely a legal formality.

Belnap appears to be the only candidate on the local scene who meets the stiff qualifications for the post.

Moreover, job recruitment, normally not so close to the expiration date of a contract, began only after other means of retaining Belnap were explored and found impossible under the law.

Among, praising Belnap as "a hard worker," told the Star-Bulletin in confidence two weeks ago he was looking into various avenues of keeping him in the corrections post.

It was learned that Among and Belnap had several meetings with Governor John A. Burns to discuss the issue.

Among indicated last week that Belnap would be reemployed, but the matter was

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next year in fixing of bail for persons accused of committing felonious crimes.

Felonies are crimes punishable by imprisonment for more than a year.

This decision was reached yesterday after a meeting among Circuit Judge Frank A. McKinley, who will be in charge of the felony calendar beginning January 11; Prosecuting Attorney John H. Peters, Police Chief Dan Liu and Assistant Chief Yo-

this year will be followed again, except for one change made yesterday.

Hereafter, the bail for negligent homicide in the first degree will be \$500, instead of \$1,500.

Persons charged with the offense are usually reputable citizens, not crooks. Judge McKinley said, since no criminal intent is involved.

These persons are not the type who will go out and do it again, he said.

To expect them to put up \$1,000 bail is "ridiculous," Prosecutor Peters pointed out, especially when persons accused of more violent offenses are required to pay smaller bails.

For instance, the bail fee for assault with a dangerous weapon is only \$1,000; first-degree burglary, \$1,000; second-degree robbery, \$1,000.

During yesterday's meeting in Judge McKinley's chambers, it also was decided that the police officer in charge of the receiving desk may telephone Judge McKinley for permission to lower bail in "meritorious cases."

These cases would involve first-offenders who are heads of family and sole "bread winners" who might lose their jobs because they have to sit in jail, unable to put up bail, for a "run of the mill" offense.

Judge McKinley said there might even be situations where an accused will be allowed to be released on his own recognizance after he is arrested and booked.

Other Circuit judges, who have the power to increase or decrease bail fees, also may be summoned when McKinley cannot be reached.

Heretofore, judges were called only when the police wanted authority to increase the bail in aggravated cases.

Attorneys seeking a reduc-

to formally ask the judge to take such action.

This might be weeks or months after the accused has been jailed for lack of funds.

Judge McKinley said he also called yesterday's meeting to discuss "the general problems confronting the criminal calendar" so that the court, police and prosecutors "can dovetail our work and not go in to different directions."

He declined to say what problems were discussed.

Arrests

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use any fireworks.

-No person may sell or give any fireworks to anyone under 18.

-No fireworks may be used by anyone before 1 p.m. tomorrow and after 2 a.m. Friday.

-All aerial fireworks are forbidden.

-Fireworks may not be used from motor vehicles; may not be used on streets, highways, sidewalks, parks, beaches or school yards.

-Fireworks may be used only on private property by adults.

-They may not be used within 1,000 feet of any hospital, convalescent home, home for the aged, animal hospital or any place of worship during services.

-Homemade fireworks, fashioned from commercially manufactured ones are forbidden.

-Parents of juvenile firework offenders are subject to arrest and prosecution. They may also be required to accompany their children to police headquarters for lecturing.

-The penalty for any firework violations, either selling or using, is up to a \$500 fine and up to 30 days in jail.

-Sale of any fireworks after 9 p.m. tomorrow, New Year's Eve, is illegal.

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Tranquilizers Suggested For Dogs at New Year's

The Hawaiian Humane Society recommends tranquilizer pills for dogs during the New Year celebration, at which time firecrackers are exploded.

Arthur M. McCormack says that "some dogs get extremely frightened and excited. Some almost go crazy.

"Dogs (tied up) can choke themselves by trying to escape the noise.

or those in pens will sometimes try to jump the fences or dig down into the ground."

He advises dog owners to have veterinarians prescribe tranquilizers or sedatives for dogs, keep them confined during the noisiest time of the celebration, keep them as far from the noise as possible, and stay with them for reassurance.

Tahiti

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Keane said.

Tahitians lined the road leading to the airport, with piles of stone at hand.

But Keane's car wasn't stoned.

The strike started at 12:01 a.m. Tuesday. The Pan Am plane had to be serviced before that hour.

One of the minor mishaps was that the ice melted before flight time.

Keane said it was a general strike, well-organized and effective.

He said he saw no unfriendliness to Americans.

"The Polynesians really were fighting against the French Government," Keane said.

A chartered Saturn Airline left Tahiti at 10:30 p.m. yesterday and arrived in Honolulu this morning with a group of 104 from Los Angeles and San Francisco. Most in the charter group were teachers.

Albin A. Roman, deputy information officer at the Oakland Army Terminal, said meals aboard the plane were skimpy because the airline had a hard time getting food.

"The steward had to go to the side of a small Chinese store and buy any canned goods he could," Roman said. "We had a piece of ham with some crackers, for breakfast, and a little slice of cheese.

"Actually, they did a good job."

He said he and three others rented a car yesterday, but could get only a quarter of a tank of gasoline. All the service stations were closed, and many cars ran out of fuel.

The tourists had difficulty getting from their hotel, the Matavai, to the airport. The baggage was loaded helterskelter on a bus and it got to the airport on time.

"It was a rough situation but we took everything in stride," Roman said.

"follow the general policy of the city."

He explained that employees use their judgment, and return all gifts they think might influence them.

Nobriga said all he received this year were "two bottles of liquor." He added, "They were from people I've not done business with for four or five years."

STATE CODE

In the State offices, the Christmas cupboard must have been bare.

Each department head queried emphatically said he and his employees follow strictly the State's Code of Ethics which is firm on this matter of gifts.

Ray Belnap, Director of the Division of Corrections, said, "Not one person gave any of us a thing."

He read the Code of Ethics dealing with "Fee or Profit" for State employees.

This code forbids any state employee to receive directly — or indirectly — any fee, commission, gratuity or gift from a person or corporation furnishing supplies or doing business with or for any State department.

Dr. Leo Bernstein, Director of the Hawaii Department of Health, said, "We follow the Governor's Code of Ethics—the one which says we do not accept gifts."

He added to his secretary, "Nobody gives us anything."

Chief Justice Wilfred C. Tsukiyama said the subject of gifts to Judiciary Department employees has not come up.

People don't give gifts to these personnel, he explained.

Justice Tsukiyama said, "People know better than that."

ADHERE TO CODE

A spokesman for Governor John A. Burns said State employees were expected to adhere to the "Code of Ethics" for State employees in the matter of receiving gifts.

In 1962, Governor Burns announced before Christmas that the "administrative code of ethics put into effect by former Governor William F. Quinn still applies."

That same year, Governor Burns let it be known to State employees that he thought bottles of liquor and other gifts of value offered to employees by persons or firms doing business with the State should be returned.

The Governor's spokesman said yesterday, "In general, the same statement still stands."

Mayor Neal S. Blaisdell's spokesman had no comment.