

PALAMA

Newsletter

August 1967

ACTIVITIES AT HALE KOKUA

Mon. & Wed. - 8:00-11:00 A. M.
Children's Activities
(Hannah Gasper & Alice Kailewa)

Monday, August 14
Palama Friendship - 1:30 P. M.
(Executive Board)

Tuesdays
Public Health Nurses: 8:00 A.M. -
2:30 P.M.
Library Service 3:00-4:00 P.M.
(Hannah Gasper)

Wednesday, August 2, 23 (1st & 4th)
Juvenile Patrol 7:00-9:00 P.M.

Wednesday
Teens Sewing 1:30-4:00 P.M.
(Mrs. Schwartz)

Friday
Cooking (Texidore) 10:30 A.M.-1:00 PM

Thursdays
Library 3:00-4:00 P.M.

Volunteer Tutoring
Monday 3-4 P.M.)
Tues. 3-4 P.M.) Larry Takumi
Wed. 8:30-9:30 A.M.)

Tues. 1:00-3:00 Karen
Wed. 1:00-3:00 Karen

OPERATION HEADSTART Mildred Y. Akeo

On June 26, 1967, Operation Headstart began at Kaiulani School for 6 weeks. The parents met at the school cafeteria for a general meeting. At this time, teachers, cook, social worker, and aides were introduced.

After the meeting, the parents reported to their children's classroom and filled out papers. The program requires at least one volunteer parent per day. Lunches are provided free to those volunteer parents. School hours are from 8:00 A.M. to 1 P.M. Some of the excursions will be to the Zoo, Aquarium, Soda Factory, Dutch Girl Bakery, Meadow Gold Farm, National Guard Air Force, and many others.

A workshop is held for all parents every Wednesday night at the school at 7:30 P. M. The parents hold discussions and help plan programs for the weekly Wednesday night workshop. Baby-sitting is available.

NEWS

FROM

PALAMA COMMUNITY ACTION COUNCIL

The Board of Directors announce the following officers for the Council. Because of the difficulty in having a quorum assembled at the meetings of the Council, this slate will be considered "elected" as of this notice unless objections to it are received within 10 days. Objections should be in writing, c/o Hale Kokua, Building 12-A.

President: Rachael Barretto
1st Vice President: Ed Lee
2nd Vice President: Rev. J. Swenson
Corresponding Secretary: George Apela
Recording Secretary: Monta Kinney

SPECIAL SUMMER ACTIVITY PROGRAM

A summer program for youngsters was organized on July 17 as part of a special anti-poverty project. It is organized around two leaders and their clubs. The Hannah Gasper's club has children 8-11 years old; Warren Kahakai has teens 13-16 years old. Both clubs have had trips, games, and indoor activities planned and carried on by the members. The money for this program comes from the Honolulu Community Action Program and will end on August 30th.

DENTAL HEALTH NEEDS

All anti-poverty and community groups were asked to outline and report the availability and quality of dental services in their communities. Honolulu CAP will collect these reports and submit recommendations for improving the services to the next Legislature. Some of the suggestions expressed to date are:

- 1) Need for free or less expensive dental services for children of intermediate and high school age.
- 2) Need for better care for adults under welfare. For example, teeth are pulled out but no dentures and false teeth are provided.



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VISTA

On August 26, 1967, the Council will have two VISTA volunteers to assist in community programs in Palama. During the past year, there were two VISTA workers, Jim Crawford and Ken Nunn, who were assigned to Palama. From August 3 to 13, two VISTA's will be exploring our neighborhood as part of their training. They are Buzz Gilbert and Jim Ballencia. You'll recognize them if you see them - blondes with walking shorts.

SAMOANS' PETITION

Honolulu CAP has petitioned tax and Congressional officials to consider a proposal to permit Samoans working here and paying income taxes to deduct dependents in Samoa. Under the present rules, no exemptions for dependents in Samoa are permitted. Tax laws permit other citizens to claim local exemptions for dependents who are not living in the same household.

REGULAR MEETING

The Palama Community Action Council will hold its next meeting on Wednesday, August 23, 7:30 p.m. at Hale Kokua. On the agenda is a proposal for an important amendment to the By-Laws. It pertains to the section defining a quorum. One proposal is to authorize the Chairman to determine the question of a quorum. It would be his discretion to decide what kind of issues require a lot of members and which ones require a small "token" number of members.

TRASH CONTAINERS

Management is working on the trash containers on a priority basis to have them repaired or replaced. Some are turned upside down but be assured that they will be attended to.

Action is also being taken on abandoned cars. Tree trimming contracts will soon be out and we hope this will eliminate many problems.

CAMPING TIME

The Kulana Camp Fire Girls, Group 85, and Kulana Teens, Group 134, will be camping from August 21 to 26 at Wai-anae. The Girls will be learning tent pitching, knot tying, first aid, fire making, out-door cooking and hiking. The last night will be a "Family Night."

PETS

Residents are reminded that their lease with the Hawaii Housing Authority prohibits the keeping of any animals, fowl, or other pets in the premises of the housing projects. Frequently, reports of dogs, pigeons, cats, and other pets being kept in the project are received. At no time are such pets to be brought into the project.

A nice word for those who keep their lawns neat and clean! You have been doing a fine job. Please keep it up.

And, always try to remember:
Cleanliness

is next to

Godliness!

MAYOR WRIGHT
HOMES
(of the flies?)

A Trip to the Job Corps Site by Mary A. Texidor.

While the cool showers sprinkled over our city, 19 people met at Hale Kokua for transportation to the Job Corps Site at Koko Head. This was through the hard working efforts of Emily Kamaka, Social Service Aide at Likelike School who got the group together and who spoke to Mr. Al Lolotai and who also arranged for us to have lunch there. In this group there were U. H. students, graduate students, two young men in their teens, Mrs. Dorothy Kim, Mrs. Vossbrink, Social Worker, two teacher aides, and other social worker aides in the Palama Area.

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Our host and guide was Al Lolotai, whom I remembered as an Ex-Samoan professional wrestler. We were greeted by his warm smile and held every one of us in awe as he is a dynamic, articulate and precise speaker. As he explained the various ways and means of this job, we could hear now and then, boys shouting his name "Lolotai." Here, to these boys, Mr. Lolotai is a grand champion. The boys are a mixture of different races and most of them are from here. These boys are mostly drop-outs from school, problem children, immigrants from Samoa and the Philippines, boys with language barriers, and emotional problems. Upon arrival, the boys are given all kinds of tests to place them in their respective groups. The program is geared specifically for boys. The main objective of this program is to educate and further their education up to the level of the eighth grade. The boys advance at their own pace. They are taught reading, math and language arts....how to speak, dress, budget, earn, and save their own money. They get a salary of \$60.00 a month; three meals a day, dental services, medical care, and clothing (\$75.00). The government puts aside \$50.00 every three months in a fund for each boy. He may send home \$25.00 to which Job Corps will match. Each boy has a one day pass and every week-end he may go home. The average age of the boys is 17 years old. The group was introduced to Mr. William Baker, Miss Wilford, Mr. Tyau, and Mr. Evans.

Mr. Tyau showed the group some of the reading material which covered behavioral, occupational and exploration subjects. These subjects he hoped will hold the interest of the boys and would keep them alert. He said the boys need lots of inspiration and he tries to get them to read about all kinds of jobs, etc. The point here is to be best in all fields. Some boy made a sign posted on the window in big print letters:

TO SUCCEED TAKES
(pink)
GUTS
(purple)

The vocational area consists of training the boys how to drive so that they can operate industrial heavy equipment such as tractors and other farm equipment. The boys have built a lot of the dormitories and other buildings in the area. They have constructed sidewalks and walk-ways and are learning welding, plumbing, and electricity. Future developments will be camp site and park, Community Center, swimming pool, etc. The boys now live in dormitories and a quonset hut. Each dorm is fixed up to look real nice and the dorm of the month receives "points."

The boys learn discipline and learn how to do such chores as making beds, etc. The total number of boys is 150. There are 60 on Kauai and 40 in Hawaii. There have been five graduates since the beginning of the program. Every three months, the boys rotate to the outside Islands. Funds are limited, though thousands of dollars have been invested in the Job Corps. Please use the services of Mr. Lolotai as a speaker whenever you have a community meeting so that this program may be brought to light.....and also to the attention of our young people.....parents and other citizens.