

## **WORLD NEWS IN BRIEF**

### **Convicted murderer hangs**

**NUKU'ALOFA, Tonga, Wed, AAP —** A 30-year old man was hanged yesterday for the knife murder of a fellow villager last January, the second such execution in the island kingdom since 1971, the Associated Press reported.

Otenili Fisilau was convicted of murdering 41-year old Sione Hau with a cane knife and was sentenced to death.

Fisilau's requests for a stay of execution were denied by King Taufa Ahau Tupou and the Privy Council.

### **Cyclone kills boy, 10**

**SUVA, Wed, AAP —** Cyclone Anne has left a 10-year-old boy dead and extensive damage to crops and buildings in Tonga.

Reports from Tonga today said the boy was killed by a falling power pole when the cyclone hit Tongatapu with winds of up to 62 knots.

Damage to crops and houses was estimated at thousands of dollars in Tongatapu, the country's main island group.

Tongatapu experienced gales until late yesterday afternoon.

### **'No' to UFO search**

**WASHINGTON, Wed, AAP —** The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) has refused to start an expensive investigation of flying saucers — also known as unidentified flying objects or UFO's — Agency

## **unidentified flying objects or UFO's — Agence France-Presse reports.**

The study had been requested by Frank Press, the President's scientific adviser, who said American public interest in UFO's had been aroused again by recent space films.

NASA Administrator Robert Frosch, in a letter made public here, told Mr Press that it would be wasteful and probably unproductive to resume the kind of large-scale flying saucer chase the Air Force carried out for a number of years until 1969.

## **Jet dives in 'Triangle'**

**MIAMI, Florida, Wed, AAP — A Braniff Airlines DC18 jet with 153 people aboard plunged 3000 metres in turbulent weather over the so-called Bermuda Triangle area on Christmas Day, injuring 26 passengers, officials said today.**

The jet was on a flight from New York to Panama when it hit air turbulence over Bimini Island.

The officials said the jet plunged 3000 metres before the pilot could bring it back into level flight.

## **Australian Reds welcomed**

**BANGKOK, Wed, AAP — Cambodian leaders turned out in force last week to welcome a visiting Australian Communist delegation, Radio Phnom Penh said today.**

The Prime Minister and Communist Party Chief, Pol Pot, was among leaders who honored the delegation of the pro-Peking Communist Party of Australia, led by party Secretary-General Ted Hill.