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Palama
Band
Report

December 8, 1959

Mr. Harry Mathewson
Chairman, Boys and Girls Committee
Kiwanis Club of Honolulu

Dear Harry:

At the start of the year when I was assigned as a member of your committee to maintain a liason with Palama Settlement Kiwanis Band, it was the intention to establish an intimate relation with Band members as well as the Palama administrators. However, inasmuch as there was a change in administration on July 1st with subsequent personnel problems within the music department, I was unable to follow out the program as originally planned. It was only within the last two months that I was able to gather some of the desired information.

There are presently approximately 35 boys receiving instruction in the beginners and intermediate band groups. The beginners are under the instruction of Roy Yanagida and they meet twice weekly on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 5:00 - 7:00 PM. The intermediate group is under the instruction of Boniface Leong and they meet twice weekly, on Monday and Wednesday evenings from 5:00 - 7:00 PM.

Roy Yanagida is attending the University of Hawaii School of Music and is in his Senior year. Boniface Leong is a graduate of the University of Hawaii School of Music and is now doing post-graduate work preparatory to making music his life's work.

There was a recent slowdown during the change in administration at the music school. Instruction periods are now again in full swing and are well attended.

It has been the practice in the past to loan instruments owned by the Kiwanis Club to members of the Band for home practice. As a result of some careless inventory control in the past a few of the instruments are missing. The inventory accounting for the instruments has been tightened up under the present director and some of the missing instruments have been located. Ed Jeffries will give a detailed inventory report.

I have attended several of the Band practice sessions and have noted the enthusiasm of the majority of the boys for the program. I have also secured information on 32 of the boys now taking instruction, covering their age, school attended, number of children in the family, and father's and mother's occupation. This report is attached. It would seem from the information that many of the boys' parents could well afford outside instructions. However,

upon closer look it is apparent that the parents are not maintaining employment to their fullest potential for a number of reasons, including alcohol. As a result the children suffer. This as we all know is a common story.

I am also enclosing two information lists regarding graduates of the Kiwanis Band. It will be noted that the directors of the Kalakaua School Band and the Farrington High School Band are former instructors of the Kiwanis Band.

The cost of instruction is one of the principal expenses of the Band program as each instructor is paid \$60.00 a month. However, I feel that this is a very valuable part of the program because this assists the young instructors materially in finishing their music education.

As you know the Executive Director of Palama Settlement is now a member of our Kiwanis organization and is, I understand, to be chairman of this committee next year. He is fully cognizant of the financial situation within our club and has discussed with me ways and means of sponsoring additional fund raising projects which could assist in financially supporting the Band program.

On the basis of the observations I have made, I recommend a continuing support of the Palama Band program as near to the extent of our present support as our finances will permit.

Howard B. Crites

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