

February 7, 1964

Mr. Albert Lynch
409 Kaimaki Loop
Kailua, Oahu, Hawaii

Dear Mr. Lynch:

For the past several months it's been apparent that the Palama-Kiwanis Band has been getting into the position of a professional ball club without minor leagues to feed it. Some years ago it was also in the same position.

It does seem that unless a beginners band can be established, the original group, which you would certainly not call "advanced," is condemned to eventual extinction due simply to the normal attrition of youngsters changing interests and moving away from the community. In other areas with classes or instructed programs we have always seen this happen. Without a place for the unskilled but interested to be recruited and developed, the more advanced group eventually deteriorated.

The band masters that we have had, Lloyd Nakahara and now Dennis Suzuki, have been extraordinary in their rapport and interest in the boys. In fact, Dennis, who has replaced Lloyd used to help Lloyd, and now Lloyd helps Dennis. Both of them, Lloyd particularly, play football with the boys regularly as a means of channeling some of their energies.

A beginners band would cost the same amount as the present band, thereby doubling your club's annual contribution. Without this, however, as I have stated earlier, the existing program will not endure. I wonder if your committee could take this matter under early consideration and advise us as to whether they would be able to provide for this second band.

Sincerely yours,

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Supervisor, Social Work Services
PALAMA SETTLEMENT

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