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THE OVERSEAS LABOURERS CONTROL ORDINANCE, 1931

Western Samoa

No. 9, 1931



AN ORDINANCE

made by the Administrator of the Territory of Western Samoa with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council of that Territory, and in pursuance of the Samoa Act, 1921

*Short Title.*

1. This Ordinance may be cited as "The Overseas Labourers Control Ordinance, 1931".

*Interpretation.*

2. "Commissioner of Labour" means the officer of the Public Service of Samoa duly charged with the care and control of overseas labourers.

"Overseas Labourer" means any Asiatic who has arrived in Samoa whether before or after the commencement of this Ordinance in pursuance of any contract to perform manual or domestic service or in pursuance of any scheme established by lawful public authority for the importation of Asiatics to render manual or domestic service.

*Restrictions against visiting Samoans.*

3. (1) It shall not be lawful for any overseas labourer
- (a) to enter any house fale or room occupied by a Samoan
  - (b) to enter or remain in any house fale room or other building with a female Samoan
  - (c) to allow or solicit any female Samoan to enter any house fale room or other building occupied by him.
- (2) Any overseas labourer who acts in contravention of the provisions of this section commits an offence and shall be liable to imprisonment for three months.
- (3) It shall be a good defence to any prosecution under this section if the defendant proves to the satisfaction of the Court
- (a) at the time of contravening the provisions of subsection 1 hereof he was acting in the course of his ordinary employment or occupation, and
  - (b) that such employment or occupation has been approved by the Commissioner of Labour.

*Female Samoans not to visit Overseas Labourers.*

4. (1) It shall not be lawful for any female Samoan
- (a) to enter any house fale room or building occupied by an overseas labourer
  - (b) to approach come near to or loiter near to any building or premises used for the accommodation of overseas labourers.
- (2) Any female Samoan who acts in contravention of the provisions of this section commits an offence and shall be liable to imprisonment for one month.

*Aiding an Offence.*

5. Any person who does or omits any act for the purpose of aiding any person to commit an offence against this Ordinance or who commits procures or encourages any person to commit such an offence shall himself be guilty of an offence and shall be liable to the same penalty as is herein provided in respect of the offence which he so shall aid commit procure or encourage.

*Repeal.*

6. The Proclamation No. 56 made by the Administrator of Western Samoa during the British Military Occupation is hereby repealed.

Assented to this thirtieth day of December, 1931.

H. HART,

Administrator.

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