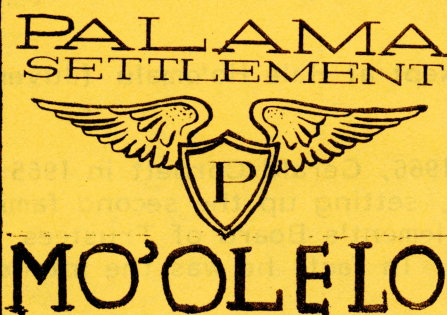




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Aloha, friends and members of Palama Settlement's extended family! This is the first issue of what we expect to be a monthly newsletter about events at and of concern to Palama Settlement.

Mo'olelo is the Hawaiian word for chronicles, and it is our intention that each issue of PALAMA MO'OLELO will record for you events occurring here or affecting the Settlement.

Please give us the names of people you know who would like to be on our mailing list. Thank you.

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CORBETT HOUSE

Hawaii's first crisis attention residence for juvenile status offenders (kids who get arrested for doing things not illegal for adults) will officially open February 14, 1979. Located on the campus of Palama Settlement House, this residence--named Corbett House in memory of the late Family Court Judge Gerald R. Corbett--will initially shelter four girls at a time.

The service is funded through the Family Court by the Law Enforcement Administrative Agency (LEAA) and is in compliance with the Juvenile Justice Act passed by the U. S. Congress, mandating separation of status offenders from criminals. Family Court Administrator Mary Jane Lee is the project director. Jim Miyasato is the project manager or actual service director.

Jim worked as a youth specialist for both Palama Settlement and the Family Court from 1972 to 1977, when he went back to school. He is also a five-year veteran volunteer worker with the Suicide and Crisis Center. In addition to Jim, live-in house parents will be on 24-hour duty at Corbett House, on the 2nd floor of the Home Economics Building.

The first clients admitted will be girls aged 13 to 16 who are repeat status offenders; i.e., runaways, "incorrigible," etc. They will remain at Corbett House for periods of no less than 30 days and no longer than 90 days.

During the time of her stay, the Family Court, the project manager and staff will work intensively with each child, her parents, and all relevant community services in an effort to successfully "remediate" the problem. Each girl will attend Kumu A'o (Palama Learning Center) and all other phases of the regular Settlement In-Community Treatment program.

At present these children are being kept at Hale Ho'omalulu (Juvenile Detention Home) while their cases are pursued.

A Juvenile Court Judge from 1945 to 1966, Gerald Corbett in 1965 co-authored Hawaii's landmark legislation, the Family Court Act, setting up the second family court system in the U.S. He was a member of Palama Settlement's Board of Trustees for many years, and was most active on the program committee. In fact, he was the intellectual father of a number of existing projects.

Like judge, his wife Nancy Corbett has worked hard and long for the welfare of the children of Hawaii. Mrs. Corbett is still active with the Honolulu Theater for Youth, an organization she founded.

Judge Corbett died in 1968, but his spirit has never been more present at Palama than in Corbett House. Its official dedication and blessing will be held February 14, 1979, from 1 to 3 p.m.

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION

A new CETA-funded project, the Vocational Project, will provide remedial basic education for 65 school-alienated youngsters aged 14 to 17. A Community Services department responsibility, the project under Director Verna Keyes began operations Jan. 15, 1979. Clerical worker Sylvia Baker has also been hired, with one remaining staff position, educator, yet to be filled.

Included in the program for the boys and girls involved will be a curriculum covering "How to Apply for a Job," skills needed to get and keep a job, and an exciting job sampling experience.

The project will also provide intense on-the-job training of six months for five to seven unemployed or underemployed young people aged 16 to 21 in basic skills required for human service jobs; such as recreation worker, youth service worker, athletic trainer's aide, aquatic specialist, substance and abuse worker.

Under this Vocational Project CETA will also provide funds to enable the Settlement to employ twenty 14-to-17-year-olds part-time at Palama learning yard-tending skills, general building maintenance, duplicating machine operation, statistical compilation, and newswriting.

TO BRING YOU UP-TO-DATE

New Assistant to the Director Russ St. Cook was hired and started work January 15, 1979. Profile of him next month.

PAKOLEA -- The 1979 Pakolea project in basketball is in full swing with 110 boys and girls aged 9 to 16 attending daily.

KUMU A'O (Learning Center) -- The fire of Nov. 2, 1977 gutted the life center of Palama, our Learning Center. It has taken a long time and much effort, but the restoration is nearing completion. Details in next month's MO'OLELO.

The GYM -- Palama's agreement with the City & County Parks and Recreation Department ended December 31, 1978. After ten years, the Settlement will once again be operating our own recreation and athletic program. More on this later.

CAROLE KAI BED RACE -- For the first time Palama Settlement had an entry in the Jan. 28 bed race. John Sharp, staff person in charge, rounded up former members of his championship bantam football teams as "horses." The present Miss Kalihi, Napua Flood, was the Palama Queen. Schuman Carriage Company was the financial sponsor, and Kaulana Hanau Hou decorated the bed a la grass shack. Everybody had fun, and we won one heat.

PALAMA HOSTS SECOND PA'ANI PILIALOHA

Through the monetary kindness of Bert Rogers and the Hui O'Ilima, Palama Settlement hosted the second Pa'ani Pilialoha (friendship game) Jan. 17, 1979, from 9 A.M. to 2:30 P.M.

This play day brings together youth from various Oahu Substance Abuse projects for a day of friendly competition and fun. Participating programs are Nuuanu YMCA Detached Counselors Project, Waianae Rap Center, Ke Ala Holo Pono, and Palama's In-Community Treatment project.

Events include boys' and girls' basketball, boys' and girls' volleyball, and track. Each participant receives a "games' T-shirt." For the second year, overall winner of the games was Waianae Rap Center.

Lunch served in the Home Economics room was followed by impromptu Hawaiian music. Over 130 participants were here. Invited guests included Bert Rogers, members of Hui O'Ilima, and Tim Wee, chief of the State Substance Abuse Agency. Chairman of this year's Pa'ani Pilialoha was staff member Larry Keeno.
