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Problem: It has recently become increasingly manifest to most people that our nation (and every part thereof: every state, every city, every neighborhood, etc.) faces grave and potentially fatal social problems; problems of communication barriers, of educational levels, of madness, and of physical plant and institutions.

Fact: Such a condition is not tolerable. Inaction or inappropriate action in the face of such reality results from frames of mind which meet the technical definition of insanity (mental processes which rather consistently distort or deny facts, ie. actual pieces of reality.).

Decision: San Diego shall become a thoroughly decent place.

Proposition: Why not establish: a) A phone number (236-3434 or 262-0421) which people could call when they have a few hours on an afternoon or on a weekend to ask, "What needs to be done that I can do now?"
b) Eventually, a several-thousand member, loosely-organized corps of San Diegans (businessmen, church members, students, housewives, union members, etc., People) who, on their own and encouraging one another, will take specific tasks and together actually transform this place?

People in New York have started a similar Solving process with regard to Harlem. It appears to be working. Why not make such a thing work "right here in River City"...where our problems are far smaller, and obviously and flatly capable of complete solution?

Current Status: We have begun such work. The initial project is laborer and clerical-type work on the construction of St. Stephen's Church at 5825 Imperial Ave. "Spinning off" from the communication which appears to naturally result from the equality of black, brown and white men shoveling sand side by side, has been a rather spectacular kaleidoscope of good ideas, breakthroughs, and types of sheer fun.

At this point, six other specific "work-fellowship" projects are pin-pointed. We have taken and are taking steps to involve the entire community in project selection and implementation. You are urgently needed...as an individual person. The question we now ask each San Diegan is (We'll think of other questions later) "do your hands fit a shovel?"...and are you "game" for one heck of an adventurous, interesting, and vitally constructive Saturday (or part thereof)?

Query: Wanna join such an effort? We'll be shoveling sand at 5825 Imperial Ave. again next Saturday, from 10:00 'til 4:00 (for starters). Bring shovels, hammers, and friends...

Sincerely,

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