

P A L A M A S E T T L E M E N T

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EXPLANATORY
NOTE:

Those receiving this brief report on the activities of Palama Settlement for 1946 are reminded that a rather complete statement covering the history, growth and present program of the Settlement was prepared and published in conjunction with the fiftieth anniversary of the Settlement in May 1946. The title of this booklet was "Fifty Years - Community Welfare Service 1896-1946". This publication was widely distributed in Hawaii and on the mainland. An item of several hundred dollars was included in the 1947 budget for printing an annual report for 1946. Due to the fact that the Community Chest drive failed to make its goal, the 1947 budget was cut by approximately \$10,000 and the printing of an annual report for the preceding year is out of the question.

Since there were no major changes in the activities of Palama during the preceding year, the staff feels that a brief statement covering the high points of last year's program will suffice for this year. In all likelihood the financial situation will be such that a more complete report may be published next year.

MEDICAL AND
DENTAL
SERVICES:

The medical department continued to provide outpatient medical care for all persons in the City of Honolulu who were unable to pay for private medical attention. In addition to the general medical clinic, Palama continued to provide special medical services. The heart clinic, child spacing clinic, neuro-psychiatric clinic, eye clinic, ear, nose and throat clinic, and dental clinic functioned as usual. The Board of Health continued to operate a venereal disease clinic at Palama.

The following table indicates the number of visits to the medical department, the expenditures, and the cost per visit during the past five years.

<u>Year</u>	<u>No. of Visits</u>	<u>Net Expenditures</u>	<u>Cost per Visit</u>
1942	37,041	\$54,501.	\$1.47
1943	34,591	54,090.	1.57
1944	27,087	54,539.	2.01
1945	20,093	46,230.	2.30
1946	15,440	37,048.	2.40

As the number of visits declined the cost per visit increased. The yearly advance in cost per visit is due to the increased cost of providing the service (higher salaries, etc.), and the fact that the overhead costs have not declined in proportion

to the volume.

The trustees of Palama Settlement at their spring meeting voted to ask the Department of Public Welfare to pay for the services rendered their clients at Palama. The matter was negotiated with the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of Honolulu, the City and County physician, and the director of the Department of Public Welfare, and in June payments for these services began. From June to December no Community Chest funds were used in the operation of the medical department. The entire cost was borne by the Department of Public Welfare and the City and County of Honolulu.

The Strong-Carter Dental Clinic continued to provide an excellent dental service to the children in the first six grades of the public schools of Honolulu. A complete statement of the activities of this clinic will be published in the regular annual report of the Strong-Carter Dental Clinic.

NEIGHBORHOOD
CENTER
DEPARTMENT:

Several developments in the neighborhood center department program are worthy of mention.

Year-Round Activities: During the year the program for grade and high school boys and girls was expanded. The addition of two professional group workers made it possible to increase the number of group activities and to make them more meaningful for the members. Skillfully directed games and activities encourage children of varying temperaments to develop responsibility through social activities.

A year-round supervised playground for grade school children, a boys' athletic program, homemaking classes, and an active arts and crafts section continued to attract many people in the community. The adult English program continued through the year with expansion into night classes, thus making this activity available to men as well as women. There was also a strong tendency for races other than Japanese to take advantage of this English program.

Summer Fun Program: The activities of the summer months included a six weeks' recreational "summer fun" program at Palama for 180 grade school boys and girls, as well as a continuation of a part of the regular program of clubs, homemaking and arts and crafts classes. The activities on the "summer fun" schedule included swimming, games, dancing, music, crafts, dramatics and hiking. "Scholarships" were given to children who had need of this type of program but whose families were unable to pay the fee.

Vacation Camp: The camp at Waialua, which was leased to the Army throughout the entire war period, was returned to the Settlement on March 1st. A sum of \$1227.00 was accepted from the Army in lieu of restoration. The staff and the young adult members of Palama worked diligently for several months to put the camp in shape. A work camp composed of about forty teen age boys and girls was organized during the Easter holidays. The grounds were cleared and put in fair condition. Later in the spring many of the buildings were altered, painted

and repaired. New cooking and water heating equipment was installed, and the electric and water systems were checked and repaired.

Throughout the year many Palama groups, as well as other groups not affiliated with Palama, used the camp premises for camping and picnics. A very successful summer camp was conducted for four weeks during the month of July. This camp was conducted in accordance with the best camping standards with adequate counselling, interesting programs and many other features which make camping a valuable recreational and educational experience.

No action was taken by the Bishop Estate in spite of repeated requests on the part of officers and staff for a renewal or extension of the lease.

Music School: The Palama Settlement music school was inaugurated in September. The major portion of the music school curriculum was devoted to piano instruction. In addition to this, however, a band was organized and classes in music appreciation and theory were provided for both children and adults. The room that had been the senior game room was made available to the music school. A large room for group activities, a teaching room and five practice rooms were made available. Practice rooms are essential since so many children in the Palama neighborhood have no pianos in their home. The community response to the music school was most gratifying. Approximately 60 children were enrolled for piano instruction and many others participated in the other aspects of the program. At the end of the year there was a waiting list of over 50 children for piano instruction.

Preschool: The preschool unit was enlarged to accommodate more children. An addition to the preschool building was constructed by joining two army huts together, making additional space for children's activities.

Personnel: During the year two members of the staff who had been studying on the mainland returned to service. Both girls had previously been employed at Palama and took their graduate degree in social group work at Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio. In July the director of the neighborhood center department, Mr. Paul Anderson, went to the University of Pittsburgh for graduate study in the field of social group work, and at the same time, Miss Jennie Lee, the social case worker, went to the mainland for graduate study at the New York School of Social Work. Palama Settlement has assisted all of the above personnel in planning and financing their graduate study.

COMMUNITY RELATIONSHIPS: Palama Settlement continued to participate in all of the activities of the Kalihi-Palama Community Council and other activities in the Palama neighborhood. The staff of the Settlement also participated in city-wide and territorial-wide welfare programs.

W H A T O U R W O R K C O S T - 1946

Palama Settlement
(exclusive of Strong-Carter Dental Clinic)

Income

Deficit Jan. 1, 1946		\$	-76.54
Invested funds	\$1,757.92		
Donations from other islands	1,450.00		
Institutional receipts	24,034.25		
City & County government	30,000.00		
Territorial government	3,000.00		
Honolulu Community Chest	83,562.00		
Rentals	3,732.92		
Sundries	<u>1,063.36</u>		
			<u>148,600.45</u>
			<u>\$148,523.91</u>

Expenditures

Administration	\$24,957.02		
Maintenance	15,382.54		
Vacation Camp	5,283.86		
Neighborhood Center	65,741.42		
Medical	<u>44,801.77</u>		
			<u>\$156,166.61</u>
Deficit Dec. 31, 1946		\$	<u>7,642.70</u>

Strong-Carter Dental Clinic

Income

Balance Jan. 1, 1946	\$ 7,840.30		
Fees from patients	1,849.35		
City & County government	3,600.00		
Strong Foundation	27,664.88		
Rental of clinic	<u>37.50</u>		
		\$	40,992.03

Expenditures

Balance Dec. 31, 1946		\$	<u>38,849.68</u>
			<u>2,142.35</u>

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