

PALAMA SETTLEMENT

Music School

To: Kiwanis Club
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From: Palama Settlement
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Re: Report of Palama-Kiwanis Band

Statistics for the month of January, 1964

	<u>Registered</u>	<u>No. of Groups</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Sessions</u>	<u>Hours Taught</u>
Palama-Kiwanis Band:					
Beginners	9	1	109	13	27

Beginner's Band Progress - Denis Suzuki, Band Director

Gentlemen, it has been three months since I have been employed as Director of the band, and the band has been moving fairly well for this month, but it should be more. As I mentioned in last month's report, we have finished our method books and are now using the music from our library, but since we lack many of the sections which constitute a band we have been very limited in the selection of materials to use. We have resorted to playing mostly marches, but these too lack depth because of the instrumentation problems. Marches are fine, but that is not all the repertoire a band needs. It also needs some classical and semi-classical concert pieces; evermore so for these youngsters here at Palama who are at the developing stage where music can be like rain giving life to barren Kahoolawe or it could be rain squalls falling needlessly into the ocean.

Looking over the past records of previous band directors, I have noticed that the enrollment has been dropping off bit by bit instead of it growing. Today we number nine members only. Gentlemen, the future of the band program does not look very bright if this continues. Just as we feed ourselves three times a day, there is an urgent need to start a beginners program to keep on feeding the advance band with the better students from the new beginners band.