

## REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS ON PRE-SCHOOL

JUNE 27, 1963

### Brief History

- August 20, 1957 - Five year variance granted to operate at present site.
- August 6, 1962 - Variance expired.
- October 9, 1962 - "Trecker Report" accepted by the Settlement Board. The Report recommends consideration of "other agencies with special competence to operate services, such as day care." Earlier study of Joint Commission raised many questions regarding the feasibility of Palama's continuing the Pre-School.
- December 31, 1962 - Department of Social Services' Temporary Certificate of Approval expired.
- January 23, 1963 - Letter of request sent from Mr. Rath to Mr. Izumi, City Building Department Superintendent, for additional 18 months variance. Letter notes corrections in building deficiencies made and lowering of enrollment to 65 pupils. Also explains the Settlement's desire to implement the recommendations of the Trecker Report adopted by the Board on October 9, 1962, and that a decision on the future of the school can be made within the 18 months period.
- March 5, 1963 - MR. Izumi, City Building Superintendent, recommended that the request for variance from the Building Code be denied. His report stated: "that the five years allowed Palama Settlement to continue operation in the non-conforming building is more than ample to plan and complete the new buildings. Also, the safety of the children attending this pre-school should not be disregarded any longer.."
- May 27, 1963 - Letter from Mr. Nagoshi to Mayor and Members of the City Council submitted at the recommendation of Councilman Takabuki. It requested for variance up through August 31, 1964. It explained that the Settlement can develop definite future plans within this period to either continue the present program or a modified day-care program.
- June 4, 1963 - A communication received from the Department of Social Services states succinctly that they "could not legally issue a license authorizing continued operation of the Center..... Unless you secure a variance or otherwise meet safety requirements, we request discontinuance of the Center by August 31, 1963."

June 10, 1963 - Dr. Richard You informed the Settlement that Mrs. Sabala was granted an agreement to operate a pre-school and day care in his York International Building now under construction and to be completed sometime in November 1963.

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SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

1. Operation of the school at the present site does not meet the City Code which requires "one-hour fire-resistive construction," and "fire-resistive separation wall" for mixed occupancies.
2. License to operate will not be granted unless the above requirements are met.
3. The "Trecker Report" suggests that the operation of the school be turned over to other agencies.
4. Mrs. Sabala, director of the school, has been granted an agreement to operate a pre-school and day care on a private basis at the York International Building in November of this year.

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RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Settlement terminate the existing pre-school program as of December 31, 1963, and seek variance from the City Building Code requirements to operate the school up through this date.
2. In the event a variance cannot be granted through December 31, 1963, the Settlement should:
  - a. terminate the existing program as of August 31, 1963.
  - b. authorize Mrs. Sabala to operate the school on a space-rent basis until such time as the York International Building is completed to effect a transfer, and
  - d. authorize Mrs. Sabala to seek a variance from the City to operate temporarily at the present site.
3. That the Settlement through a committee, requested by Board, Staff and other agency representatives, develop plans for a modified type of day-care program geared to meet the needs of the people of our immediate neighborhood.