

CHRISTMAS  
Message from the Founder

to fellow forumers with love and respect & gratitude:



Season's  
Greetings

MESSAGE

I CHALLENGE ALL FORUMERS TO MAKE A NEW YEAR'S "STANDING RESOLUTION", TO KICK - OFF THE "SECOND FORTY YEARS" OF THE AMERICAN G.I. FORUM BY APPLYING THE UNITY OF PURPOSE DEMONSTRATED IN 1948 BECAUSE OF THE THEN LONG TRAIN OF ABUSES AND INJUSTICES AGAINST OUR PEOPLE WHICH INCLUDED THE DENIED G.I. BILL ENTITLEMENTS AND THE PRIVATE FELIX LONGORIA DENIED BURIAL INCIDENT. SINCE THE CASE IS THAT WE ARE STILL FACED WITH PRACTICALLY THE SAME PROBLEMS ALTHOUGH UNDER A DIFFERENT MASK, I URGE YOU TO ACT RAPIDLY STARTING JANUARY 1, 1989 TO ADDRESS THE SEVEN PROBLEMS I OUTLINED FOR YOU AT THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY CONVENTION. I AM ADDING PROBLEM NO. 8 TO YOUR LIST WHICH IS ABOUT A SERIOUS TREAT TO THE 1ST AMENDMENT OF THE U.S. CONSTITUTION BROUGHT ON BY ENGLISH ONLY MOVEMENT AND SOME OF ITS FOUNDERS THAT DISPLAY A BIAS AGAINST HISPANICS, ASIANS, THE CATHOLIC CHURCH AND HAVE TIES TO THE PIONEER FUND, A NEW YORK BASED FOUNDATION CREATED TO PROMOTE "RACIAL BETTERMENT" WHICH ATTEMPTED TO POPULARIZE NAZI GERMANY'S FORCED STERILIZATION PROGRAM. JOHN TANTON, FOUNDER AND PAST CHAIRMAN OF ENGLISH ONLY IS ALSO THE ARCHITECT OF A NETWORK OF MORE THAN A DOZEN NON - PROFIT GROUPS THAT REVEALS THE FOUNDERS INTENTIONS FOR RACIAL AND ETHNIC INTOLERANCE. BEWARE OF SOME OF TANTON'S NETWORK SUCH AS: THE FEDERATION FOR AMERICAN IMMIGRATION REFORM (FAIR), "FAIR" HAS RECEIVED FUNDING FROM PIONEER, WHO RESEARCH INTO "RACIAL BETTERMENT" AND APPLIED GENETICS RESEARCH. THE CENTER FOR IMMIGRATION STUDIES AND AMERICANS FOR BORDER CONTROL.

THE PROBLEMS

1. Lack of good education for our people from the kindergarten to the graduate school.
2. Lack of opportunity in the private sector and to a lesser degree in the government work force.
3. The "Colonia" problem which is mostly a "Mexican American Family Problem". It involves over one half million of our people who live in some places without water, sewage, lights. They have the lowest standard of living and the highest incident of poverty in the U.S. these are "Our People".
4. Educational Wise! We have the drop - out problem, in some places over 50% of our population. And as far as higher education we have less than 3% getting a degree.
5. In a line from El Paso to San Antonio and south of A&M, we have only two doctorate degrees. One in El Paso in mining and one in bilingual education in A&I. Corpus Christi, one of the most populated cities in the U.S., "DOES NOT HAVE A FOUR YEAR COLLEGE."
6. As to "AIDS", it is a Hispanic problem and we, the Forum and the leadership, are making believe it is not.
7. Finally, our main and biggest problem or failure is that we have stopped organizing new groups for the last eight years.

IN KEEPING WITH THE NATIONAL AMERICAN G.I. FORUM 40TH CONVENTION PRIORITY CONCERNS, I HAVE ENCLOSED THE FOLLOWING UPDATES:

1. AIDS EPEDEMIC IN THE NATION'S HISPANIC COMMUNITIES
2. ENGLISH ONLY NAZI MOVEMENT ASSULT ON THE 1ST AMMENDMENT OF THE U.S. CONSTITUTION
3. THE STRONG CRIES AND CLAIMS FROM A SUFFERING HUMANITY IN THE TEXAS, CALIFORNIA, NEW MEXICO, AND ARIZONA COLONIAS THAT ARE PETITIONING THE G.I. FORUM AND THE COUNTY, STATE, AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENTS FOR A REDRESS OF THEIR GRIEVANCES.