

TERRITORIAL NUTRITION COMMITTEE
1938-1948

The Central Nutrition Committee was formed on June, 1938, as an outgrowth of the Committee on Human Nutrition of the Diversified Crops Committee, Hawaiian Sugar Planters Association. Membership was composed of representatives from the HSPA, University of Hawaii Home Economics and Extension Service and the Experiment Station, the Home Economics Department of the Department of Public Instruction, and a plantation doctor. Under the chairmanship of Dr. Nils P. Larsen of Queen's Hospital, the committee prepared a food ration for a plantation boarding house or restaurant based on an adequate low-cost diet for a plantation laborer, sent out nutrition circulars to plantations at their request and most important, prepared and published a nutrition primer, EATING YOUR WAY TO HEALTH, of which 20,000 copies were printed.

The Territorial Nutrition Committee was organized on December 6, 1941, in accordance with suggestions from the U. S. Office of Defense Health and Welfare with the Central Nutrition Committee as its nucleus. This larger group was made up of representatives from interested private, educational and social agencies and institutions and was not plantation-oriented like its predecessor.

The purpose of this committee was to advise, coordinate and promote better nutrition among interested agencies and groups so that the public would be better educated without the activities of the different organizations duplicating each other.

Acting Chairman for December, 1941, was Dr. Charles Wilbar, but he was called into active duty and Miss Carey Miller took over the chairmanship from 1942 to 1944. Succeeding her were Mrs. Miriam Emery Jackson, Miss Inez Eckblad, Mrs. Winifred Ross Vanicke and Mr. Kum Pui Lai. From 1943 to 1945, the Federal government provided funds for an executive secretary, Miss Janet (Jamie) Cameron.

Under the leadership of the above mentioned people, the Territorial Nutrition Committee undertook many projects among which were: preparing exhibits, distributing posters, promoting the importation of healthier foods, giving demonstrations and producing a movie, "Found in Hawaii."

On November 28, 1948, the members of the committee voted to disband since the committee had already "served its purpose."

The files cover the activities of both the Central Nutrition Committee and the Territorial Nutrition Committee. It consists of minutes, organization charts, reports, publications and general correspondence. It also includes a compiled STATISTICAL AND NARRATIVE REPORT-EXHIBIT MATERIALS, TERRITORIAL NUTRITION COMMITTEE, 1938-1945, which gives complete information on the work of the committee.