

PROGRAMS. The Congress of the Hawaiian People has set up standing committees to carry out certain programs. Committees include Education, Housing, Political Action, Hawaiian Trusts Liaison, Hawaiian Homes Land, and Historical Sites.

A membership committee has been appointed to study and report to the board of directors on means of enlarging and strengthening the membership. This program ties in with the present membership drive. The committee on education and research is responsible for researching and preparing recommended goals for administering educational programs. A finance committee prepares the proposed budget for submission to the board of directors and is responsible for reporting all matters affecting the finances of the Congress. Matters dealing with public relations are handled and reviewed by the public relations committee. This committee also advises the board of directors on public relations issues. The duties of the program committee include research on matters covering the objectives of the Congress and reporting on specific programs, while the legislation committee handles the law-making program of the organization. Special committees to cover and report on various topics will also be set up by the board of directors whenever such board members see fit to do so.

ISSUES. The Congress of the Hawaiian People was created in response to the issue of Takabuki's appointment to the Bishop Estate Board of Trustees. Many Hawaiians felt that a Hawaiian who qualified according to the specification of Bernice Bishop's will should have been appointed. This controversial issue has been a major one for the Congress ever since, and the struggle continues, to obtain a Hawaiian majority on the Board of Trustees. Another issue with which Congress has been involved is in helping the Hawaiian people by providing services such as research and provision of grant money to other Hawaiian Organizations. It has also been trying to educate the Hawaiians on money matters, land laws, and other subjects that may help the native people better themselves.

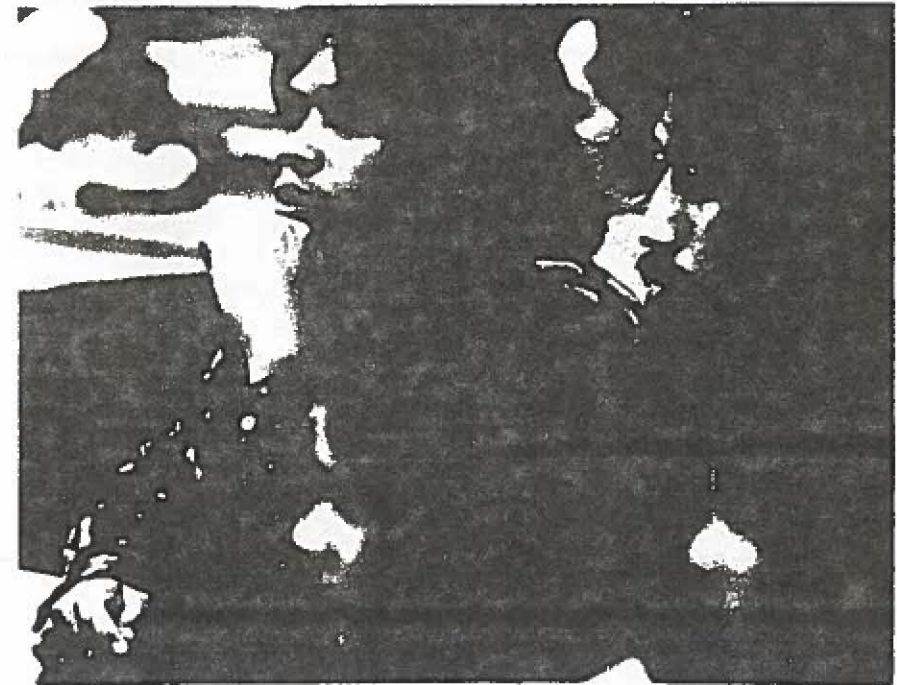
The Congress has also involved itself in community efforts in the Salt Lake and Vineyard Building area.

The Homerule Movement has also been actively involved with the A.L.O.H.A. Telethon together with a number of other Hawaiian organizations.

It is presently conducting a conference to review and revise its platform.

SUMMARY. Like the other Hawaiian movement organizations, the Homerule Movement sees the plight of the Hawaiian people today as being one not of their own making. The Hawaiians are descendants of a people whose culture worked on the principle of cooperation, which was overwhelmed by a Western culture that stressed competition. The result is that Hawaiians today are not competing successfully against other ethnic groups politically and economically. Homerule's whole thrust seems to be aimed at strengthening and increasing the political power of Hawaiians and using that power to correct the effects of the injustices done to the Hawaiian people.

The Homerule Movement is far from satisfied with their accomplishments so far and are in the midst of reorganizing internally to increase effectiveness in the future. Presently, the organization will keep its "low profile" image and continue to be an information-gathering unit. There are, however, indications that they may become a politically active force in the 1974 election. How active is probably still an issue that has to be decided by its membership and that decision will probably be based on how much of an impact they think they can make on that election.



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