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MEMBER OF THE HONOLULU COMMUNITY CHEST

## DEDICATION

This Annual Report is dedicated to the staff members who were specially honored on December 29th, 1956 for their service of 15 or more years to Palama Settlement. Their influence at the Settlement and in the community will long remain. Mahalo Nui Loa!

*Wallace Saffery	1909 - 1956
Julia Desha	1914 - 1955
Dr. John H. Dawe	1924 - 1956
*Kenzo Iizaki	1926 - 1956
Abbie Kaholokula	1916 - 1945
*Beatrice Kahoopii	1931 - 1956
*Nelson Kawakami	1931 - 1956
Ragna H. Rath	1905 - 1929
Isabel Caires Bates	1926 - 1947
Tsuchizo Okamoto	1936 - 1954
Dr. Joseph W. Lam	1929 - 1947
Lucille Otto	1925 - 1943
Martha Rothwell	1927 - 1944
May Bowron	1924 - 1941
Henry Hamaishi	1940 - 1956
**Queenie Vieira	1929 - 1944

\* Still employed.

\*\* Added to the original list subsequent to the above date.

OFFICERS AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES

for the Year 1956

OFFICERS

Honorary President.....	Walter F. Dillingham
Honorary Vice-President.....	Alfred L. Castle
President.....	R. Allen Watkins
First Vice-President.....	Ronald B. Jamieson
Second Vice-President.....	*Samuel E. F. Chu
Third Vice-President.....	Nathan F. Banfield, III
Secretary.....	Mrs. Thomas D. Perkins
Treasurer.....	Hawaiian Trust Co., Ltd.
Director.....	Walter H. Ehlers

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Arthur Y. Akinaka	Mrs. Peggy Hitchcock	C. Dudley Pratt
Nathan F. Banfield, III	Ronald B. Jamieson	Dr. Shunzo Sakamaki
George R. Carter	Herbert K. Keppeler	Robert Y. Sato
A. L. Castle	Rev. Harry S. Komuro	W. Russell Starr
Mrs. Ines V. Cayaban	Stanley Kudo	Dr. Francis K. Sylva
*Samuel E. F. Chu	Jose V. E. Labrador	A. L. Y. Ward
John K. Clarke, Jr.	Yoshiaki Nakamoto	R. Allen Watkins
W. F. Dillingham	Vladimir N. Ossipoff	Kenneth M. Young
Stewart Fern	Mrs. Thomas D. Perkins	

\* Resigned

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Report by the President of the Board of Trustees

by R. ALLEN WATKINS

The Settlement had a very satisfactory year in 1956, reflecting growth in program and ever increasing importance in our neighborhood. Many problems arose during the year, some of them of far-reaching importance.

Of prime importance, and one that affects every social agency, is that of obtaining and keeping adequate personnel. Although we obtained approximately \$14,000 for increases in salaries in 1957 from the Community Chest, our personnel are still underpaid. Salaries offered by government agencies and business firms are much more attractive. This fact makes it very difficult to obtain and keep competent key personnel. This is an ongoing problem and an effort must be made again this year to substantially raise salaries for our 1958 budget.

Our biggest problem is, of course, brought about by the widening of Vineyard Street due to begin during 1957, and the construction of the Mauka Arterial in the near future. An extremely competent Planning Committee has been at work all year on this problem. I would like to express great appreciation to members of this Committee for their interest and trust that they will continue with this vital task during the coming year. Loss of the land and buildings due to the widening not only involves present program but long-range planning for the future. This will involve problems of construction of a new plant, sale of some of our land, a capital fund drive, investment of funds, financing -- all problems requiring good thinking and considerable sincere interest and help from the Board of Trustees.

We have had indications from the Community Chest that during the coming year there will be discussions concerning our Music School, Pre-school and Camping Program. Since, at the present time, all are important parts of our program, adequate studies will need to be made of these departments so that we may convince ourselves and the Community Chest that these programs are vital to Palama and deserve continuing Chest support. The problem of the Camp has now been pin-pointed by the tidal-wave damage. What we do this year and in the future with camping must soon be decided.

It can be readily seen that a real challenge faces the Board of Trustees this year, perhaps a bigger one than ever before. The help of every Board member will be needed. In fact, more help can certainly be used and if any of you know of anyone who could

be interested in serving on a committee or on this Board, please be a committee of one to recruit him.

I wish to gratefully acknowledge the work of our fine staff and particularly the department heads. When the Director was away this summer, the Settlement functioned smoothly through the conscientious efforts of Bertha Lee, John Kelly, Lorin Gill, Margaret Iizaki and Wallace Saffery. The extremely competent administration of the Director, Walter Ehlers, is responsible and we all certainly owe him a vote of thanks. Finally, it has been a pleasure to work with you this past year as your president, and I am happy to have the opportunity to serve you another year in this capacity.

R. Allen Watkins, President  
Board of Trustees

March 13, 1957

## Report of the Director for the year 1956

by WALTER H. EHLERS

### THANK YOU!

I can't think of a better way to start off this report than to say thank you to a host of friends who, through their donations of time and money, have enriched our lives and our program. Special mention needs to go to the Honolulu Community Chest, the McInerny Fund, the Castle Foundation, the Frear Foundation, a host of "Sustaining Members" and, last but not least, a great number of volunteers. It was through the receipt of some of the above funds that I was privileged to go to the International Federation of Settlements Conference in Berlin and the International Conference of Social Work in Munich, Germany, the past summer. These conferences were highlights in my career and will be long in my memory.

Because of the money made available through the above-mentioned special funds, we were also able to purchase folding bleachers for the makai wall of the gymnasium, a trampoline, a small bus, and a station wagon. These items have all contributed materially to our program and again I want to thank all those that had any part in the donation.

Because of the time donated by approximately 70 volunteers, we were able to carry on many fine programs. Thanks to all of you!

### WE ARE HAPPY ABOUT.....

Yes, we are happy about lots of things that happened during 1956. One of the nicest things that keeps on happening is the thanks and appreciation of the "Old timers" who come in and tell us how much Palama has meant to them. In December of 1956 we held our "60th Anniversary Luau." The gym was crowded with folks who knew Palama "way back when." It was a real joy for them to come back and help celebrate our 60th year. We specially honored those staff members that served fifteen or more years. The names of the honorees are listed in a dedicatory page at the beginning of this report.

We are happy, too, about the number of kids that openly have expressed their pride at being members of Palama, and who by their actions have shown that the program here is working for them.

A partial indication of the use of the Settlement is in the statistical records which show that the attendance in organized groups numbered 69,652 persons during 1956. In other organized activities, but without a definite enrollment, we had 88,539 persons in attendance for the year. Individual use of the various services, swimming



pool and showers numbered 190,775. Probably most important were the 1,780 interviews, consultations and guidance periods. In actual value received, these last figures may mean more than all the rest. We are happy that we were able to keep up this volume of work in spite of the loss of personnel and the job shifts which occurred during the year.

#### THIS MADE US SAD.....

We were sad about the number of fine persons on our staff that left for one reason or another during the year. Winifred Ishimoto (Group Work Supervisor) left to become Assistant Program Counselor at the University of Hawaii. Allen Kidoguchi of the athletic staff left to go into school work after a hitch in the service. George Uyeda of the athletic department left to go with the Bureau of Sight Conservation. Setsuko Nozoe, who was originally with the Group Work department and then moved over to the Music Department, left to go back to school and get her teacher's certificate. Hiroshi Saito of Group Work left to go with Parks and Recreation. The only happy note in this loss of personnel is that the agencies getting these former Palama workers are getting the best! Lots of luck -- and we miss you.

Naturally, with many staff changes, it means more work for the persons remaining and also it means that we are not able to do all the things we would like to do. This is not by way of making excuses, it just is one of the facts of life. Certainly we have hopes for 1957 as being a more stable year which will allow us time and concentrated effort so we can move forward.

One of the most important of our unmet needs is still the development of a casework program. The need for guidance and help for both families and individuals is evident daily in our work. AT THE PRESENT TIME WE CAN ONLY COPE WITH THE FRINGES OF PSYCHOLOGICAL AND EMOTIONAL PROBLEMS. Unless and until we meet this great need in our Palama community, we are not doing the job of therapy that needs to be done. I would like to remind readers of this report that a similar statement was made in the 1940 survey entitled, "The Honolulu Plan." To date, inadequate funds have made it impossible for us to move ahead in this respect.

#### THIS WE HAVE PLANNED TO DO.....

All of us at the Settlement are excited about the prospects of new buildings. The Board of Trustees went on record at the November 1956 meeting to approve a complete new master plan for the Settlement which will involve the removal of our present buildings and replacement with new. Mr. Vladimir Ossipoff, internationally-known architect and member of our Board, has agreed to do the work. Our staff

will have the unusual opportunity not afforded to every Settlement worker of putting their dreams down on paper and seeing those dreams become a reality. The first increment will be the gymnasium and locker rooms. We hope to have this work started by the end of 1957, at which time the Territory will be removing our present gymnasium due to the road-widening program. The only thing we can hope is that we have as much vision and insight into the future as the original Board had when they planned big enough to do the job. Few persons realize, I suppose, that Palama Settlement is one of the few Settlements in the world that was actually built to do a Settlement job. Most Settlements are housed in former old residences or are makeshifts. Through the vision of Mr. Rath, the first headworker, Palama has been in the fortunate position of having a remarkably adequate set of buildings. Sad to say, termites and time have taken their toll, and now we must rebuild.

THANK YOU AGAIN.....In concluding this report, just let me say again that I have deeply appreciated the cooperation and help which came to me personally and to the Settlement during 1956. Thanks so much!

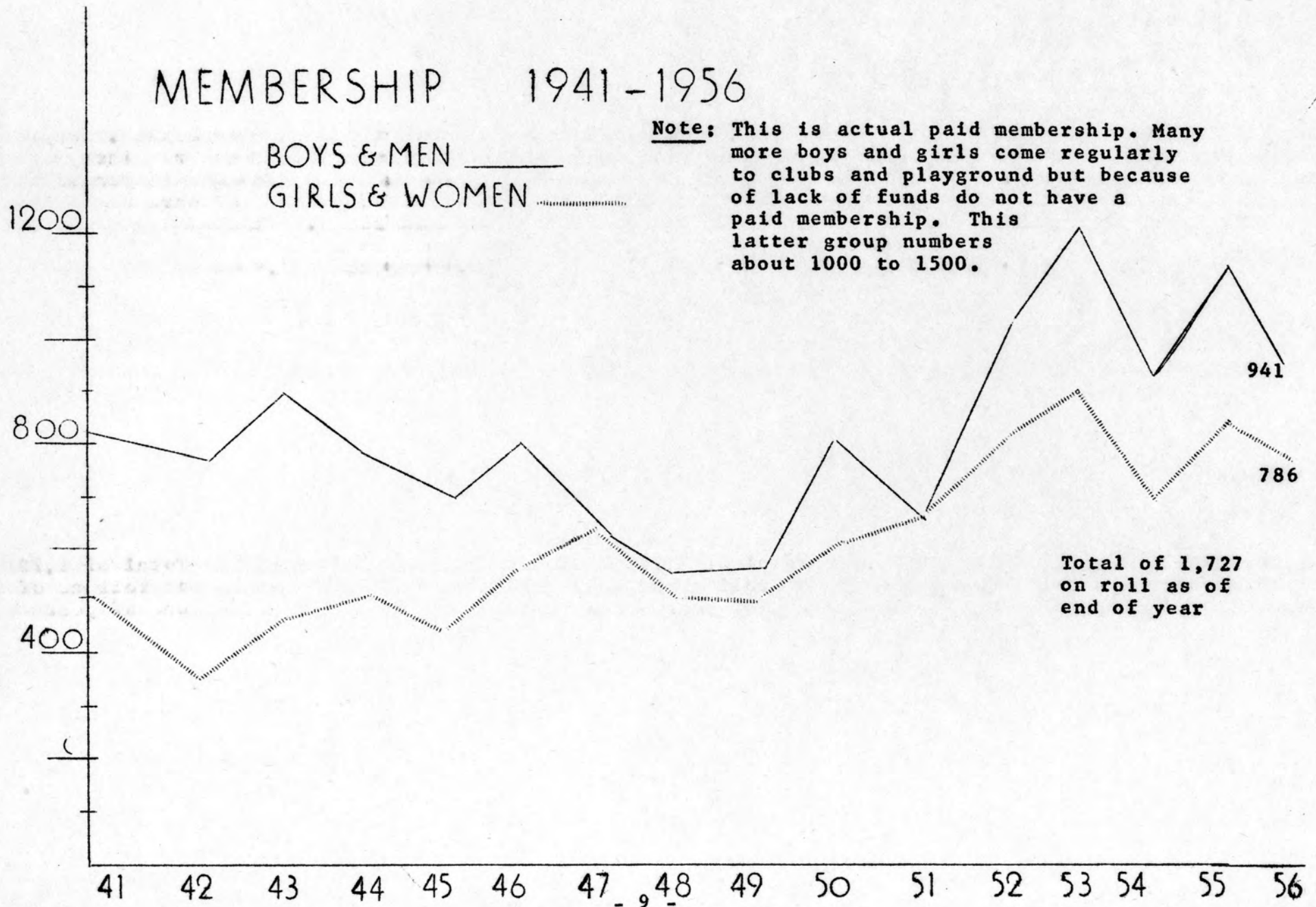
Walter H. Ehlers  
Executive Director  
Palama Settlement

March 13, 1957

# MEMBERSHIP 1941-1956

BOYS & MEN \_\_\_\_\_  
GIRLS & WOMEN .....

Note: This is actual paid membership. Many more boys and girls come regularly to clubs and playground but because of lack of funds do not have a paid membership. This latter group numbers about 1000 to 1500.



Total of 1,727  
on roll as of  
end of year

YEARLY ATTENDANCE - PALAMA SETTLEMENT

Year	"A" Groups with Definite Enrollment	"B" Other Organized Group Activities	Totals For "A" and "B"	"C" Individual Use of Facilities	"D" Conferences, Consul. and Guidance
1949	38,410	17,062	55,472	118,149	310
1950	48,913	61,204	110,117	148,459	391
1951	53,050	105,235	158,285	249,092	638
1952	63,798	129,430	193,228	314,414	953
1953	61,952	136,958	198,910	253,322	1,256
1954	62,641	103,800	166,441	208,997	420
1955	73,419	86,822	160,241	220,754	1,483
1956	69,652	88,539	158,191	190,775	1,780

PALAMA SETTLEMENT

OPERATING STATEMENT

For year ending December 1956 \*

<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>
Investment	\$ 2,042.00	\$ 2,476.41
Contributions	5,000.00	4,612.00
Fees, dues	4,398.00	4,796.23
Operating Income	39,890.00	39,091.03
Camp, Residence	17,165.00	14,474.84
- Other Income & "Wash" Items	740.00	1,046.52
Chest	<u>78,051.37</u>	<u>78,046.76</u>
	\$ 147,286.37	\$ 144,543.79
Bal. brot forward 1/1/56	--	<u>104.61</u>
	\$ 147,286.37	\$ 144,648.40

Expenses

Salaries and wages	\$ 109,564.00	\$ 107,436.66
Office & Building Maint.	11,171.00	13,119.32
Administrative Expenses	10,913.00	10,779.58
Activities and Service	5,339.00	5,175.67
Camp, Residence	10,129.00	6,957.72
- Other Exp. and "Wash" Items	<u>170.37</u>	<u>1,079.45</u>
	\$ 147,286.37	\$ 144,548.40
Bal. on hand 1/1/56	--	<u>100.00</u>
	\$ 147,286.37	\$ 144,648.40

Capital and Special Funds Received:

Hon. Comm. Chest - Rehabilitation	\$ 6,872.00
Castle, McInerny Found.	<u>9,310.41</u>
	\$16,182.41

\* This is not final audited copy.

- "Wash" items, funds in transit, club funds.