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PALAMA CHORUS--NARRATION

We are presenting this afternoon a chorus of children from Palama Settlement. Palama Settlement, located at 810<sup>1/2</sup> Vineyard St. has served the community for over 50 years providing a healthful, educational center of recreation and community activity, offering a diversified program in athletics, pre-school, group activities and music. The music department of the Settlement offers instruction in piano, voice, band, folk dancing, music appreciation, violin, flute and accordion. The Chorus you are about to hear is made up of typical children studying in the music department, trained by Mrs. Keum Nyu Park. The accompanist is Thelma Chock with assisting instrumentalists Belle Chamberlin and Leola Wilkins.

The program opens with a chorus by Handel-"Flocks Are Sporting"

SING: "Flocks Are Sporting"

Now a group of folk songs, typifying a few of the racial backgrounds of the children in the chorus-first, a Japanese Folk Song, "Our Shoes Will Sound", followed by a lovely Korean folk-melody, "The Moon Song" and last a Filipino Folk Tune, "Leron, Leron Sinta"

SING: Three Folk Songs

To close the program, the Children's Chorus of Palama Settlement will sing three choruses adapted from Bach's "Peasant Cantata". In this work, Bach used many of the folk melodies of his native Thuringia. These tunes suit themselves to nursery rhymes, and such children's singing as we hear now. "When Winter Rages", "Come, Let Us to the Bagpipes Sound", and "Spring Comes Laughing".

SING: PEASANT CANTATA excerpts.

We have had the pleasure this afternoon of an appearance of the Palama Settlement Children's Chorus under the direction of Mrs. Keum Nyu Park with Miss Thelma Chock accompanying and assisted with instruments by Mrs. Belle Chamberlin and Mrs. Leola Wilkins. The children in this chorus are all students of the Palama Settlement Music Department.