

## EXCERPTS FROM RECREATIONAL EXECUTIVE REPORTS

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"Field worker Jack Vincent at South Park Playground called upon a report received from a woman in the neighborhood that boys were damaging her lawn. He enlisted the help of some of the older boys in tracking down the culprits and finally rounded up and organized into an athletic club at South Park Playground approximately 50 boys.

The pre-delinquent boys brought to State Street by police are beginning to think of the playgrounds as a place to play, rather than a prison, as they first called our grounds. Many of these boys are bringing their friends to the grounds. They are entering into the games and tournaments on the grounds and enjoying them.

As we get further into this project we are amazed and delighted with the unusual skill possessed by some of the workers.

Captain Collins commanding the Hollenbeck precinct reports that some 200 youngsters were cleared off the east side streets in the first week of the campaign.

We feel that it has been of great benefit to the City of Long Beach in helping to keep down delinquency in this area, and hope they realize that the Recreation Commission budget for this year has been greatly reduced on account of the recent earthquake.

We want you to know that we do appreciate the assistance that has been given our department by the addition of these well qualified and enthusiastic workers, and we congratulate you for your good work on this project.

Some interesting developments are taking place with the special field workers. Reports of the men assigned to Poinsettia problem and to the south side problem are attached. The two men working out of the 77th Street Police Station have proved to be very valuable, and Lieutenant Hanson has asked for a third man and for a woman with office experience to help in further clean-up of this area.

At the Harvard Playground, through the cooperation of the R.F.C. workers, our own playground staff and the Police Department, a gang of some thirty to forty boys was taken in hand. Complaints were filed, as shown in the attached papers,