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Fellow Geologists and Friends:

There will be no meeting this month. Our usual monthly dinner meetings will resume in September.

The San Diego Association of Geologists has been very busy for the past several months selling guidebooks and conducting several very successful field trips. The officers of the Association are pleased, and downright relieved, to say that we have met all financial commitments in the publication of the guidebook for the May field trip (\$3,600 ±). We have approximately 25 copies left for sale at \$6.00 each.

In July a field trip was conducted by the SDAG for the benefit of the International Conference of Building Officials and the San Diego County Planning Directors Association. Approximately 80 people participated in the event. Those who attended represented the various county governmental agencies, IREM, Planning, building inspection, etc., and most cities in the county.

The SDAG was extremely pleased that this trip was successful because one of the primary functions of our group is to promote communication and understanding between geologists and the public. Too often, geologists conduct field trips only for geologists. Perhaps this is why our profession is so little understood by the public and by the governmental agencies responsible for interpreting geologic reports. This trip was a beginning in their geologic education. In a letter to your chairman, the president of the International Conference of Building Officials thanked us and stated:

"The tour attracted official representatives from every governmental area of concern. The tour was not only a fine public service by your association, but by the professionalism displayed, certainly served to enhance the public image of all engineering geologists."

The Southern California Section of the Association of Engineering Geologists is hosting the annual meeting in Hollywood to be held October 22-26, 1973. Those interested in attending the various technical sessions and excellent field trips may write to:

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Jerry Pinckney has a paper in preparation on Sea Cliff Recession, a preview of which appeared in the guidebook for the association's July field trip with the ICBO.


Mike Kennedy and George Moore, in a boat from Scripps Institute of Oceanography, ran 140 nautical miles of sub-bottom profiles in and near San Diego Bay last week. Profile penetration was from 200 to 400 meters. George reports that faults definitely cut sediments in that depth range in the bay. Age of the material is probably Pleistocene but maybe older.

Ellen J. Moore has identified fossils submitted to her by George Moore from a construction site in Chula Vista as being Pliocene age. The identification was significant in that it helps to interpret the geology of an area cut by the La Nacion Fault and near a proposed public building. The fossils were previously believed to be Pleistocene.

Woodward-Gizienski and Associates is presently seeking a geologist for a permanent position as staff or project engineering geologist with their firm. The position may require foreign travel.

Ernie Artim, discoverer of the La Nacion Fault and now with the Washington State Department of Natural Resources, has found another fault. This time it's in the State of Washington. In a frantic phone call to San Diego last week he reported that although there is no direct evidence to support his theory, it is probably the northern extension of the La Nacion Fault. As far as is known, the only geologists with boats are Jerry Pinckney, Bob Smillie, and Daryl Streiff. Maybe they know something the rest of us don't!!

Your chairman,


Michael W. Hart