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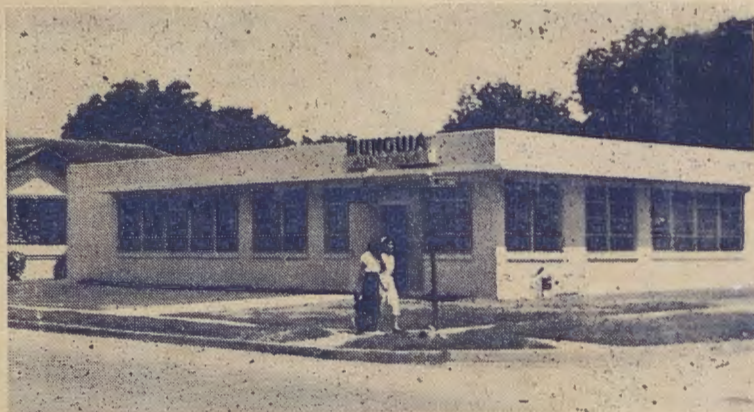
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From the National President



TO THE OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF LULAC:

This has been by far the most difficult message that I have attempted to write since I have been your National President.

Words are lacking, and in the end prove inadequate, to express deep and overwhelming emotions, like those experienced by your presiding Officer when your delegations, at our last National Assembly, stood up, as one man, and unanimously elected your humble servant as your National President for another term.

Mere words fail to convey to LULAC in general, and to each and every member in particular, my heartfelt and sincere gratitude for the great and signal honor bestowed upon me on that day, and for the opportunity to prove to you, with my utmost personal effort, that the trust devolved upon me has not been misplaced.

BUT - I sincerely feel that I have the legal as well as the moral obligation and bounden duty to stress the fact that I alone cannot carry the burden of the expansion and development of LULAC upon my shoulders.

YOU and I know that the work of LULAC is, so to speak, a "community affair." A community of interests, a community of duties and obligations. That it is a time - and - effort consuming job that must be shouldered by all of us.

Neither your National, nor your Council Officers, must be allowed to carry the burden alone. They cannot do it. They must not do it. We, and they need the work and cooperation of each and every individual member of the organization.

You must attend your Council meetings. You must shoulder your own responsibilities. YOU are, and you must continue to be, an important and responsible cog in the machinery that is LULAC, if it is to become a truly national organization.

VERY FEW Councils have sent in their ratification of our new Constitution up to this date, according to the information given me by your Home Office. The ratification of the Constitution is essential. It is absolutely necessary to the efficient management and expansion of our League. Let us hear from you at your earliest convenience. You have only thirty (30) days, from the receipt of the copy of the Constitution, in which to act. ACT NOW. PLEASE!

The lack of sponsorship of LULAC NEWS by our various Councils during the last fiscal year, left us without our official organ for several months. Let us see that does not happen again. San Antonio has sponsored this issue and Corpus Christi will sponsor the AUGUST issue. SEPTEMBER and subsequent months, up to MAY of 1950, are open to you. TAKE YOUR PICK AND LET US HEAR FROM YOU.

BROTHER AND SISTER LULACS: I HAVE PLEDGED YOU MY U T M O S T PERSONAL EFFORT, PLEDGE ME YOURS, and TOGETHER WE SHALL MAKE LULAC THIS YEAR THE GREATEST EVER.

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MEETING OF THE SUPREME COUNCIL:

SATURDAY, JUNE 11, 9:30 A.M.

The meeting of the Supreme Council of the League of United Latin American Citizens, held immediately prior to the opening of the 20th National Assembly, was called to order by the National President Hon. Raoul A. Cortez.

The National Chaplain, A. P. Sanchez, solemnly elevated the Official Prayer of the League while all present stood reverently with bowed heads.

The following National Officers were present: National Past President, Dr. Jose Maldonado; First Vice-President, George J. Garza; Second Vice-President, Mrs. Hector de Peña; National Secretary, Rudolph J. Peña; Executive Secretary, Jacob I. Rodriguez; National Treasurer, Jose Olivares; National Inspector, Max Garcia; National Director of Boys' Education, Robert B. Cruz; Dr. Hector P. Garcia, National Trustee; Manuel Veiga, National Trustee; Hon. John J. Herrera, Texas' Regional Governor; Frank R. Jasso, National Director of Publicity; and Ruben Munguia, Associate - Editor of LULAC NEWS. Also present at this meeting of the Supreme Council were many delegates attending the National Assembly.

As the first order of business the National President requested that the National Legal Adviser the Hon. Gus C. Garcia report on the proposed Constitution that was to be presented to the National Assembly for approval.

Mr. Gus C. Garcia, of San Antonio, presented the proposed new Constitution. He read this Constitution and gave explanatory comments on the major changes embodied in the new instrument. He pointed out that revisions had to be made because of the new policy of including Anglo Americans in the organization. He stated that the term "Latin American" instead of "Latin derivative languages" was used as a convenient mode of expression. He commented that a provision was made for participating membership so that a LULAC spirit could be imbued in the minds and hearts of people who for the time being were unable to join as full-fledged members. He explained that the word "national" had been substituted for "general" in the case of the organization officers, because we now had a nation-wide organization, and our titles should so indicate. He remarked that dues had been lowered in order to allow persons of low income to belong as full-fledged members. He commented that if we could quadruple our membership, LULAC NEWS could be maintained by national advertising alone. He pointed out that more than one Council would be permitted in one city under the new Constitution, and gave as reasons therefor the fact that in a sprawling city, such as Los Angeles, you cannot expect people to travel all night getting to the meeting place; and furthermore, that if some fatuous people wish to form their own socially exclusive Council, they can do so if they really want to contribute to the cause. The point is, he stated, that everyone should have a chance to participate, and by the same token, no one should have an excuse for not belonging. He pointed out that the

duties of each national officer were set out, and that an attempt was made to combine several jobs into one in some instances, so as to eliminate positions which in actual practice signify nothing.

The members of the Supreme Council questioned Mr. Garcia as to various phases of the new Constitution. In answer to one of the questions Mr. Garcia stated that the new Constitution was the production of much effort and many persons, including members from as far away as California. He expressed the hope that the Committee which considered this document would make constructive suggestions, because, he stated, like all human efforts, it undoubtedly contained many deficiencies, and there was a great deal of room for improvement.

MEETING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY - 10:00 A.M. ADDRESS OF WELCOME, JOE CASTANUELA, PRESIDENT, COUNCIL NO. 2, OF SAN ANTONIO:

In a brief but eloquent address Mr. Castanuela welcomed the delegates and expressed the hope that they would combine pleasure with a great deal of constructive work on behalf of the Organization.

RESPONSE BY JOHN GONZALEZ, DELEGATE FROM LOS ANGELES, CALIF., COUNCIL NO. 154:

Mr. Gonzalez stated that he was speaking for all the delegates when he said that up to this moment everyone had enjoyed himself immensely. He commented that it was always gratifying to come to a LULAC Convention, but that it was particularly gratifying to attend a convention in a city whose Council so basically understood the principles of LULAC. He extended special commendation to Johnny Esquivel for his untiring efforts to make this convention a success.

ADDRESS BY DR. L. A. WOODS, STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS, AUSTIN:

After being introduced, Dr. L. A. Woods stated in part: "I am not on the program, but I do want to welcome you to San Antonio and to Texas. . . . I have done what I can to see to it that Latin Americans get an education without segregation. There is a case pending now, and if it does not come out right it will be tried over. Where there is a will, you know, there is a way. I hope we will know the outcome of it by not later than September of this year."

The following Committee Chairmen were appointed: Committee of Rules, Mr. M. C. Gonzales, San Antonio, Chairman. Credentials Committee, Mr. J. C. Machuca, El Paso, Chairman. Resolutions Committee, Mr. F. J. Flores, Laredo, Chairman. Auditing Committee, Mr. Henry Ybarra, Los Angeles, California, Chairman.

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The above Chairmen were authorized to select their own Committee members.

Mr. Joe Castanuela read the proposed new Constitution for the first time. President General Cortez urged that each delegate obtain a copy of the new Constitution and consider the contents carefully. He stated that sufficient copies would be mimeographed to enable each member to obtain one. He suggested that in the meantime they study it together with whoever had a copy of same.

Mr. Arnulfo Zamora, of Laredo, read the rules of this Assembly:

'All rules of this Assembly shall be governed by Robert Rules of Order.

1. No one should make use of the floor until he or she is duly recognized by the chair.
2. Upon being recognized he or she would (a) state his or her name (b) state name and number of Council he or she is from, and his or her status in the Assembly. For instance, John Herrera, Council No. 60, Houston, delegate.
3. Debate. (a) No debate concerning resolutions should be more than five minutes, and rebuttals not more than three minutes. (b) Speakers on either side of the question are limited to two for each matter up for debate.
4. An address involving Constitutional questions shall not exceed ten minutes and rebuttals thereon, five minutes. Three speakers will be allotted or allowed to present the affirmative side of such a question, and four speakers, the negative side. The closing argument shall be allowed to be presented by the proponents of the question.'

The Assembly was recessed until 2:00 in the afternoon.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The Assembly reconvened at approximately 2:30 p.m. because of the inclement weather. The Honorable William N. Hensley, Criminal District Attorney of Bexar County, spoke on, "Youth And The Future". He said, in part:

'I believe that the principles of LULAC are absolutely



HON. WM. N. HENSLEY.
Criminal Dist. Att'y., Bexar Co.

necessary to our nation's survival. I believe that the future depends upon you and me. As long as such principles as those of LULAC are conscientiously striven for there is hope for all of us. I have been associated with Latin Americans for many years. Several members of the District Attorney's Office are LULACS, and I have found them to be very loyal and capable. . . . We will never succeed in making our democracy a reality as long as we merely talk about the brotherhood of man and do nothing to implement the ideals. I have said this many times, and I say it again without apology. . . . Members of my crew overseas were Latin Americans. They were as patriotic, as sincere as any of the other men. If a Latin American should die for his country, then he should be privileged to live in it on the same basis as any other American. . . . There is no hope for humanity's survival without hope for this nation, for we represent the last bulwark of humanity. . . . Today we live in the year of the gorilla, the gorilla represented by the alien ideology we call Communism. That gorilla will, in the end, die among his worshippers. But, before that is accomplished there are certain things we must understand and do. These things do not start and stop in Washington. The solution to the problem of keeping that gorilla in his cage until he dies is not to be found in Washington, but will be found in the minds and hearts of the American people, who possess the faith, the courage and the determination to keep the keys of this gorilla's cage in their pockets until that time has come when he will die among his worshippers. I do not believe we will ever win through a physical war alone. I doubt the necessity of a physical war. One can only destroy bad ideas in the competition of the open market of free thinking. . . . Broader horizons in civic work is the main motive in this convention. We have a growing and pressing problem with our youth. Our socially ill youth are a symptom of our sick society, much as a fever in the human body is nature's protest and warning against a bad situation. I believe our future lies as much in the destroying of the slums on the West Side as it does in the bomb bay of a B-136. We will in or lose a third world way before a single shot is fired by the acceptance of or the indifference to our responsibilities. A survey was conducted by the District Attorney's Office not long ago, to see what could be done to help the youth of today. Something has been accomplished; however, we can state



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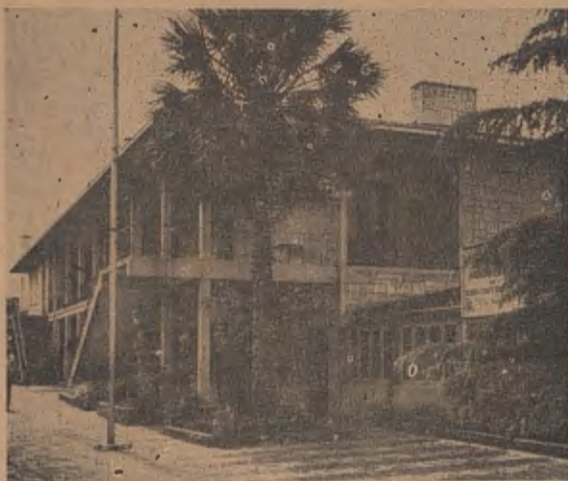
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the remedies and cures, but the people through understanding and knowledge can hold up our hands. The youth of this country and the future of this world are synonymous. They cannot be divorced without mutual disaster. As the twig is bent, so is the tree inclined. The quality of the leadership which we will need so desperately tomorrow is being determined by the decisions we make or fail to make today. We know that housing conditions are inadequate. This inadequacy reflects itself in terms of a disgruntled portion of our society. You can't eat life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness unless it becomes something you can see, something you can feel, something you can sense about you, and it will do no good with many people to talk about life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness if in their day to day life they fail to see the education and the food and the shelter that a free society should provide for its people. I am not one of those who believe that our problems are hopeless. I think cynicism is one of the most deadly sins, and the cynicism that has been applied to the youth problem is a blot on humanity. If we say that we cannot solve the problems of our society we are saying that you cannot get to B from A. And that is setting aside all of our knowledge and ability and



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all of our past experience. The strangest thing about it is that it does not require a miracle; it only requires faith and strength. We should not take a vindictive attitude toward youth caught in the toils of the law. . . . We are told by a man who has never broken his promise that if you know the truth the truth will make you free. . . . We can console ourselves with this thought, Yes we have a long way to go, but look how far we have come. Give youth the tools of a free public education. Give them the tools that will provide the understanding for dealing with humanity upon an honorable, charitable and tolerant basis, and then we shall see that the life expectancy of that gorilla is not nearly so great as its backers expect. A challenge is always provided for a purpose, and we should thank the Divine Providence that we have this challenge which pulls us together.'

Emilio Garza, Jr., a college student and Regional Winner of the 1948 William Randolph Hearst oratorical contest, spoke briefly on, "Youth Speaks". He said in part: 'Youth today has been forced to mature early. . . Education is more than the three R's. It should be the process of learning to formulate intelligent opinions. These statements are not radical; they are very reactionary. . . A



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nation conceived in liberty must never exist without that liberty.'

Report by Dr. Lyle Saunders, Research Associate of the Study of Spanish-Speaking People, the University of Texas. Dr. Saunders read an extensive report on the problems of the Spanish-speaking people in Texas. At the conclusion of this report Mr. Gus C. Garcia moved (and Mr. John J. Herrera, Houston, seconded the motion) that Dr. Saunders' report be mimeographed and a copy of it sent to all Councils. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Cortez stated that Dr. Saunders' report will be published in LULAC NEWS, also.

BUSINESS SESSION:

A Constitutional Amendment was submitted, which would provide for individual memberships of persons living in towns not served by the local Council if they pay a nominal membership fee, and that such members should be known and designated as associate members, or by some other appropriate name. Mr. Gus C. Garcia then announced that this proposed Amendment, by consent of those who offered this Amendment, was to be held in abeyance until the following day, awaiting the decision on the new Constitution.

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From left to right: National Legal Adviser, Gus C. Garcia, President, San Antonio Council, Juan A. Esquivel, National Treasurer, Joe Castañuela, and National Secretary, Rudy J. Peña. Motive for this picture: Planning some phases of our last National Assembly.

Annual Banquet

CRYSTAL BALLROOM, GUNTER HOTEL, 7:45 P. M.:

Mr. Gus C. Garcia, San Antonio, acted as Master of Ceremonies. He introduced the guests of honor, and stated that each of them had been invited because by deeds and not mere words he had proved his desire to promote and defend the principles for which LULAC stood. The following persons were introduced as guests of honor:

Judge C. K. Quin (Holder of Mexican Aztec Eagle)

Mr. & Mrs. N. Dwight Allison (Managing Editor, San Antonio Light)

Mr. & Mrs. Joe Greenhill (First Assistant Attorney General of Texas)

Mr. & Mrs. A. Bazen (recent candidate for State Representative from Laredo)

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Prescott Allen (Publisher Laredo Times)

Mr. & Mrs. Sam Bennett (Bexar County Commissioner)

Mr. & Mrs. Jack White (Mayor of San Antonio)

Senator Rogers Kelley (from McAllen, Texas)

Mr. Thomas B. Sutherland (Secretary, Good Neighbor Commission)

Col. & Mrs. Ora J. Cohee, (San Antonio Director, National Conference of Christians and Jews)

Mr. & Mrs. Thomas B. Portwood (Superintendent of San Antonio Public Schools)

Dr. Fred McCuistion (Assistant Director, General Education Board, Rockefeller Foundation)

Dr. Lyle Saunders (Director, Study of Spanish-Speaking People, University of Texas)

Mr. and Mrs. Raoul A. Cortez (National President of LULAC)

Mr. & Mrs. Gus C. Garcia

Mr. & Mrs. Arnulfo Zamora

Dr. & Mrs. George I. Sanchez

Mr. & Mrs. Esequiel Salinas

Dr. & Mrs. Joe Maldonado

Mr. & Mrs. Manuel C. Gonzales

Mr. & Mrs. William Hensley (Criminal District Attorney)

Mr. & Mrs. John A. Esquivel

Mr. & Mrs. Harold A. Brown (Mayor of Kingsville)

Col. Ora J. Cohee was introduced by Dr. George I. Sanchez, of the University of Texas; who praised Colonel Cohee's efforts to establish a true Christian spirit among the people of the United States without regard to race, color or creed. Colonel Cohee gave an address which was both inspirational and educational. He stressed the need for solving American problems in an American way, and emphasized the fact that if all the people would only live by the principles of true religion the conflicts prevalent within our country today would be mitigated, if not entirely obliterated.

A dance followed the Banquet.

SUNDAY, JUNE 12, 9:45 A. M.:

REPORT OF PRESIDENT GENERAL:

Because of the temporary illness of the National President, Mr. Gus C. Garcia read the report that Mr. Cortez had prepared previously. Mr. Garcia added to this report the activities of the previous week, which included telegrams to Mr. David Niles, Assistant to President Truman; Attorney General Tom C. Clark; Commissioner of Immigration Watson B. Miller; and Serafino Romauldi, Latin American Representative of the American Federation of Labor in Washington, protesting the proposed policy on the part of the Immigration Service to recruit wetbacks, and, in effect, force them to work for certain agricultural interests. Mr. Garcia also read a telegram from Commissioner of Immigration Miller, in which he attempted to clarify the position of his Department. Mr. Garcia also added to the National President's report by stating that a committee, composed of the National President, Dr. George I. Sanchez, Dr. Hector P. Garcia, of Corpus Christi, Mr. Rudy Pena, of San Antonio, Attorney Hector De Pena, of Corpus Christi, and himself, had visited Governor Jes-

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ter a week prior to the convention and had requested him to issue an executive proclamation urging Texas school districts to abandon their policy of segregation because it was both illegal and undemocratic. Mr. Garcia informed the Assembly that the Governor would not commit himself, but that, as usual, he reiterated his desire to help solve the problems confronting the Latin American people of Texas.

REPORT OF NATIONAL SECRETARY:

Mr. Rudy Peña, of San Antonio, National Secretary, stated that it had been his pleasure to collaborate with the National President and to participate in the formulation and carrying out of the policies already outlined in the National President's report.

REPORT OF NATIONAL TREASURER:

Mr. Joe Olivares, of San Antonio, the National Treasurer, rendered a written report to the Assembly.

REPORT OF NATIONAL DIRECTOR OF BOYS' EDUCATION:

A written report prepared by Mr. Bob Cruz, of San Antonio, was read by the National Secretary of the Assembly.

A speaker from the San Antonio Department suggested that LULAC arrange a softball tournament, all the Councils throughout the state participating therein. He stated that facilities are available for such a tournament at the Alazan - Apache Softball Field. He suggested that at the end of the season each Council send a team to San Antonio to represent them and have a state-

wide softball tournament. Also, he stated, facilities are available here for a statewide basketball tournament. The same program could be applied to this sport as that applied to baseball, he said.

REPORT OF AUDITING COMMITTEE:

The Chairman of the Auditing Committee, Mr. Henry Ybarra, of Los Angeles, rendered his report and stated in part as follows:

'There are disbursements amounting to \$1,400. on which there are not receipts. Receipts should be taken for all money paid out.

'There is a personal loan in the amount of \$200. No personal loans should be given out by this organization. This loan should be paid off as soon as possible.

'There was spent for local activities of the LULAC Council here in San Antonio an amount of \$50. All expenses should be to the benefit of the national organization.

'A more complete bookkeeping system is recommended by the Auditing committee, an accountant should be hired to install a bookkeeping system, and the books should be audited once each quarter.'

A motion was made, seconded and passed that all reports to the National Assembly be submitted in writing.

REPORT OF NATIONAL INSPECTOR:

Mr. Max Garcia, of San Antonio, rendered a written report in which he stated that he had visited virtually all the cities in which LULAC Councils are located.

Mr. M. C. Gonzales, of San Antonio, announced that the trip to Mexico which had been planned by the organization had been cancelled.



OUR SAN ANTONIO OFFICERS TAKING THEIR OATH OF OFFICE FOR A BRAND NEW YEAR OF LULAC WORK AND ACTIVITIES:

Left to Right: George de la Garza, Treas., Ted Gonzales, Joe R. Martinez, Gilbert Whitt, Secretary, Alvaro Baeza, Leon Elizondo, and Juan A. Esquivel, President.



MEMBERS OF THE SUPREME COUNCIL TAKING THEIR OATH OF OFFICE:

Left to right: Bob Cruz, Texas' Regional Governor, Joe Garza, 1st Vice-Pres., Joe Olivares, Raoul A. Cortez, National Pres., Dolores Vigil, 2nd Vice-Pres., F. J. Flores, Trustee, George J. Garza, National Director of Jr. Lulacs, Dr. Hector P. Garcia Trustee, and Past Pres., Dr. Jose Maldonado, administering the Oath of Office.

The proposed new Constitution was read for a second time by Mr. F. J. Flores, of Laredo, Chairman of the Resolutions Committee. Mr. Flores also read certain Amendments recommended by the Resolutions Committee, as follows:

ARTICLE IV. Sections 6 and 7:

That the powers and duties of Regional and District Governors be expressly set out in the Constitution.

ARTICLE V, Section 1:

That this sentence be inserted: All local Councils shall have full powers of legislation and administration of local matters not in conflict with this Constitution.

ARTICLE V, Section 2:

That this sentence be inserted: The Supreme Council shall not have power to levy additional assessments against the membership unless expressly authorized by the National Assembly by proper resolutions to that effect.

Mr. Flores stated that, otherwise, the Resolutions Committee recommended that the proposed new Constitution be adopted.

REPORT OF CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE:

The Chairman of the Credentials Committee, Mr. J. C. Machuca, of El Paso, said that something should be done about the failure of members to properly identify themselves.

A motion was passed that the Councils not apathetic in identifying themselves with proper credentials could vote on whether the apathetic Councils present were properly identified. Then the properly identified Councils voted that the apathetic Councils could be considered as properly identified.

The Assembly by viva voce commended the Credentials Committee for its work at this Assembly.

The Assembly recessed until 2:00 in the afternoon.

AFTERNOON SESSION:

The Assembly reconvened at 2:00 p.m. A motion was made, seconded and passed, that the proposed new Constitution be considered before any resolution was presented. Mr. John Gonzalez, of Los Angeles, spoke in favor of the proposed new Constitution, and stated in part:

'It will go far in the future of this organization in placing it in the position which it should have had years ago. It is not something that was introduced on the spur of the moment. This Constitution will be especially beneficial to Texas because in Texas there is the most flagrant discrimination. If the condition that exists in Texas existed in the State of California, in the State of California today we would have the greatest organization of Councils of this League that one could imagine. All the delegates from California want to do is help you, and themselves in a lesser degree, to form a national organization. And this proposed new Constitution is the instrument to accomplish such a thing. If this Constitutional Amendment is turned down, and if we don't decide here today that we are willing to make LULAC a national organization, then this is the last time Brother Gonzalez will be meeting with you.'

Mr. John J. Herrera, of Houston, also favored the new Constitution, and stated in part as follows:

'What our fellow LULACS did in making this Amendment was try to streamline this organization. As it is now, there is too much of a load on a few. With this Con-

stitution it will become a paying organization; it will become attractive to more people. We are not fighting a peanut battle. We are fighting a great battle, and we need plenty of money, and we need plenty of help. Let's not be just vocal LULACS. Let's be DOING LULACS. I know there are some things in this Constitution that some of you may not like, but let's look at the overall proposition of this Constitution, the fact that we are trying to make it attractive to our racial extraction, to get them to come into the organization and help us.

The Chair then requested that any resolutions on the new Constitution be submitted from the floor at this time. The following resolutions were submitted:

I

Mr. Cano, of Kingsville, proposed that the ritual and code of LULAC be included in the new Constitution. A motion to this effect was made, seconded and passed.

II

A motion was made that the changes suggested by the Resolutions Committee to Article IV, Sections 6 and 7; Article V, Section 1; and Article V, Section 2, be adopted and made a part of the new Constitution. This motion was seconded and passed.

III

After much discussion, a motion was made and seconded that the provision in the new Constitution naming San Antonio as the home office city of the Organization be retained. This motion passed. (ART. IV, Sec. 5.)

IV

Mr. Saenz, of Corpus Christi, moved that a provision be included in the new Constitution prohibiting a vote by proxy. After Mr. Cano, of Kingsville, pointed out that Roberts Rules of Order, by which this organization is governed, provide for vote by proxy, and after Mr. Gonzales, of Santa Fe, N. M., added that distant Councils cannot afford to send full delegations, and yet are entitled to the number of votes corresponding to the paid-up membership, Mr. Saenz' motion was defeated.

V

Mr. Alfred Hernandez, of Houston, introduced a resolution to the effect that the brochure to be published as a history of LULAC should be brought up to date at least once a year. A motion to adopt this resolution was made, seconded and passed. (ART. XI, Sec. 2.)

VI

Mr. Hernandez, of Houston, submitted a resolution to the effect that the Director of each Junior LULAC Council should be named by the local Senior Council, subject to rejection or approval on the part of the Supreme Council. A motion to adopt this resolution was made, seconded and passed. (ART. XII, Section 4; Sub-Section 5.)

VII

Mr. E. E. Mireles, of Corpus Christi, submitted a resolution that the books of this organization be audited on a quarterly basis rather than on a yearly basis. A motion to adopt this resolution was made, seconded and passed. (ART. XI, Sec. 3.)

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Mr. Henry Ybarra, of Los Angeles, moved that a report of this quarterly audit be sent to every Council. This motion was seconded and passed.

IX

Mr. Canales, of Houston, submitted a resolution that the words "Supreme Council" be deleted from Article VI, Section 3, of the proposed new Constitution. A motion to adopt this resolution was made, seconded and passed.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously that the new Constitution be adopted with the amendments heretofore submitted and approved by the Assembly.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to reimburse Mr. Gus C. Garcia, Mr. R. A. Cortez and Dr. George I. Sanchez in the amount of \$1,400. for expenses incurred during their trip to Washington in behalf of the Organization.

At this point a number of resolutions were introduced in writing. On the resolutions themselves appear the action taken by the Assembly.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

The following officers were elected:

Regional Governor for Texas: Mr. Bob Cruz, San Antonio, Texas.

Regional Governor for New Mexico: Mr. Daniel T. Valdez, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Regional Governor for California: Mr. John Gonzalez, Los Angeles, Calif.

(Colorado and Arizona were not represented at the Assembly.)

President General: Mr. Raoul A. Cortez, San Antonio, Texas.

First Vice President General: Mr. Joe Garza, Corpus Christi, Texas.

Second Vice President General: Miss Dolores Vigil, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Inspector General: Mr. John J. Herrera, Houston, Texas.

Trustees:

Dr. Hector P. Garcia, Corpus Christi, Texas.

Mr. Henry Ybarra, Los Angeles, California.

Mr. Francisco Flores, Laredo, Texas.

Director of Junior LULAC Councils: Mr. George Garza, Laredo, Texas.

Mr. Cortez was elected by acclamation.

Mr. Canales, of Houston, submitted a verbal resolution that this Assembly go on record as supporting the "Back To School" Program sponsored by the American G. I. Forum. This resolution was passed unanimously.

El Paso was unanimously adopted as the next convention city.

The National Assembly adjourned at 6:45 P.M.

Lulac Endorses The Friendship Caravan to Mexico. Sept. 9-18, 1949

OUR NATIONAL PRESIDENT WAS NAMED CHAIRMAN OF THE "FRIENDSHIP CARAVAN" BEING ORGANIZED TO GO TO BEAUTIFUL MEXICO CITY DURING THE "FIESTAS

PATRIAS", AS HONOR GUESTS OF THE PRESIDENT OF MEXICO.

Following are some of the highlights of the program of this trip that promises to be an outstanding experience for those who participate:

Final Itinerary

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9.

Depart from the Missouri Pacific Lines Station in Laredo, Tex., at 7 P. M., on board the "Independence Special", all-pullman air-conditioned train. Your Mexican hosts will offer you the first taste of the traditional hospitality of the Country with a reception aboard. The President of the National Commission of Tourism, Ing. Juan de Dios Bojórquez, and his entourage will come to greet you and will make the trip in your company. Specially delegated immigration and customs officers will courteously assist you with the border formalities. Very soon afterwards, you will be speeding along the excellent railroad into the heart of Mexico.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10.

After a restful night's sleep and breakfast, you will arrive in the morning at DOLORES HIDALGO, Guanajuato, the historic town and Cradle of Mexican Independence. State, Federal and Municipal Authorities will receive you as an honored guest of the State. A brief ceremony will take place at the Home of Father Hidalgo, to whom the Country owes the precious gift of Independence. You will visit the Church from whose belfry Father Hidalgo pronounced the cry of liberty in 1810. A wreath will be placed in his honor.

After enjoying the facilities of the most modern Mexican railroad, you will reach Mexico City in the evening, and will be greeted at the Station by Federal and City Representatives and transferred to your up-to-date, luxurious hotel.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11.

The morning will be free for your rest and relaxation. Religious services of all faiths and denominations are available. For breakfast and lunch you may make your choice from among some fifteen first-class restaurants.

Your ATLA guide will call for you around 3 P. M. to take you by motor to the "City of Sports" to see the Bull Fight. After this exciting experience, you will return to your hotel for dinner and rest. The evening will be free for any plan you may care to make. Mexico City's opportunities for entertainment are varied and manifold, and your ATLA guides will be at your service.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12.

After breakfast, an extensive sightseeing tour of MEXICO CITY, the capital of the Mexican Republic and one of the world's leading cosmopolitan cities. Your trip will take you through the old city of Mexico with its colorful markets, through the Cathedral and famous buildings, through renowned art galleries and art centers. Full opportunity will be given you to enjoy the fascinating combination of this ancient city of palaces, historic monuments and imposing edifices dating from the days of Cortés and of a contemporary cosmopolitan city with broad avenues, modern buildings, resplendent shops, teeming with thriving industries, full of color and life. A brief but moving civic ceremony will take place at the Monument to Mexican Independence, the svelt column crowned by a golden angel located in the Paseo de la Reforma, the gorgeous central boulevard of the City.

At noon you will be officially received in the "Sala de Cabil-dos", at the Municipal Palace, one of the first seats of Representative Popular Government in the Continent, where the City Council will hold a session to declare you a distinguished

guest of Mexico and will issue in your name and honor, a scroll bearing the time-hallowed Seal of the Capital.

Following the ceremony at City Hall, you will drive to Xochimilco, the Mexican Venice, to enjoy the most typical of Mexican fiestas, gliding through the canals in flower-decked canoes and gondolas (the celebrated "trajineras"). After you have had your fill of beauty, color and music, you and your companions will retire to elaborately decorated tables for an official banquet tendered by the authorities of the Federal District.

In the evening, after rest and dinner, your ATLA guide will take you to the Fronton to see a Jai-Alai game, the brilliant, fast ball sport of old Spain, now flourishing in Mexico with the world-famous stars of the "cesta". After the game you will be driven back to your hotel for a good night's rest in the cool, salubrious climate of the Valley of Mexico.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13.

After breakfast, you will leave by motor over one of the most beautiful highways in the world to spend the day at Cuernavaca, Mexico's famous all-year-round resort town. Located in the sub-tropical region of Mexico, Cuernavaca is famous for its mild climate, evergreen vegetation, luxurious flowers, quaint old buildings and modern palatial residences and hotels. A wonderful opportunity for relaxation, sightseeing and shopping for Mexico's famous handicrafts—huaraches, baskets, sarapes, and exquisite silver jewelry. Upon your return to Mexico City in the evening, dinner at the restaurant of your choice, and the evening free for independent action.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14.

This is going to be a big day. If you so choose, you may start from your hotel in the morning for a visit to the silver "ateliers" and shops of "Maciel" and "Conquistadores", and for a visit to the National Palace of Fine Arts, the imposing marble building housing the precious murals and personal exhibits of the great contemporary painter, Diego Rivera, as well as the unique crystal theatre curtain and the exhibit of Popular Arts.

Either from the Palace of Fine Arts or from your hotel, you will be driven to the Polo Grounds and the Casino Militar, where the official functions of the Presidency of the Republic occur. A mid-day banquet will be offered to the members of the Caravan, with the participation of many important personalities of Mexico's public and business life.

To crown an unforgettable day, a dinner dance with entertainment will be offered in the evening to the members of the "Friendship Caravan" at Mexico's world-famous club, "El Patio."

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15.

After breakfast, your ATLA guide will drive you to the splendorous "Basílica de Guadalupe", housing the shrine of the Patron Saint of Mexico. After admiring one of the most glorious monuments ever erected by the faith and devotion of man, you will visit the San Agustín Acolman Monastery, one of the outstanding examples of Colonial Architecture. And later on, retracing the footsteps of centuries, you will be in the midst of the great Indian Civilization of the most remote American past. You will visit, contemplate, and admire the Pyramids of Teotihuacán, the sacred citadels and temples of the highly-

developed Toltec Culture and predecessor of the mighty Aztec Empire. After your visit to this zone, another official banquet, under the auspices of the Ministry of the Interior and of the National Commission of Tourism and marking the beginning of the joyous observance of National Independence, will be held in a spacious grotto which provides a fairy touch of enchantment to the pervading mystery of the atmosphere.

Back at your hotel for a refreshing pause. At 5 p. m. a call will be paid to the Foreign Office, meeting in its reception rooms the high officials who are in charge of the development of a continuously better relationship between the United States and Mexico.

In the evening, the great, and typical Mexican actor, Don Roberto Soto, will devote his "Teatro Lírico" to the entertainment of the Friendship Caravan. The best of folklore art will be presented by the famous stage master and his company. Songs, dances, colorful scenarios—the flavor and soul of artistic Mexico will be offered you in a specially designed program.

When you leave the theatre, you may want to join the throngs of celebrants, marching towards the Zócalo to witness the repetition of the "Grito de Dolores", the famous cry that started Mexico on its way toward independence. In the brilliantly illuminated Zócalo, thousands of people join in a manifestation of public rejoicing and festivities reminiscent of Paris on the day commemorating the Bastille.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16.

In the morning, you will proceed to the Zócalo where, in reserved stands, you will have the opportunity to view the traditional military parade displaying the progress, discipline, and valor of the Mexican Army. After lunch, the day is free for rest and relaxation.

In the evening, a thrilling experience is prepared for you. The

In the name and on behalf of our National President, each and every member of LULAC is cordially and sincerely invited to participate in the "Friendship Caravan" on the above mentioned dates. This will be an unforgettable experience. The opportunity of a life-time to really get acquainted with Mexico and its people. To partici-

LULAC CODE

Respect your citizenship and preserve it; honor your country, maintain its tradition in the spirit of its citizens, and embody yourself into its culture and civilization;

Be proud of our origin and maintain it immaculate, respect your glorious past and help to defend the rights of all the people.

Learn how to discharge your duties before you learn how to assert your rights; educate and make yourself worthy, and stand high in the light of your own deeds; you must always be loyal and courageous;

Filled with optimism, make yourself sociable, upright, judicious, and above all things be sober and collected in

whole Mexican Movie Industry invites you to open house in the most modern, best equipped studios on the Continent. Famous stars, beautiful starlets, the great names of the production and magnates of the industry will be your hosts and hostesses. At your leisure you will visit the sets and attend, if you wish, the specially held premiere of a film, and finally, will be entertained at supper and a dance. Señor Licenciado Andrés Serra Rojas, General Manager of the National Cinematographic Bank, will preside over the Fiesta.

The Hollywood movie stars, directors and producers who may be visiting in Mexico during September will be invited by their colleagues to attend. The Editors, Publishers and Managers of Mexico City newspapers, the Directors of Radio-Stations and the Producers of Newsreels will also be special guests at the occasion.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17.

Free day and afternoon. Your hosts realize that by now you will want some free time to recount your recent experiences, to rest, shop, or to visit friends... and to pack.

The "Independence Special", an all-pullman air-conditioned train will speed you back home, leaving Mexico City at 7 P. M. As always, your ATLA guide will be alert to help you in every possible way. He will drive you to the station and assist you place your luggage on board. The ride will seem extremely short when you and your old and newly acquired friends meet to talk about the tour in an atmosphere of good will and understanding engendered by the great experience of the Friendship Caravan.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18.

Arrival in Laredo, Texas, at 11 P. M. after an unforgettable trip, enriched by the events of the past days and ready to resume life's normal activities.

pate in the honor of meeting the President of the Republic and being received by Mexico's Chief as his Guest of Honor.

We sincerely hope that every LULAC that can make this trip will communicate with this Office at once for reservations.

your habits, cautious in your actions and sparing in your speech.

Believe in God, love Humanity and rely upon the framework of human progress, slow and sound, unequivocal and firm;

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THE REBIRTH OF LULAC

It is now 1:15 Monday morning July 11th, 1949. Like all good (?) people I have waited until "mañana" to write this little article.

The title of this short article is, as set forth above, "The Rebirth of Lulac."

Some twenty years ago, on a hot morning Lulac, the League of United Latin American Citizens, was born in Corpus Christi. Several organizations were welded together, namely, the Order Sons of America, the Latin American League of the Valley, and the Order Knights of America.

The historical decision of merging these groups was due to the untiring work and efforts of men like Clemente Idar, Alonson S. Perales, J. T. Canales, M. C. Gonzalez, and others who saw and felt the need and demand for Lulac among our people.

Many were the obstacles and hardships, the despair, and lack of transportation.

I recall Bro. Johnny Solis telling of the hardships they encountered. The Model T Ford they used in the field, organizing new Councils, would break down, blow out tires, and on one occasion the generator burned out twice.

Funds were not so easily obtained, the grind was rough, the dough was short.

Many a time they thought to themselves, "Why do all this? Why endure all these hardships? We could be home with our families, or at a movie, or elsewhere."

But no, these men had put their hands on the plow. There was no turning back.

Today, twenty years later, we can see, and we know through facts that the toils, the self-sacrifices, obstacles, hardships that the organizers of Lulac, the pioneers endured is something that they can proudly point to, something to tell to their children and their children's children.

Something to boast of, though not brag about, what Lulac has done and will continue to do. Push forward, yes, onward marches Lulac under the banner "All For One and One For All".

After reading the report of Dr. Lyle Saunders and knowing through facts, or shall we say by statistics, of the great number of our people, here in Texas, that are forced to live in slums, of the lack of education and of the appalling rate of delinquency among our youth, we must perforce take stock of our situation and try to find a solution to our problems.

One of those pressing problems, ever present in our humble homes is the Number 2 Killer of the Nation. Tuberculosis. The white Plague strikes with such frequency among our people in the low-income brackets. Tuberculo-

sis strikes every nationality, our youth, and in many cases our own Lulacs of Tomorrow.

The theme of our Lulac 1949 National Convention was - or is - "BROADER HORIZONS IN CIVIC WORK."

There is much, very much, to be done. In civic work we could do so much more than we are actually doing.

We can do it! But we must be born again. We must revive the Lulac spirit that was born in 1929 for Broader Horizons In Civic Work" in 1949.

The rebirth of Lulac is at hand. Let us carry it out now.

Today is the Tomorrow we worried about Yesterday - and all is well and so we smile again. LET US KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK, LULACS! !

A FEARFUL PROBLEM

In the last issue of the American Review "COMMON GROUND" there is a long article by Hart Stilwell designed to present the problem of the "wetbacks" the name that is applied in Texas to the Mexican workers that cross the border illegally in search of a job. In bare and objective manner there is painted the tragedy of these men that, forsaking their homes, run all sorts of risks in search of the means of life in a country not their own and in places where their presence is not desired.

The problem has many aspects. It affects the workers individually, it affects their country, and it affects the United States, especially in the southern regions. The wetback lives days of fear from the time that he crosses the Rio Grande due to his condition as an illegal immigrant, that sees ever hanging over his head the threat of the (American) authorities. If he gets sick, he does not dare to go in search of a doctor but if he did he would have to reveal his extra-legal condition. If some injustice is perpetrated on him, he has no one to turn to, finding himself at the mercy of his employer whose sentiments are not always humane. On the other hand his presence is resented by the native workers who see their position threatened and who consider the immigrant Mexican as a factor in the reduction of their wages.

This is, superficially, the individual problem, that many times turns to tragedy, evidenced by the finding of the body of some unfortunate wetback floating on the waters of the Rio Grande. In regards to the United States, its problem is of work, human relations, policing, etc. In regards to Mexico it centers in the meaning of a painful bleeding, of the loss of large nuclei of men that, instead of dedicating themselves to the creation of their own wealth, displace themselves towards other lands.

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The problem of the "wetbacks" exists the length of the border, but it is most irritating on the Texas border that comprises a vast line from Matamoros to Juarez, through Nuevo Laredo, Piedras Negras and other border points that are the centers of concentration of the workers coming from the interior of the country.

In this illegal migratory movement, responsibility is well scattered. Mexico must assume its part, because it has been unable up to now, to create adequate conditions so that its men may have remunerative employment through which they may be able to raise their standard of living. The Texas farmers and ranchers have also contributed to the movement, accepting these men when they know that their entry into the country is illegal. And the fact is too well known that in 1948, when difficulties arose between the two countries around the workers' contracts, the American inspectors of El Paso opened the gates of the border to the wetbacks inspite of the opposition of the Mexican government.

In Texas the problem acquires characteristics of great magnitude in view of the systematic discrimination that has always existed against the Mexican and that the immigration of the "wetbacks" has magnified. There, our people who contributed for years and years with their effort to

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the aggrandizement of the State, have always been looked down upon as inferior beings, being denied living together with the anglo-saxon, being excluded from public places, being made the object of contempt and scorn. If this has happened in normal times, the situation is worse now that large numbers of illegal immigrants have come in, who are considered as factors of the lowering of wage scales.

In regards to Mexico, its great moral obligation consists of deterring this illegal immigration by all possible legal means, but essentially creating sources of employment that may provide the worker with sufficient means of livelihood, tearing away from them that vision of a better world that they see across the Rio Grande, a world that in many cases becomes their calvary.

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Broader Horizons in Civic Work in 1949.—LULAC COUNCIL No. 2. — Health Committee Report—June 12, 1949. — Subject: Tuberculosis in Your City. — Tuberculosis is No. 2 Killer in the Nation of Ages Between 12 - 45.

The following is a statistical report which was requested of the following cities listed, by the Health Committee, This is submitted to you for your consideration in your field of civic work in your locality.

T E X A S	Population	X-Ray	Active Cases	Submitted to	Deaths
	1948	1948	Found	Treatment	
San Antonio	385,000	56,138	1,107	998	293
Corpus Christi	147,000	1,133	167	133	76
Houston	495,000	69,032	786	780	205
Fort Worth	268,000	16,470	160	160	59
Waco	130,000	19,650	216	216	50
Dallas	457,912	28,350	436	183	115
El Paso	158,500	13,980	262	238	86
Austin	150,000	46,437	176	176	69
Oklahoma City, Okla.	318,623	45,778	76	66	707
Kansas City, Kan.	145,892	4,187	15	13	26
Omaha, Neb.	247,035	No Program	128	120	62
Sacramento, Calif.	131,230	12,138	542	542	121
Detroit, Mich.	1,815,000	118,329	2,967	2,454	614
Helena, Mont.	22,131	60	6	6	3
Santa Fe, N. M.	27,000	11,620	126	98	10
Denver, Colo.	400,000	6,139	1,192	No Report	113
New York, N. Y.	8,067,000	355,986	8,306	16,605	3,432
Phoenix, Ariz.	No	No	Statistical	Report	
Laredo, Tex.	No Reply		No		

REPORT

of the RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

Mr. Raul Cortez
President General
LULAC

Your Resolutions Committee composed of the following members

1. Elias Licona of Corpus Christi
2. John Gonzalez of Los Angeles
3. Albert Gonzalez of Santa Fe
4. Jose Cano of Kingsville
5. Benjamin Canales of Houston and
6. Francisco J. Flores, Chairman reports as follows:

A total of 18 Resolutions were submitted to the Committee, two being Constitutional Amendments.

The recommendation of your Committee is endorsed on each of the Resolutions, which are returned herewith.

(Signed)

F. J. Flores, Chairman

RESOLUTION NO. 2

TO THE LEAGUE OF UNITED LATIN AMERICAN CITIZENS TWENTIETH NATIONAL ASSEMBLY, SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS JUNE 10th to 12th, 1949

WHEREAS, since 1941 the League of United Latin American Citizens has resolved at its conventions in matters pertaining to the entry of imported labor from Mexico into the United States of America.

WHEREAS, such resolutions have been made for the purpose of helping the conditions of such laborers and also of the Latin Americans of Mexican descent in Texas.

WHEREAS, certain commitments have been made by the Republic of Mexico, the Government of the United States and the officials of the State of Texas in regards to the entry of such laborers into Texas, working conditions of such laborers and wages paid to such laborers by said Governments and Officials.

WHEREAS, an understanding had been reached in 1948 as to the status of such workers, and

WHEREAS, in June of 1948, the bars were let down by the Immigration Officials of the United States at El Paso, Texas and over 20,000 Mexican laborers were allowed to enter the United States without benefit of agreement as to wages paid for length of employment.

WHEREAS, much suffering resulted both to the laborers, who illegally entered the United States and Latin Americans of Mexican descent already residing and working in the United States.

WHEREAS, much correspondence resulted between the officials of the United States, of the Republic of Mexico and of the State of Texas regarding responsibilities for such illegal labor entering Texas and the United States.

WHEREAS, the responsibility was not fully accepted by any of the respective governments.

NOW THERE, BE IT RESOLVED by the League of United Latin American Citizens in National Convention assembled, that the League reiterate a protest to the respective officers of each of the governments that the League of United Latin American Citizens has once again gone

on record as protesting the entry of foreign Mexican labor into Texas, without contracts, and without any provisions for adequate housing or living wages paid. And be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Secretary of State, the Attorney General of the United States of America, to the Director of the Bureau of Immigration of the United States of America, to the President of the United States of America, to the President of the Republic of Mexico, to the Secretary of State of the Republic of Mexico, and to the Governor of the State of Texas.

(Signed)

Benjamin J. Canales

LULAC COUNCIL NO. 60

(Signed)

Elias Licona

Corpus Christi, Texas

Recommended for adoption

F. J. Flores

Approved 6/12/49

RESOLUTION NO. 4

TO DELEGATES ASSEMBLED AT NATIONAL CONVENTION, San Antonio, Texas, ON JUNE 11-12, 1949
GREETING

WHEREAS, The President-General, Mr. Raoul A. Cortez, and his advisers, Mr. Gustavo Garcia, LULAC legal adviser, and Dr. George I. Sanchez, adviser, accomplished a mission to Washington, D. C., of vital importance to LULAC on or about February, 1949, and

WHEREAS, the expenses of aforesaid trip were personally borne by the above mentioned persons, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Raoul A. Cortez had to abandon his personal business, and Mr. Gustavo Garcia had to abandon his law practice, and Dr. George I. Sanchez had to request leave with no pay from the University of Texas Board of Regents for the period involved, all in the sole interest of LULAC without thought of personal remuneration, and

WHEREAS, we are all convinced that the mission accomplished was well done, now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the delegates assembled here at NATIONAL CONVENTION approve the reimbursement to the President-General, Mr. Raoul A. Cortez, and his advisers, Mr. Gustavo Garcia and Dr. George I. Sanchez, all expenses incurred on said mission to Washington, D. C., it being here known to be approximately one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President-General submit an itemized statement to the Treasurer-General for the exact sum to be reimbursed, and such placed on record.

Respectfully submitted,

ALICE LULAC COUNCIL NO. 146

(Signed)

Carlos Garcia, Jr., President

LULAC NEWS



COUNCIL NO. 1 OF LULAC.

The Corpus Christi Council is the live-wire bunch that has undertaken to sponsor the August issue of Lulac News. We know they'll do a good job of it.

ATTEST:

(Signed)

Ricardo Martinez, Secretary

The resolutions committee recommends that this resolution be amended to provide that the one-half of the actual expenses incurred be reimbursed.

F. J. Flores

Recommendation withdrawn 6/12, 49

RESOLUTION NO. 5

TO DELEGATES ASSEMBLED AT NATIONAL CONVENTION, San Antonio, Texas, on JUNE 10,11, 12, 1949

WHEREAS, the need to pass resolutions and amendments to the Constitution is of vital importance for the good and welfare of the League, and

WHEREAS, some of the resolutions approved in National Conventions are never enforced or made public for some reason or another, and

WHEREAS, in the case of Constitutional amendments, same are delayed or forgotten before they are mailed for their ratification, and

WHEREAS, by not publishing or enforcing such resolutions and amendments to the Constitution it creates very much confusion and misunderstanding, and therefore the good intentions of the resolutions and of the amendments to the Constitution are of no benefit to the League.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the President General mail copies of resolutions adopted in the National Convention of June 1949 to all Regional Governors instructing same to print duplicates and in turn mail to

their District Governors with instructions to mail copies to each and every council in his district.

In the case of Constitutional amendments that must be ratified, the President General should mail copies in the same procedure as of resolutions, but these should be mailed not later than 30 (thirty) days following the National Conventions with the instructions to be acted upon and returned not later than 30 (thirty) days after they are received by Councils at large. After the results are obtained, the President General should notify all Councils of the approval of Constitutional Amendments. In case the Amendments are rejected, the President General should notify all Councils of the rejection, and should mail a list of the Councils that voted for the Amendment and those that voted against the Amendment.

Alice Council 146

(Signed)

Carlos Garcia, Jr.
President

(Signed)

Ricardo Martinez, Secretary

Recommends that this resolution be rejected.

F. J. Flores, Chairman

Rejected 6/12, 49

RESOLUTION NO. 6

RESOLUTION FROM COUNCIL 85.

"LAPEL BUTTONS"

WHEREAS, it is important for the purposes of the League of United Latin American Citizens to form a strong bond of fellowship amongst its members.

LULAC NEWS



THE OUTSTANDING DELEGATION SENT BY CALIFORNIA:

Left to Right, Eddie Valenzuela, Henry Ybarra, Manuel Veiga, John O. Gonzalez, and Alex Maldonado. Watch these boys go places and do things in LULAC.

WHEREAS, it is likewise valuable towards reaching the ends of this organization to give recognition to those who take part in making LULAC work successful,

WHEREAS, it has been customary in the past to have lapel buttons for the members of our organization,

WHEREAS, it is felt that a renewal of wearing of said lapel buttons will enable both members and the public alike to recognize a member of LULAC and what he stands for,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the national officers of LULAC direct their efforts towards furthering the use of official LULAC lapel buttons by LULAC members everywhere.

(Signed)

Patric J. Mendez
President

Recommended for adoption

F. J. Flores, Chairman

Approved 6/12/49

RESOLUTION NO. 7

RESOLUTION FROM COUNCIL 85.

WHEREAS, our organization has always stood for and emphasized the patriotic nature of our membership and our purposes, and

WHEREAS, it has been one of our principal purposes to identify ourselves as fullfledged members of the society of the United States, and

WHEREAS, the name of our League suggests to many that we are, somehow, not U. S. Americans and, somehow,

are associated officially with the other American Republics, and

WHEREAS, we believe that it is wise for us to dispel even the slightest possibility of misinterpretation of our name and of our allegiances:

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that we modify the name of the League of United Latin American Citizens in such a way that no room is left for these misconceptions and misinterpretations to occur.

(Signed)

Patric J. Mendez
President

Recommended for rejection for indefiniteness.

(Signed)

F. J. Flores, Chairman

Rejected 6/12, 49

RESOLUTION NO. 9

TO THE LEAGUE OF UNITED LATIN AMERICAN CITIZENS TWENTIETH NATIONAL ASSEMBLY, SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS JUNE 10th to 12th, 1949

WHEREAS, the successful activities of the local councils are of vital importance to the NATIONAL ORGANIZATION.

WHEREAS, such successful activities, regardless of their origin, should be commended accordingly.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT, the SUPREME COUNCIL be official judge and donor of a trophy to be awarded annually to the council accomplishing most outstanding work. Each council being responsible for

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sending monthly reports of their activities to said SUPREME COUNCIL.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that each council be notified of the system of classification by which the AWARD of said TROPHY be determined.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed)

Benjamin J. Canales
LULAC COUNCIL NO. 60

(Signed)

Elias Licona
LULAC COUNCIL NO. 1
Corpus Christi, Texas

Recommended for rejection with 2 dissenting votes.

Rejected 6/12,49

RESOLUTION NO. 10

TO THE LEAGUE OF UNITED LATIN AMERICAN CITIZENS TWENTIETH NATIONAL ASSEMBLY, SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, JUNE 10th to 12, 1949.

WHEREAS, for several past years, transient laborers of Mexican descent have been the victims of employment agents who prey on Latin Americans by enlisting them for work in and out of the State of Texas,

WHEREAS, Such employment agencies are not restricted by any State Law of the State of Texas,

WHEREAS, such employment agencies should be restricted in that they enlist the services of minors, in that they do not carry personal liability insurance, in that they are not solvent and responsible in case of injury to laborers in transit.

WHEREAS, there are not any such laws to punish said employment agencies in the event of a breach of contract or in the event that any enlisted laborers are stranded in Texas or any other state,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the League of United Latin American Citizens in National Convention assembled go on record as approving the drawing up of a law governing all employment agencies or agents in the State of Texas in regard to enlisting, transportation of workers in or about the State of Texas and in regards to wages paid and contracts of employment and responsibility of liability of all employment agents or agencies operating in the State of Texas.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed)

Benjamin J. Canales
COUNCIL NO. 60
Houston, Texas

(Signed)

Elias Licona
COUNCIL NO. 1
Corpus Christi, Texas

Without recommendation

Approved 6/12, 49

RESOLUTION NO. 11

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEAGUE OF UNITED LATIN AMERICAN CITIZENS IN NATIONAL CONVENTION ASSEMBLED AT SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, ON THE 10, 11, and 12th DAYS OF JUNE, A. D., 1949

WHEREAS, one of the purposes and aims of LULAC is the education of our children,

WHEREAS, truancy among our children is alarmingly high,

WHEREAS, the State School Law has made provisions for the use of visiting teachers or truant officers in proportion to the number of scholastics in the city or county, and

WHEREAS many schools ignore that the League through its proper agencies take up this problem with the State Department of Education and insist that schools which have made no provision for the establishment of these visiting teachers or truant officers, do so in compliance with the provisions of said laws.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed)

Elias Licona, President
COUNCIL NO. 1
Corpus Christi, Texas

(Signed)

Jose Cano
COUNCIL NO. 24
Kingsville, Texas

Recommended for adoption

(Signed) F. J. Flores, Chman.

Approved 6/12,49

RESOLUTION NO. 12

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEAGUE OF UNITED LATIN AMERICAN CITIZENS IN NATIONAL CONVENTION ASSEMBLED AT SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, ON THE 10, 11, and 12th DAYS OF JUNE, A. D., 1949.

T H A T:

WHEREAS, it has been the experience of numerous members of LULAC to observe the practice of the Department of Agriculture and of the Immigration and Naturalization service to stop, check and/or detain trucks loaded with migrant laborers at quarantine and/or check stations on highways leading away from the border.

WHEREAS, such laborers in their majority are American citizens by birth or legal alien residents of this country:

WHEREAS, said migrant laborers are accompanied by their families:

WHEREAS, in some instances due to the large number of persons traveling in each truck such checking often takes considerable time to the discomfort, inconvenience and hardship of the persons involved;

WHEREAS, such checking stations are wholly lacking in sanitation, cooking and rest facilities for the use of said migrant laborers; and

WHEREAS, such facilities are undeniably necessary for the comfort and health of such migrant laborers, American citizens in their majority; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the League go on record recommending the establishment of sanitary, cooking and rest facilities at such quarantine and/or checking stations, and that such request be addressed to the proper authorities by our President General.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) Elias Licona, President
COUNCIL NO. 1, Corpus Christi, Texas

(Signed)

Jose Cano, COUNCIL NO. 24, Kingsville, Texas

Recommended for adoption.

(Signed)

F. J. Flores, Chairman
Approved 6/12, 49

RESOLUTION NO. 13

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEAGUE OF UNITED LATIN AMERICAN CITIZENS IN NATIONAL CONVENTION ASSEMBLED AT SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS ON THE 10, 11, and 12th DAYS OF JUNE, A. N., 1949

T H A T:

WHEREAS, one of the reasons for truancy among our children is the fact that they are employed without regard to their school status;

WHEREAS, it is illegal to employ for pay children of school age during school hours; and

WHEREAS, there is not, nor has there been a concentrated or sincere effort to enforce child labor laws in the State; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that a committee be named to study these child labor laws of the state and submit their findings to the General Office for distribution among the Councils, in order that the League, Councils and/or members may be in a position to insist upon a strict enforcement and compliance with the provisions of the State and Federal child labor laws.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed)

Elias Licona, President

COUNCIL NO. 1, Corpus Christi, Texas

(Signed)

Jose Cano, COUNCIL NO. 24, Kingsville, Texas

Recommended for adoption

Approved 6/12, 49

RESOLUTION NO. 14

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEAGUE OF UNITED LATIN AMERICAN CITIZENS IN NATIONAL CONVENTION ASSEMBLED AT SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, ON THE 10, 11, and 12th DAYS OF JUNE, A. D., 1949

T H A T:

WHEREAS a large number of our people are engaged in agricultural work;

WHEREAS, these same people are in the majority transient or migratory workers;

WHEREAS, the wages these people receive are barely sufficient for their livelihood;

WHEREAS, these people often must resort to welfare funds;

WHEREAS, these welfare funds are operated on a county basis and make no provision for inter county cases, such as cases of transients stranded in a county other than the county of their residence;

WHEREAS, there is no provision made for this type of welfare by city, county or state; and

WHEREAS, the State Department of Public Welfare has no funds designated for such cases; now therefore

Be it resolved that the League of United Latin American Citizens take the necessary steps, working through the proper state agencies, for the establishment by the state of a State Migrant Emergency Fund which will take care of emergency or expensive cases of health accidents of migrant workers.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed)

Elias Licona, President

COUNCIL NO. 1, Corpus Christi, Texas

(Signed)

Jose Cano, COUNCIL NO. 24, Kingsville, Texas

Recommended for adoption.

Approved 6/12, 49

LULAC NEWS

RESOLUTION NO. 15

WHEREAS, in the San Antonio Independent School District there are 1,840 American children of Mexican descent that only attend half-day classes, and 7,214 herded together in 186 overcrowded classrooms, and,

WHEREAS, 2,000 of these children attend classes in unsafe classrooms, hundreds are forced to use the school grounds as cafeterias, and literally thousands of these small children are forced to go outside of their own districts to attend school in order to receive an education, and,

WHEREAS, when informed of these deplorable conditions, the San Antonio School Board generally agrees that something must be done, but always insists that this "something" must await a survey to be made by the University of Texas in some vague and distant future, and,

WHEREAS, these facts and statistics have been repeatedly presented to the Board by educators, clergymen, social workers, newspapers, civic leaders, and by the School Improvement League, and,

WHEREAS, the School Improvement League, headed by Lulac Honory Life Member, Eleuterio Escobar, has repeatedly pointed out, through fourteen years of untiring and unceasing effort, the imperative and urgent need to improve and correct these conditions in the public school system of San Antonio, and,

WHEREAS, Lulac recognizes the fact that we are not dealing in this case with the question of money or statistics alone, but with immature minds in their formative stage that will soon reach adulthood, and who, if they are denied the necessary education today, will have missed their opportunity forever.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the LEAGUE OF UNITED LATIN AMERICAN CITIZENS, in National Convention assembled, in the City of San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas, on this the 12th day of June, A. D., 1949, that it is completely in accord with, and ready and willing to support morally, and (financially if it should be necessary,) the stand of the School Improvement League, of San Antonio, Texas, in its efforts to obtain better schools for all the children of this City;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be spread upon the Minutes of this National Convention, that a copy of the same be sent to the San Antonio Independent School District Board of Trustees, and that a further copy be sent to the School Improvement League of San Antonio.

(Signed)

George de la Garza

DELEGATE, COUNCIL NO. 2

(Signed)

Ted M. Gonzalez

DELEGATE, COUNCIL NO. 2

Recommendation for adoption except as to financial assistance.

Approved with exception as recommended by Committee 6/12, 49

RESOLUTION NO. 16

IN NATIONAL CONVENTION
LULAC

WHEREAS, there is so much being said about communistic activities in the United States, whereas some organizations have been labeled Communistic and whereas, Lulac is an organization based solely on Americanism be

it resolved that Lulac go on record making it compulsory that every member to ascertain or certify that he is not a member of the Communist Party and that in the future every new applicant certify to the same effect.

DELEGATES, COUNCIL NO. 2

(Signed)
Marcos Zertuche

(Signed)
Hector de Peña
Corpus Christi COUNCIL NO. 1

We believe that the record of Lulac is such that the Committee feels that this is unnecessary.
F. J. Flores

Rejected 6/12, 49
Withdrawn

RESOLUTION NO. 17

IN NATIONAL CONVENTION
LULAC
SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

WHEREAS, the Senate and the House of Representatives of the State of Texas, have seen fit to vote for total decontrol of rents in the State of Texas contrary to the Federal Decontrol Provision, which gives each individual city the right to decontrol the rents in their own communities by exercising local option, and

WHEREAS, if the whole State is decontrolled of all rent ceilings, and,

WHEREAS, our people will be the most affected by the general trend to increase rents to exorbitant prices, as our people's salaries and standards of living are lower than the average, and,

WHEREAS, our people in the majority are tenants:

BE IT RESOLVED, by the League of United Latin American Citizens, in National Convention assembled, in the City of San Antonio, Texas, that LULAC go on record against said measure and that a telegram or letter be sent the Hon. Beauford H. Jester, Governor of the State of Texas, to veto said measure with the recommendation that local option be allowed the cities that wish to be decontrolled according to Federal Law.

DELEGATES, FROM LULAC
COUNCIL NO. 2

(Signed)
Marcos Zertuche

(Signed)
Hector de Peña

Recommended for adoption:

(Signed)
Francisco J. Flores
Chairman, Resolutions Committee

APPROVED BY THE ASSEMBLY ON JUNE 12th, 1949.

RESOLUTION NO. 18

BE IT RESOLVED, by the National Assembly convened in San Antonio, on June 12, 1949, that the Director of Junior Lulacs be authorized and empowered to prepare

additional rules and regulations concerning the governing of Junior Lulac Councils, so as to pursue regional or national conventions, ritual and constitution for individual Junior Lulac Councils, not inconsistent with the general Constitution of LULAC;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that when such rules and regulations have been approved by the Supreme Council, they shall be the official rules of the League of United Latin American Citizens.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed)
Benjamin J. Canales
COUNCIL NO. 60

(Signed)
L. G. Wilmot
COUNCIL NO. 1

Approved 6/12, 49

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT NO. 2

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEAGUE OF UNITED LATIN AMERICAN CITIZENS IN NATIONAL CONVENTION ASSEMBLED AT SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, ON THE 10, 11, and 12th day of June, A.D. 1949.

T H A T:

WHEREAS, the work of the League has suffered in part due to the lack of numerical strength and resulting financial strain in attempting to serve the interests of the millions of Spanish speaking Americans in the United States;

WHEREAS, there are thousands of persons who are desirous of contributing to the work of LULAC, but are deprived of the opportunity due to the fact that there exists no local Council in their community;

WHEREAS, it is more advantageous to keep the public informed as to the aims and purposes, projects and accomplishments of the League;

WHEREAS more beneficent and overall success can be achieved if a larger number of our ethnic group are permitted participation in the work of LULAC thereby giving them a feeling of having a vested interest in the achievements of same; and

WHEREAS, such a plan would be of immeasurable assistance in the organization of additional Councils; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that our constitution be so amended as to permit individual membership through the General Office of persons living in towns or areas not served by a local Council pursuant to the payment of nominal membership fee, which shall include the subscription cost of LULAC NEWS, said members to be known or designated as associate members or by some other appropriate designation.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed)
Elias Licona, President
COUNCIL NO. 1
Corpus Christi, Texas

(Signed)
Jose Cano
COUNCIL NO. 24
Kingsville, Texas

Recommended for adoption with amendment participating as defined in proposed new constitution.

F. J. Flores
Tabled 6/12, 49

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I am grateful to the Texas' membership of LULAC for granting me the opportunity and bestowing upon me the honor of serving you as your Regional Governor for the 1949-50 term. I want to assure you that the other National Officers and myself are going to do everything in our power to make this year one of the most outstanding in the history of LULAC.

Our program is being outlined in order to cooperate with and help our Texas' Councils, various civic organizations, and our city, county, and State governments in the betterment of our communities and our State. However we cannot successfully achieve our Aims and Purposes unless our membership attend their meetings and take an active part in their Council's program. I earnestly request and urge every member to attend as many meetings of his or her Council as

possible, to help your officers and committees carry out their work, and thereby help to make LULAC in Texas, the first and leading organization in the State.

I am anxiously looking forward to the pleasure of meeting with you at one of your meetings in the near future and would sincerely appreciate your ideas and suggestions that will help us make this the greatest year in LULAC in Texas.

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Under the capable sponsorship of Mrs. Gilbert Fierros and Mrs. J. A. Esquivel, a group of civic-minded teenagers started what is now the Jr. Lulacs of San Antonio, Tex. In the month of February, 1948, these boys and girls drew up a constitution which the members follow. This small group, which grew gradually, has worked hard to live up to the name of Lulac.

Today, the Council has fifty members and four sponsors. They have participated in civic work, athletics and social affairs. During the Sr. Lulac convention, the Jr. Lulacs helped in various ways. They took part in the Frontier Frolic and gave a social function for the out-of-town Jr. Lulackers. At this social, the councils decided upon a national three-day convention in August in San Antonio. The purpose of this convention is to draw up a constitution by which all Jr. Councils may function.

The Jr. Lulacs had their first annual Candy Ball at La Villita on June 23, 1949. All the members worked hard and as a result, the Ball was a huge success.

The members are now selling tickets for the annual Lulac - Optimist baseball game which will be played on Aug. 24, 1949.

Because the Jr. Lulacs have worked so hard and so vigorously, we are sure they will succeed in everything they attempt.

Jr. Lulac Candy Ball

La Villita was the scene of the first annual Candy Ball given by the Jr. Lulac Council of San Antonio, Texas. July 23, 1949 found the wonderful music of Gilbert Fierros and his orchestra helping to add to the merriment of the Ball.

All the members of the Council put forth much effort and enthusiasm toward helping their chairman, Noe García, make the dance successful. They made the invitations which resembled peppermint sticks. The decorations were also in keeping with the motif of the Ball.

During the intermission the Master of Ceremonies, M. C. Gonzalez, introduced the officers and the members to the audience. They were received with a hearty applause and after the Member's Set, the dancing continued.

The Council plans two dances a year to help them continue their civic work for the betterment of the Latin-American people.

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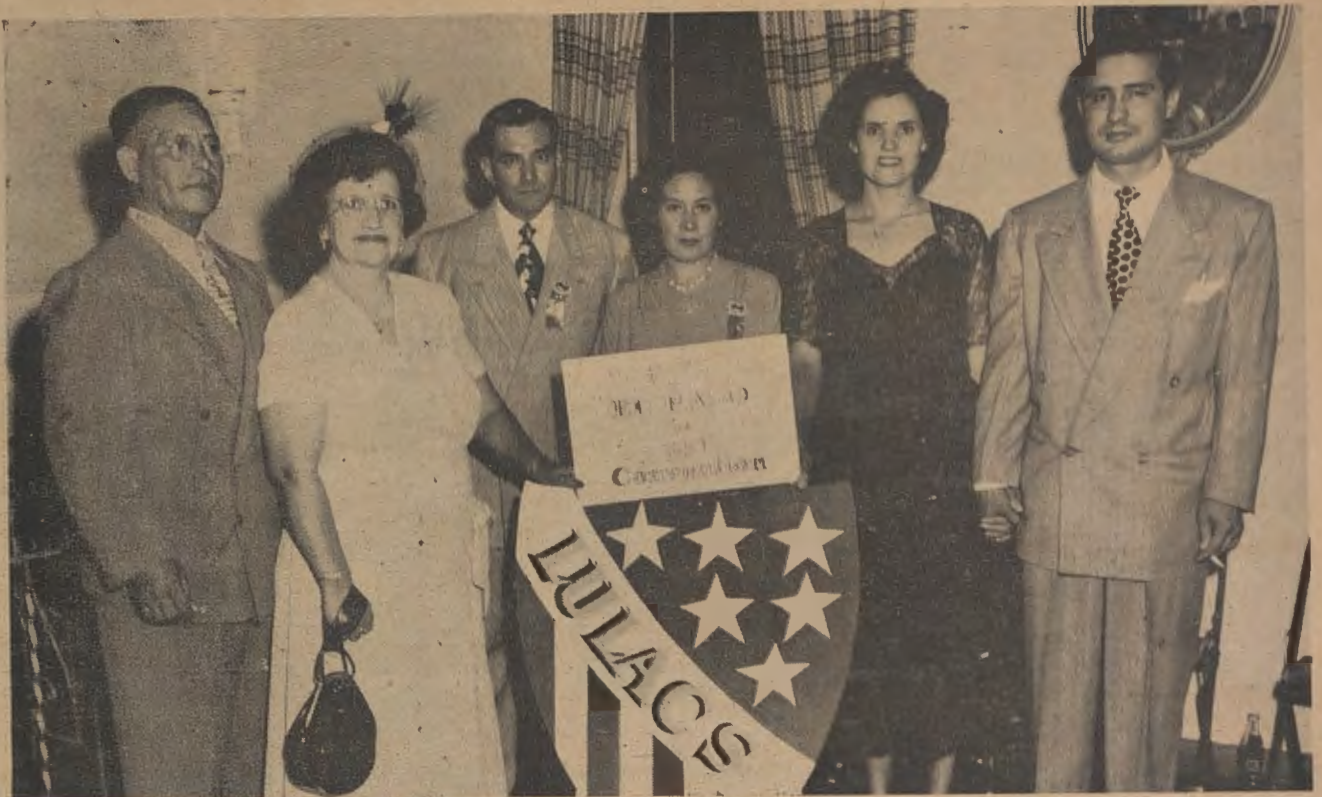
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TO ALL COUNCILS OF LULAC, GREETINGS:

Up to the date of this issue of LULAC NEWS, very few Councils have responded to the call of duty, sending in their ratification of the amended and proposed Constitution. Time is running short. Your vote must be sent in. LULAC NEEDS THAT CONSTITUTION.

We were indeed fortunate in getting San Antonio Council No. 2 to sponsor this issue of LULAC NEWS. We have also obtained the pledge from Corpus Christi No. 1 to sponsor the August issue. We now need some other active and hard-working Council to sponsor September, and all of you that can to sponsor subsequent issues, up to May, 1950.

We MUST have your cooperation in the publication of LULAC NEWS. We do not want to skip month after month, as we did last year, for lack of sponsoring Councils. If we must make a sacrifice, let us make it now to keep our Official Organ going. Until such a time as our League is fully on a cash basis, and financially able to publish LULAC NEWS, the sponsorship of the Councils is absolutely necessary.

We are, therefore, earnestly and urgently appealing to you to see that your Council sponsors at least one issue of LULAC NEWS during this fiscal year. Please let us hear from you.

Fraternally yours,
FOR THE SUPREME COUNCIL
JACOB I. RODRIGUEZ, EXEC. SECY.

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