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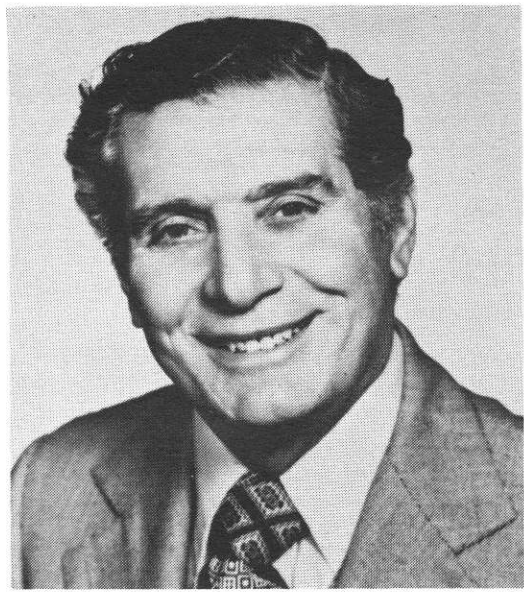
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Congressman Kazen to Speak on December 13



Congressman Abraham "Chick" Kazen from the 23rd District of Texas will be the guest speaker at the AACOG Semi-Annual meeting on December 13. Kazen will address guests on issues facing the 96th Congress at the luncheon scheduled for noon at the El Tropicano Hotel, 118 Lexington.

Kazen was instrumental in the passage of the recent San Antonio Missions National Historical Park Bill and was also influential with last year's Local Public Works employment bills which helped both urban and rural areas. He has been a legislator in state and federal government for 32 years, and has worked with local public officials and Chambers of Commerce in strategies to attract industry and tourism to South Texas. Currently, he is serving his sixth term and was re-elected

to his seventh in November. Kazen was appointed as one of two Congressional advisors to the United States delegation to the Organization of American States. He holds membership on the House Committee on Armed Services, and serves on the Subcommittees of Military Construction and Personnel. Throughout his terms, he has been active in matters concerning education, housing, public facilities, water supply and law enforcement measures aimed at crime and pornography.

The luncheon will follow the joint meeting of the Area Council and Executive Committee which begins at 10:30 in the Hemisfair Room. Business items scheduled to be discussed are the election of 1979 officers for the Area Council, review of Program 79 and the 1979 Budget. A general briefing will begin at 9:00 in the Hemisfair Room and roundtable discussion concerning Program 79 will be held before the business meeting of the Area Council and Executive Committee. After the luncheon, a meeting of the Resource Conservation and Development Council will be held at 2:00 p.m. in the South American Room.

The Area Council, composed of representatives from all 89 member governments, meets with the Executive Committee twice yearly to review policy. The public is invited to attend all meetings at no charge. Reservations for the luncheon are \$8.00 and should be made to the AACOG Public Information office by Monday, December 11.

Summary of Executive Committee Action

The Executive Committee convened twice in November, reviewing 20 applications for federal or state grants. The Committee also accepted the Bylaws Subcommittee report from Boerne Mayor A.E. Howell, Jr., the chairman, for submittal to the Area Council on December 13 at the Semi-Annual meeting.

In a report from Frank Adamo, rural aging coordinator, the Committee authorized the extension of the nutrition program for Kerr, Bandera and Medina Counties for four months. Executive Director Al Notzon also pointed out to the Committee that the requested budget amendment of \$5,000 from the Governor's Committee on Aging was received for equipment for the flood-damaged Gaddis Memorial United Methodist Church in Comfort.

The Committee also accepted the Regional Development and Review Committee's recommendations on six applications.

The City of San Antonio's Step I Wastewater Facilities Plan, which will ultimately cost \$250 million, to the Environmental Protection Agency was reviewed and the applicant was requested to keep the RD&RC apprised of population and service area updates; to meet the spirit of Public Law 92-500 (the Clean Water Act) by converting the abandoned Rilling Road Sewage Treatment Plant site to a recreational area; and to follow provisions set forth in the Texas Department of Water Resources Order to minimize any pollution hazard in the Edwards Aquifer Recharge Zone.

Applications receiving favorable review were those to the Farmer's Home Administration for business and industrial loans from Barber Ford Sales, Inc. in Floresville for \$300,000; from the Faust Hotel Corporation in New Braunfels for \$800,000; and the City of Elmendorf's application to FmHA for a combination loan- \$4,363 and grant- \$13,908 for construction of City administrative offices. Favorable review with comments went to the Comal County Mental Health and Mental Retardation and Kerr County Special Opportunity Centers' applications for specially equipped vans for transportation, requesting they coordinate with existing transportation providers in the area.

Following a report from Chairman Bob Blase of the Human Resources Advisory Committee, the Committee gave a favorable review to six applications. Among the applications were two from the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio for a \$133,242 grant from the Public Health Service/Department of Health, Education and Welfare for stipends to residents attending the dental school and for a \$178,150 grant from EPA to study the dental effects in population exposed to fluoridated water in a critical zone. The HRAC recommended that the study results be forwarded to AACOG and to the Camino Real Health Systems Agency.

The Executive Committee also voted to hold a special meeting on December 12, the day prior to the Semi-Annual meeting, to discuss the budget and work plan. They also voted to defer the election of Executive Committee officers and the appointment of the new minority committee members until the first meeting in January, 1979.

The Alamo Area Council of Governments is a voluntary association of local governmental units joined together in a cooperative effort to meet the challenge of today's problems.

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Application Review Agenda

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HUMAN RESOURCES ADVISORY

Committee meets: Thursday, December 21, 1 p.m., Three Americas Building
Comments to: James M. Brandes by Wednesday, December 20

- 8-12-18-701 APPLICANT: Texas Migrant Council, Inc.
"Migrant and Seasonal Farmworker Program": To provide comprehensive employment, training and supportive services to farmworkers in South Texas. Total Cost: \$1,593,506.
Funding Agency: DOL - \$1,593,506.
- 8-12-18-702 APPLICANT: Texas Department of Community Affairs
"Disaster Relief Follow-up - Local Initiative": To provide funds for five community action agencies to aid them in a Disaster Relief Follow-up Program for poor persons in their respective service areas who experienced losses through natural disasters. Total Cost: \$50,000. Funding Agency: CSA - \$50,000.
- 8-12-18-703 APPLICANT: Economic Opportunities Development Corp. of San Antonio/Bexar
"Regional Migrant Manpower Program": To provide employment and training services to migrant and seasonal farmworkers. Total Cost: \$267,115. Funding Agency: DOL.
- 8-11-18-004 APPLICANT: City of San Antonio
"Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy": (CEDS). A plan to promote San Antonio's economic growth and development by expansion and diversification of the city's economic base and job opportunities; skill development of the San Antonio work force to meet labor demands; preservation and enhancement of those historical, cultural and physical amenities which make San Antonio unique; and by removal of physical or environmental barriers which inhibit development and private investment. (This will be reviewed jointly by the Regional Human Resources and Regional Development and Review Committees on December 6, 1978 at 11 a.m.)

HOUSING ADVISORY

Committee meets: Monday, December 11, 1:30 p.m., Three Americas Building
Comments to: Claude Guerra by Friday, December 8

- 8-10-18-101 APPLICANT: HARVAD Corporation
"Randolph Valley, Unit 4, Converse, Texas": 48 units of single family housing. No federal funds involved at this time. Veterans Administration. Old Seguin Road at Schaefer Road.
- 8-11-18-102 APPLICANT: Lloyd W. Booth, Owner
"Unnamed Apartment Project, Kerrville, Texas": 64 unit apartment complex. Rural Rental Housing loan from Farmers Home Administration. Total Cost: \$1,216,000. Funding Agency: FMHA - \$1,120,000 (loan). Applicant: \$96,000.

Emergency Number on the Way

January 29, 1979 is the date that the 911 emergency telephone number will become a reality throughout the San Antonio metropolitan telephone exchange.

The 911 system will link emergency fire, police and medical services in the 23 participating governments through a centralized telephone exchange located at the San Antonio Police Department. Calls to 911 will be answered at the SAPD communications center where 911 operators will determine the city and service needed and put the caller in immediate contact with the proper emergency dispatching unit.



Use of 911 should make it easier for persons in an emergency situation to get help promptly. By eliminating the time required to look up and dial the proper seven-digit emergency number, the elapsed time from detection of an emergency incident to arrival of emergency aid can be considerably shortened. Studies have also shown that persons under great stress, especially young children and the elderly, are more likely to remember the simple 911 number and can be in contact with help much sooner.

Implementation of the 911 emergency number is coming at least six months earlier than was originally projected. This is primarily due to the close cooperation between the San Antonio Police Department, the 23 participating governments and Southwestern Bell Telephone Company. Captain Jacques Hardy of the SAPD heads the 911 Technical Subcommittee and has directed the installation of new equipment to adapt the already sophisticated communications center to the 911 service. Police, fire and medical dispatchers in the suburban cities and Bexar County are working with Hardy in coordinating the installation.

The 911 Management Committee, appointed by AACOG's Executive Committee in 1977 to oversee the system's development, has been responsible for securing participation agreements from the 23 governments, arranging contracts for financing the seven cents per capita annual cost that will be paid by each of the governments and coordinating activities as the system was being designed. The five member committee is chaired by Pat Broach who, along with Mayor Pro Tem Glen Hartman, represents the City of San Antonio. Suburban cities are represented by Mayors Ruby Weinholt of Hollywood Park and Bob Williams of Leon Valley while Commissioner Jeff Wentworth represents Bexar County.

The task of informing the public in the metropolitan area about the availability and proper use of 911 for emergency calls is assigned to a subcommittee chaired by Hartman with Paul Jones of the American Heart Association serving as co-chairman. This group is developing an intensive campaign to run in newspapers, radio, television and through other forums in January and February. A 911 Speaker's Bureau has been making presentations since September and will continue carrying the 911 story to area clubs and civic groups, using an audio-visual presentation and brochures to explain the system. Another subcommittee chaired by Steve Seale of Southwest Research Institute is developing a manual that will be made available to other cities to detail how a successful 911 system can be developed.

By January 29, 1979, the 911 emergency telephone number should be well known to potential users throughout the metropolitan area. The tremendous effort that has made in the past two years in developing 911 for this area by numerous volunteers, local governments, agencies and businesses, will be history. But the lives and property saved through faster access to emergency aid will become a reality for the one million persons who will benefit from 911.

Community Improvement Program Established

A pilot program to determine community-based goals has been established in the Regional Services and Regional Development divisions at AACOG. The Rural Community Development Team is composed of a community development specialist, Cecilia Elizondo, and a rural housing specialist, Jesus Garza. These two staff persons, along with others throughout the agency, will be working closely with public officials and interested citizens to aid in setting goals and priorities for eight communities in the region. However, it must be emphasized that the citizens of these cities (Castroville, Devine, Dilley, Floresville, Kenedy, Lytle, Pearsall, and Pleasanton) will identify their communities' problems.

The primary tangible results targeted for the program are to assist the entire community, particularly the unemployed, underemployed and low income family persons. Funded by the Farmers Home Administration, the program will actively involve the FmHA County Supervisor with the community citizen participation process.

The one-year program is expected to reach a variety of goals: to set formal process for determining local needs, to increase citizen involvement, to target priority proposals to state and federal resources, to improve utilization of existing programs and to develop a positive community attitude toward planned growth and development.

Preservation of Missions — A New Reality

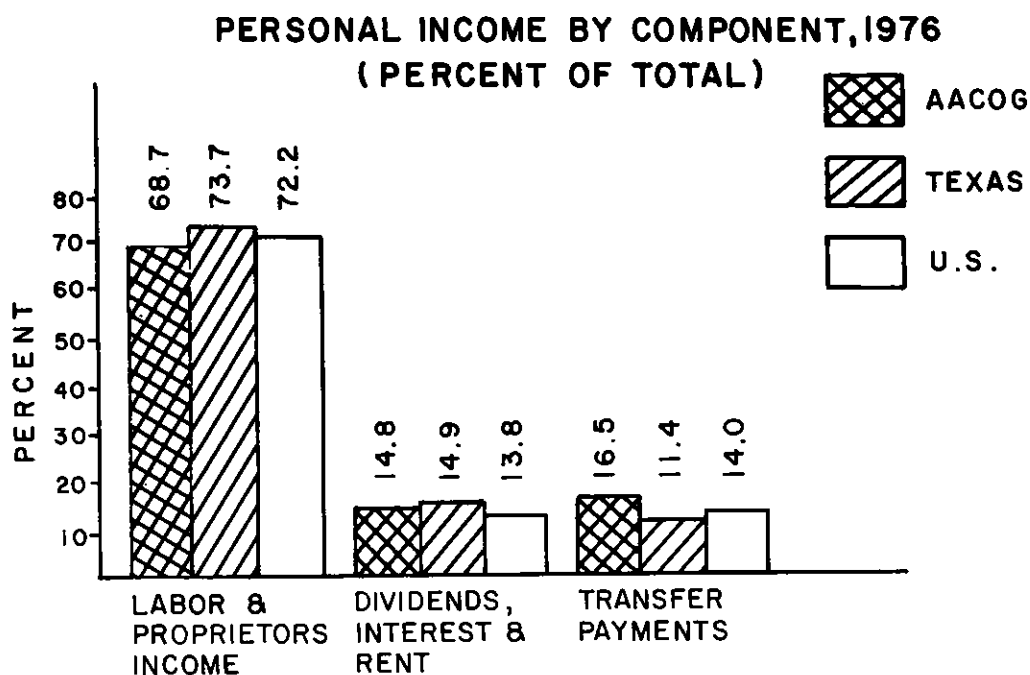


When you've seen one mission...you've seen them all. Definitely not the case when you're visiting the newly-designated National Historic Park of Missions Concepcion, San Jose and Espada plus their related acequia and aqueduct area.

During the closing hours of the recently adjourned 95th Congress, the Texas delegation composed of Congressman Abraham "Chick" Kazen, Henry B. Gonzalez, Bob Krueger and Senators Lloyd Bentson and John Tower worked diligently for passage of the bill. More than thirty years of work ended with the eighteenth century Spanish missions guaranteed preservation and protection by the National Park Service. The historical treasures, located on the South Side of San Antonio, comprise the greatest concentration of Spanish missions in the United States. They are linked together by the San Antonio River, and are only six miles apart.

The first priority for the Park Service will be preservation, since the missions are slowly crumbling to disrepair and the active parishes located in them lack the funds to restore and maintain them. The legislation provides that the missions shall continue as active churches via mutual agreements between the Archdiocese of San Antonio and the Park Service.

Mayor Lila Cockrell of San Antonio has been in the forefront of the effort to obtain National Historic Park designation with others being San Antonio Conservation Society, Greater San Antonio Chamber of Commerce, Henry Guerra, Mrs. Lady Bird Johnson, Bexar County Commissioners Court, and Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission, plus many other organizations.



Personal Income Components Explained

Transfer payments, the share of personal income for which no services are currently rendered, are one of the fastest growing components of personal income. In 1969, transfer payments made up less than 9 percent of the total U.S. personal income; in 1971, the share was 11 percent, and increased to 14 percent by 1976.

Personal income is defined as the current income of residents of an area from all sources. It is made up of three major components: labor and proprietors (wages, salaries, benefits, unincorporated business owners income); dividends, interest, rents, and royalties; and transfer payments.

Transfer payments may be defined generally as incomes received by persons from government and business for which persons do not render current services. The major components of transfer payments are (a) government payments to individual civilians; (b) government payments to retired military, veterans and dependents and (c) other (nonprofit institutions and business transfer payments). The government payments to individual civilians, are primarily retirement, disability and health insurance payments; income maintenance (formerly public assistance or direct relief); and unemployment insurance.

The rapid increase in transfer payments began with the public assistance and medicare payments in the mid-sixties. This trend was reinforced by social security retirement and disability payments in the late sixties and early seventies and by unemployment compensation payments in the mid-seventies. In the past 5 years (1971-1976) the total transfer payments for the U.S. have increased 105 percent. The increase was even greater for the AACOG region, 125 percent. In a similar manner, the proportion of the AACOG region personal income provided by transfer payments has grown from 12.5 percent in 1971 to 16.5 percent in 1976.

Although the unemployment insurance component and the AACOG region transfer payments almost quadrupled during the 1971-1976 period, these payments represent a relatively small proportion (2 percent) of the total transfer payments. The "civilian" retirement, disability and health insurance component represented more than 50 percent of total transfer payments. The dollar value of this component in 1976 (\$539 million) was 2 1/3 times its value in 1971.

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Area Law Academy Sets Schedule

The Alamo Area Law Enforcement Training Academy will conduct three Basic Certification courses and 12 specialized courses during 1979. The specialized courses are each 40 hours in length and range in subject. As part of the program, the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education (TCLEOSE) will conduct an instructors course which is required before a person can instruct in a certified academy, and two courses on Traffic Law and Traffic Accident Investigation.

For the fourth consecutive year, the Academy is offering an expanded Basic Course of 280 hours, 40 more hours than required by the state for certification. The additional hours represent training in crime prevention, procedures, weapons, and other specialized subjects. Designed to improve the professionalism of law enforcement officers in the region, the Academy courses are taught through San Antonio College under contract with AACOG and are funded by the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration. To date more than 1500 officers have been trained at the Academy.

The training schedule for the first part of the year includes:

Basic Law Enforcement	January 15 - March 2
Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs	January 29 - February 2
Evidence Technician	February 26 - March 2
Emergency Spanish for Police Officers	March 5 - March 22
Advanced Search & Seizure	April 16 - April 22
Basic Law Enforcement	May 14 - June 29
Penal Code/Report Writing	May 21 - May 25

Enrollment is limited to full-time peace officer, and registration is conducted through AACOG Criminal Justice division.

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The government payments to retired military veterans and dependents made up 30 percent of the AACOG region transfer payments in 1976. The dollar value of these government payments more than doubled in the 1971-1976 period to a total of \$311 million. Income maintenance (public assistance) payments, \$101 million in 1976, were double their amount in 1971 and represented approximately 10 percent of the total AACOG region transfer payments.

Although up to 1975 there has been a steadily increasing share of the total personal income composed of government transfer payments, there is some indication this trend may be changing. For both the U.S. and the AACOG region, the increase in transfer payments in 1976 over 1975 was less than the increase in total personal income. The unemployment insurance payments actually decreased in 1976 and the income maintenance payments increased less than 2 percent over 1975.

The degree of dependence of the AACOG region economy upon the government sector is vividly portrayed when the government transfer payments are added to the labor income from the government sector. The government transfer payments to individuals amount to 15.7 percent and government labor income 25.6 percent; therefore more than 41 percent of total AACOG region personal income in 1976 came from the government sector.

The graph to the left shows a summary of personal income and transfer payment data. Data for individual counties within the region are available in Regional Analysis Division, AACOG offices, 225-5201.

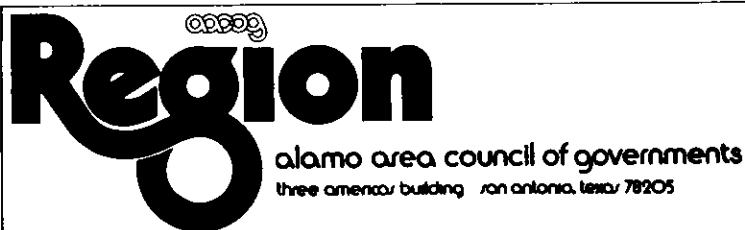
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Unless otherwise noted, all meetings will be held in Room 532, Three Americas Building

- Wednesday, December 6 Joint Meeting, Human Resources/Regional Development and Review, 11 a.m.
Toxicant Inhalant Task Force, 3 p.m.
- Thursday, December 7 Frio County RC&D/Goals, 5:30 p.m., City Hall, Pearsall.
- Friday, December 8 Bexar Senior Advisory, 10 a.m.
911 Public Education Subcommittee, 10 a.m., Room 230.
- Monday, December 11 Housing Advisory, 1:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, December 12 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (SPECIAL CALLED MEETING), 1:30 p.m.
Regional Alcoholism Advisory, 1:30 p.m., Room 230
Wilson County RC&D/Goals, 12 noon, Marvin's Rest., Stockdale.
- Wednesday, December 13 Program 79 General Briefing, 9 a.m., Hemisfair Room, El Tropicano
AREA COUNCIL AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, 10:30 a.m., Hemisfair Rm.,
LUNCHEON, 12 noon, Continental Ballroom, El Tropicano
- Thursday, December 14 Medina County RC&D/Goals, 12 noon, Sammy's Rest., Castroville.
Task Force on Women & Alcohol/Drugs, 5:30 p.m., Luby's Cafeteria,
719 North Main.
- Tuesday, December 19 Vandalism Task Force, 1:30 p.m., Room 230.
Atascosa County RC&D/Goals, 12 noon, Poteet Cafe, Poteet.
- Thursday, December 21 Human Resources Advisory, 1 p.m.
- Monday, January 8 Open Space Advisory, 1:30 p.m.



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