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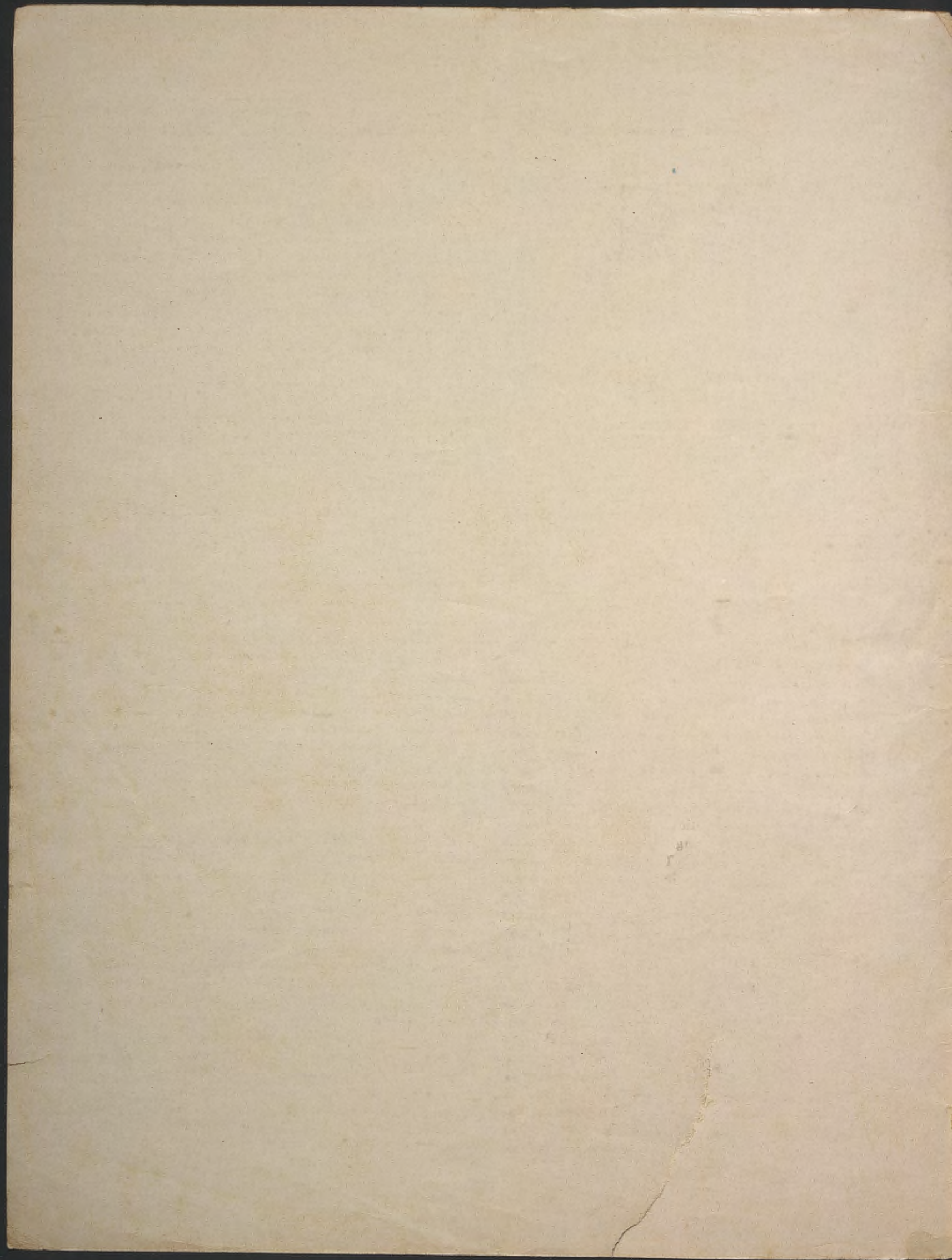
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## Editorial

During its long and glorious existence, the League of United Latin American Citizens has had to fight, from time to time, certain internal discords of a malignant nature that created a stumbling block in the path of progress and unification of purpose. These discordant notes, as a general rule, come from those whose personal aspirations, petty jealousies, self admirations and dictatorial miens outweigh their sense of duty and feeling of unity. Recent reports to the National office indicate the rise of another discordant attitude among a measly few members in two or three councils. That the discord seems to be of a local nature minimizes the danger for a while, but like all else, the affected part of a segment of a whole must be cured or amputated before it affects the entire segment and the whole as well.

In order that the "United" part of the title of the League may be a living act and the adhesive substance that welds a diversified multitude into a solid whole, the personal differences of the few discordant ones must be cast aside. Never has any movement succeeded wherein the personal attitudes and desires of a few were given precedence over the ultimate welfare of the whole. The League was founded, and its Aims and Purposes were established, through the willing cooperation

of many whose desire was to subordinate the many details of human nature to a single theme for the express purpose of catering to the welfare of an entire group. Through the years this subordination of personality details to the overall harmony of the League as a whole has resulted in a united front against which have failed all outward forces which would destroy it. Is the League to allow its precious and much needed unity to be imperiled because in one or two councils are found some who have been thwarted by the majority in their desires to impose their own selfish ideas and regimes; because there are some whose grandiose dreams of essentiality to the cause have been punctured by the realization that no one is so essential that he cannot be replaced; and because there are some whose ignorance of the meaning of the word "United" has caused them to dare sacrifice that unity in order to build up their emaciated personalities and egos?

It is not possible to have a council within the confines of this League whose membership is so susceptible to the discordant ravings of a few, and so lacking in stalwartness of purpose as to allow these misguided and selfish few to disrupt their ideals and retard their progress. The unity of the League emanates from the unity within the various councils within its jurisdiction. What affects the local councils needs must affect the League. Shall the various councils sit back with folded arms and allow themselves to be divided against themselves through the misguided efforts of a few self-seeking individuals? The answer is obvious, for to allow such a state to exist is to stamp a council as devoid of character and unworthy of membership within a body whose motto is founded on unity.

What to do? Here again the answer is obvious. When a malignant sore on any part of the body does not respond favorably to medicinal cures, then surgical amputation is required if that body is to be maintained alive and healthy. So it is with councils afflicted with discordant attitudes among some members; try and cure through whatever means are available, or amputate as a last resort. As has been stated time after time, the League is of such a nature that its work which affects tens of thousands cannot be sacrificed for the selfish and personal desires of a few non-essentials. The League must follow its age-old policy of following the thinking of the majority, for time and experience have proved this thinking to be, in the long run, the true course, for it came from the hearts wherein sincerity reigns supreme. *Let us unite*





## JUNIOR



*Convention*

*Proclamation*

TO THE JUNIOR COUNCILS OF THE LEAGUE OF  
UNITED LATIN AMERICAN CITIZENS,  
GREETINGS:

*By the authority vested in me as National Junior Lulac President, I hereby declare that a National Convention of Junior Councils will be held on August 18, 19, and 20, of the year 1950, in the City of Houston, Texas, for the purpose of transacting and resolving such business and problems as may appertain to the Junior Lulac League as a whole and the Junior Councils individually.*

*To this end each Junior Council will abide by Section 2 of Article III of the By-Laws of the Junior Lulac Constitution which states:*

*A. Each Junior Lulac Council shall attend a National Convention which will be held once a year.*

*B. Representation selected by the local councils shall be based on the merit system determined by each council.*

*C. Each council is entitled to three voting delegates for each National Convention, but has the right to send as many representatives to each convention as desired by the council.*

*Issued this 22nd day of July, 1950, at Laredo, Texas.*

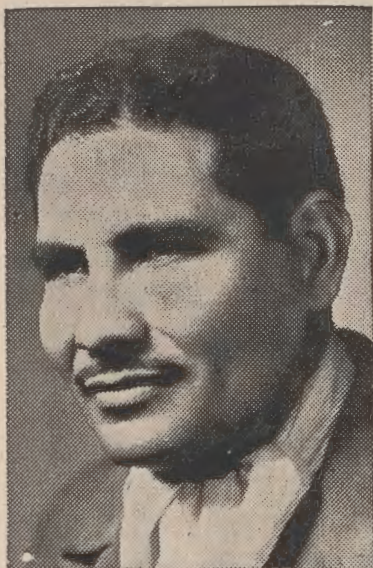
ZACARIAS NAVA,  
National President

Attest: DELFINO GARCIA,  
National Secretary





# *A Message From the National President!*



Dear Fellow Lulacs: it is indeed a pleasure to again have the opportunity of communicating with you through the medium of our official organ, *Lulac News*. Throughout the balance of my administration I hope to use this particular portion of *Lulac News* to keep each and everyone of you informed as to the status of our League, the progress of our work, and the various problems or contingencies that may arise within our League, or affect it in any way. I believe that it is to the best interests of any organization to have everyone concerned well informed as to all that transpires within the organization and all else that affects the organization, be it helpful or detrimental. To that end these monthly messages will be dedicated, and request is hereby made for your contributions of information so that such a purpose will be carried through diligently.

Of primary interest to all of you will be the firm resolve of this administration to see to it that a monthly issue of *Lulac News* is mailed to you each month for twelve consecutive months. This particular issue is the first of the series. It is a little behind schedule due to the trouble of having to effect a change in printers and the transfer of records, as well as the pinning down of a sponsoring council. As all of you know, *Lulac News* can be diligently published only if the various councils co-operate individually or in conjunction with other councils in making available the money needed for such printing. Such money is forthcoming from the sale of ad space in the *Lulac News* to merchants and other

business men in that council's particular locality. Through such means a council is not only able to pay its share of the cost of *Lulac News* but can well add a few dollars to its own council treasury. Council No. 12 of Laredo graciously consented to foot the major part of the publishing cost for this issue, and Corpus Christi has pledged the sponsorship for August. It is up to the other councils throughout the League to offer their whole or partial sponsorship for the months from September through July inclusive. Please announce your offers of amounts and months for sponsorship to this office at your earliest convenience.

Incidentally, in order to insure a monthly publication without infringing unduly upon the vast work of the Executive Secretary, I have taken it upon myself to name a person whose sole job will be to see that such work is done. Feeling that he is capable of doing the work and knowing his desire to assist in whatever benefits *Lulac* the most, I have prevailed upon Texas' immediate past Regional Governor, Edward D. Garza, to assume the directorship of *Lulac News*. I sincerely hope this meets with the approval of all concerned.

For these of us who bemoaned California's absence at our last National Convention in El Paso, it is gratifying to know that California is most definitely a part of the League and rapidly surging to the top with newly organized councils and increased memberships. In a recent letter received from John O. Gonzalez of Los Angeles, request is made for three charters for Bakersfield, Placentia, and San Bernardino. In addition, Bro. Gonzalez advises us that several other councils are in the process of organization. Your new administration is now working on some means of making available some financial aid to these hardworking organizers so as to insure that growth in numbers that we need.

From our Junior Lulacs we have received word that another Junior council has been installed in Falfurrias, Texas, and that Austin is reactivating their Junior Council. Our New Director of Junior Lulacs, Bro. Frank M. Pinedo, is working on the matter now. Zacarias Nava, Junior Lulac President, has just issued a proclamation for the national Junior Lulac Convention to be held in Houston, Texas, July 18, 19, and 20, 1950. I urge each council that sponsors



a Junior council to exert every effort to see that their Junior Council delegates attend this convention. I sincerely urge any other councils that can go to attend this convention so that you can see what these youngsters are capable of doing. Proclamations are being mailed to all councils both Junior and Senior.

Efficient administration within an organization such as ours which is so far-flung demands constant communication between councils and national office and between councils themselves. In order to maintain that efficiency your National President must have a complete roster of your council including your officers and their addresses. Please make this roster available to me immediately, and upon receipt of all rosters I shall have them compiled and a copy sent to each council and national officer.

At this time I am happy to announce the following appointments to national offices for the year 1950 - 51: National Director of Junior Lulacs, Frank M. Pinedo, Littlefield Building, Austin, Texas; National Secretary, Francisco J. Flores; National Treasurer, Felix Garcia, Jr., Director of Lulac News, Edward D. Garza; and Executive Secretary—Legal Advisor, Blas M. Salinas. All of these officers with the exception of Pinedo are from Laredo and all communications will reach them when addressed to P. O. Box 601, Laredo, Texas. Further appointments are in the offing and will be announced at a later date.

During a recent visit to the former National Offices of Lulac in San Antonio, our immediate Past National Treasurer, Bro. Rudy Peña, informed me that the revised CPA report of our national treasury for last year had been completed and would be mailed out to those councils present at our last national convention. In going through the records I came upon quite a number of Lulac lapel pins which were ordered for distributions to councils sending their requests for them. Those pins are still available and we shall welcome orders for any number at \$1.00 per. Incidentally, records show that some councils did order those pins but have as yet not remitted their check for the amount due. Please remit your check or your orders to our National Treasurer, Felix Garcia, Jr.

May I conclude this first message with a request for your cooperation in all our activities and our requests. No one man or group of men can aspire to administer successfully without the cooperation and goodwill of all components of the organization. This is your organization, contribute to it your efforts, time, ideas, and suggestions, and we, your humble executors shall carry through your wishes for the mutual benefit of all concerned.

## THE LANDA PARK INCIDENT



New Braunfels, Texas, has again been the scene of a racial discrimination incident when a group of young Junior Lulacs, out on a picnic, were refused certain facilities operated within the park. Specifically, the use of picnic tables and row boats was declined in such a manner to this group as to leave no doubt in their minds that they were the victims of another trying experience called "racial prejudice". The light-hearted group of youngster bent on enjoying themselves at this tax-free park quickly found out the bitter lesson of racial intolerance as masterminded by certain people in New Braunfels.

Your National Officers are in daily contact with the representatives of the Good Neighbor Commission in the investigation of this incident, and no stone will be left unturned until the full facts are disclosed. Mr. Ely Bergman, San Antonio representative of the Good Neighbor Commission has started an investigation in conjunction with Bob Cruz our regional Governor of Texas, and their findings will be submitted to the Good Neighbor Commission and to the Lulac National President for appropriate action.

It is wise at this time to proceed in a cautious and careful manner so that nothing will be done to hurt the chances of winning this case. The fanfare and the hurt feelings should be left out and in its place we should pursue a course of conduct of a legal nature. It is in this way that we can best obtain our goal in this and any other cases involving like circumstances.

The conduct of these Junior Lulacs from San Antonio should be commended for the way in which they have defended themselves. These young people will in due time step into the ranks of Senior Lulacs and will indubitably be an asset to the League. Incidents of this type show conclusively that the torch of Lulac is burning brighter. These unfortunate events demonstrate in no uncertain terms that for the protection of our people there exists a definite need for Lulac.



## TWENTY - FIRST NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE LEAGUE OF UNITED LATIN AMERICAN CITIZENS. EL PASO, TEXAS, JUNE 8, 9, 10, 1950

On Thursday, June 8, only registration of early arrivals took place, and at 7:30 p. m. a cocktail party was given in the Sun Room of Hotel Cortez.

### FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

June 9, 1950

The Twenty-First Annual National Assembly of the League of United Latin American Citizens convened in the Sun Room of Hotel Cortez, El Paso, Texas, at 10:00 a. m. with Mr. Joe Garza, First National Vice-President, presiding in the absence of Honorable Raoul A. Cortez, National President.

The program opened with the Assembly singing "America" and "The Star Spangled Banner", led by Miss Carmen Velasco of El Paso, with Mr. Enrique Cobos of Anthony at the piano.

Next on the program was the Pledge to the Flag, under the direction of Louis Machuca of the "Order of the Arrow", Boy Scouts of America.

In the absence of the National Chaplain, the Official Prayer was then elevated by Mr. Ernesto Valdes of El Paso.

The address of welcome was made by the Honorable D. L. P. Duke, Mayor of El Paso, who was introduced by Bro. J. C. Machuca of El Paso.

The response to the mayor's welcome was given by Bro. George J. Garza, National Director of Junior Lulacs.

At this point Mr. Ike Martinez was appointed Sergeant-at-Arms by the Chairman. Mr. J. C. Machuca of the El Paso Council then introduced to the Assembly Miss Carmen Velasco and Mr. Enrique Cobos and acknowledged with thanks their fine contribution to the program. Mr. Machuca also acknowledged the cooperation of the three Boy Scouts who were the guard of honor for the Flag, as well as introducing his son, Louis Machuca, who had previously led the Assembly in the Plédge to the Flag.

Following these presentations, Bro. Waldo E. Ximenez, Executive Secretary, called the role of National Officers and councils. Presiding Officer Joe Garza then proceeded to name the following committees:

#### Rules Committee:

Mr. Guadalupe Martinez, of Galveston, Chairman  
Mr. Max Gonzalez, Fort Stockton  
Miss Adela Gonzalez, Santa Fe, N. M.

#### The Credentials Committee:

Mr. Arnulfo Zamora, Chairman (from Laredo)  
Mr. Dan Canales, Houston  
Mr. Marcos Zertuche, San Antonio  
Mr. L. Santoscoy, El Paso  
and, of course, to help this committee, our Executive Secretary, Mr. Ximenez.

#### The Resolutions Committee:

Mr. Frank Pineda, Austin, Chairman  
Alfred Hernandez, Houston  
Blas Salinas, Laredo

#### The Auditing Committee:

Mr. Abel Cisneros, Chairman (from El Campo)  
Mr. Arturo Vasquez, Corpus Christi  
Miss Guerra, from Falfurrias  
Mr. Lopez, Santa Fe

and Mr. Rudy J. Peña, ex-official of that committee.

The request of the Presiding Officer for resolutions from the councils was carried out and said resolutions were turned over to the Resolutions Committee. Upon motion made by Bro. Gus Garcia and duly seconded, the first reading of resolutions was set back to the afternoon recess so that the committee would have time to examine them.

At this point the Chairman announced that only those authorized delegates, alternates, etc. would be permitted to remain as the Assembly was about to consider something that was of a confidential nature.

A report of a confidential nature was then read to the Assembly by a delegate from Austin Council No. 85.

After announcements made by Mrs. Y. G. Porras in regard to a Ladies Tea to be held that afternoon at 4:00, and another by Bro. Pimentel regarding luncheon at 12:00 following the morning session, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn until that afternoon at 2:00. Motion was carried.

### FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

June 9, 1950

The National Assembly reconvened at 2:15 p. m. in the Ball Room of Hotel Cortez, with the Honorable R. A. Cortez, National President, presiding.

National President Cortez extended his apologies for not having been present for the first session, and then turned the meeting over to George J. Garza, National Director of Junior Lulacs, who proceeded to install the El Paso Junior Lulac Council with the assistance of Zaccarias Nava of Laredo, National Junior Lulac President.

Reports from the representatives of the various Junior Lulac councils present at the National Convention were given as well as the report of the National Junior Lulac President. The Junior Lulac National Constitution was turned over to the Legal Advisor for recommendations, and the meeting again turned over to Bro. Cortez.

Bro. Cortez made the announcement of the special showing of the film "The Lawless" for the National Assembly as a special courtesy of Paramount Studios, and then introduced Mr. Paul Daniels, Public Relations man for Paramount Studios. Mr. Daniels further enlightened the assembly on the film and its stars.

Following this Bro. Arnulfo Zamora made his report for the Credentials Committee and Bro. Garcia gave his report for the Legal Advisor's office. Both reports were unanimously accepted.



## NATIONAL JAMBOREE TROOP NO. 29

Special Boy Scout Troop No. 29, under the overall supervision of our National President, George J. Garza, distinguished itself among several hundred other troops at the National Jamboree of the Boy Scouts of America which was held at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania from June 28 - July 8, 1950.

From the standpoint of regional, sectional, and national standards of judging of a Scout troop's program, operations, and leadership, Troop 29 was considered tops. Contributing a great deal to this reputation and record were the Scouts from Laredo, who dominated the boy officer posts of the troop, not because of the Scoutmaster but because of general recognition of their leadership qualities. Out of the eighteen Scouts from Laredo



JAMBOREE TROOP 29 — Shown here are the members of special National Jamboree Boy Scout Troop 29, which recently returned from Valley Forge, Pa. They are, left to right, front row, J. M. Edmonson, Jr. of Mathis, Abe Wilson of Laredo, Joe Ray Rodriguez, of Corpus Christi, Buddy Rosene of Falfurrias, Kato Mauricio of Corpus Christi, Higinio J. Cantu, Jr., of Corpus Christi, James Hanna of Falfurrias, Robert M. Halsell, Frederic Chow and Ramon Quijano, Jr., of Laredo and Raul F. Castillo of Corpus Christi. Middle row, David Neidermeyer of Laredo, Irving Ramsower II of Mathis, Henry R. Crow, Jr., of Alice, Andrew Myers of Falfurrias, Ira Cecil Felkner of Alice, Paulino Garza, Jr., of Laredo, Gilbert Silvas of Corpus Christi, Lee Roy Golson and Ramiro Peña of Laredo, Bill Dodd Fowler of Alice, Rodney H. Scott of Falfurrias and Robert D. Downs of Falfurrias. Back row, George J. Garza of Laredo, scoutmaster; Jack A. McQueen of Corpus Christi, assistant scoutmaster; Roger Towns of Bruni, George Newsom, Jesus Lozano, Tom Yates, Joe P. Puig, Jr., Amadeo Juarez, Edward A. Richter, Philip Baker, Larry Puig, all of Laredo; Bobbie Joe Godsey of Freer, Robert H. Anderson of Laredo, Reymundo Ramos, Jr., of Benavides; Gilberto Rodriguez of Laredo and Howard C. Walker of Corpus Christi, assistant scoutmaster.

in Troop 29, five of them were sponsored by Lulac Council No. 12 of Laredo at a cost of \$1000.00

Outstanding feature of the troop was the congenial cooperation of the troop although the boys comprising it were from ten different towns and equal parts of the thirty six boys were Anglo and Latin American. The harmony and fellowship that predominated throughout all activities including working, eating, and sleeping together definitely proved that mutual understanding, common goals, and equal opportunities tend to erase all imagined differences of peoples. It also proved that the younger generation is the one that will do the most to remove all barriers that now tend to place peoples in different categories or groups.



Guest speaker for the afternoon session was Mrs. Berry, Executive Secretary of the Central Council of Social Agencies of the city of El Paso, who gave a fine talk on the work that her agency was doing and requested aid in fighting disease and in improving living conditions in areas of low income.

Next on the order of business was the first reading of the constitutional amendments by Bro. Frank M. Pinedo of Austin, Texas.

Amendment No. 1 introduced by Laredo Council and dealing with Section 4, Article XII, provided for changes in the minimum age of Junior Lulacs from 8 to 14; made possible joint sponsorship of junior councils by men and ladies councils; provided for approval of supervisors by the National Director of Junior Lulacs and the affected junior council rather than by the Supreme Council; and made provisions for the signatures of the National Director and National President of Junior Lulacs on the charters.

Amendments No. 2, 3, 4 introduced by Houston council dealt with Section 4, Article III, Sections 6 and 7, Article IV, respectively as follows:

No. 2 provided for participating members at yearly fees of \$10.00 with 2/3 of the fees to go to the National Treasury and the other 1/3 to the local council. Such members to be entitled to protection and counsel of the League and to copies of Lulac News. Further privileges as full participating members in local councils were afforded when approved by a 2/3 vote of said council:

No. 3 and No. 4 provided for regional and district conventions of their regular delegates and officers with the constituted head of each convention presiding respectively at his convention and all visiting national officers occupying positions of honor.

Amendment No. 5 introduced by Austin Council provided for the payment of 25¢ monthly dues to the National Treasury by members who might be classified as students or some such low income group, with a stipulation that local councils should use their discretion in the matter.

The above amendments were approved by the committee and recommended for adoption.

The report of the Rules Committee as rendered by Bro. Martinez of Galveston was accepted at this time. With the acceptance of this report the meeting was adjourned after a favorable vote of a motion to that effect.

#### SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

June 10, 1950

The assembly was reconvened at 11:00 a. m. Honorable R. A. Cortez, National President, presiding.

The official prayer of the League was elevated by Bro. Marcus Zertuche of San Antonio, and the roll call made by the Executive Secretary.

The National President introduced Miss Mary Dunlap, Supervisor of the Child Welfare Office of El Paso, and she gave a brief talk on the need of foster homes in Texas and New Mexico.

At this time Bro. Gus Garcia and Bob Cruz of San Antonio delivered talks on the work that has and is being

done in regard to polio, and requested delegates to take home some of the pamphlets available.

The next order of business was the second reading and voting of the amendments to the constitution which had been introduced by Laredo, Houston, and Austin Councils. Upon recommendation of the Resolutions Committee all amendments were unanimously adopted.

Following the amendments came the reading of the resolutions as follows:

No. 1 introduced by Houston Council provided for copies of the constitution to be made available to each member of the various councils by the Executive Secretary.

No. 2 introduced by Laredo Council provided for resolutions to be submitted to National office 45 days before convention for mimeographing and distribution one day before actual voting on them. It is intended to eliminate reading on 2 successive days.

No. 3 introduced from the floor by Austin Council provided for the Executive Secretary to inform local councils on the procedure to be employed in appealing to school officials where segregation appears, and in appealing to the Commissioner of Education when the former appeal fails to alleviate conditions.

No. 4 was also introduced from the floor by the Austin Council and resolved that the League commend Governor Shivers of Texas for the appointment of the Council on Human Relations to study the problems of the Spanish-speaking people of Texas, and the appointment of Dr. Geo. I. Sanchez and Gus Garcia to this council. It further resolved that the League recommend to the Council to undertake an immediate study of statistical information dealing with a study of Spanish-speaking People for the purpose of making recommendations for legislation to the Legislature of the state of Texas, and that the League itself with the help of men like Dr. Sanchez and Dr. Garcia of Corpus Christi carry on a study with the purpose of making legislative recommendations to the Council and the Legislature.

The resolutions were recommended for adoption by the committee and unanimously done so by the assembly through regular parliamentary procedure.

The committee was thanked heartily by the presiding officer, and upon being duly moved the assembly was adjourned until 1:30 p. m.

#### SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

June 10, 1950

The National Assembly reconvened at 1:40 p. m. with Honorable R. A. Cortez, National President, presiding.

After the opening of the meeting, the Auditing Committee through Bro. Arturo Vasquez of Corpus Christi rendered its report. The report revealed that the Auditing Committee was not satisfied with the Treasury report because of the lack of substantiating evidence of the validity of the report.

Bro. Rudy Peña, National Treasurer, explained this lack of evidence and promised a revised report would be sent to each council. In view of all this the Auditing Committee was warmly thanked for a thorough job, and



Bro. Peña's report was adopted pending the revised copy.

The President's report was rendered at this time by the Executive Secretary, including several communications from high officials seeking the aid of Lulac in solving different problems. Bro. Cortez then elaborated a little on his administration, and finished by reading a letter from Ft. Stockton announcing the successful completion of a fight against discrimination in that locality largely through the efforts of Lulac.

Upon the recommendation of Bro. John J. Herrera of Houston, the Assembly gave Ft. Stockton a rising ovation.

Bro. Arnulfo Zamora moved that the Assembly accept the report of the National President, and that recognition of his work be shown by a rising vote of thanks.

Bro. Frank Pinedo at this time brought on the floor the Austin Council's constitutional amendment which had been read before but which had undergone revision before adoption. Upon reading of the amendment, the Assembly voted to adopt it.

Bro. Canales of Houston read a resolution in regard to the League's endorsing Public Housing programs within a council's immediate territory. Resolution was approved and adopted in regular manner.

Bro. Joe Garza, 1st Vice President, moved that the Assembly give a rising vote of thanks and appreciation to El Paso Councils 9 and 132 for their hospitality. Mrs. Y. G. Porras and Bro. Hernandez responded for their councils respectively.

At the suggestion of Bro. Cortez and the motion of Bro. Hernandez of Houston seconded by Bro. Rodriguez of San Antonio, the Assembly voted honorary memberships in Lulac to those officials responsible for the film "The Lawless".

At this time the Assembly went into the concluding business of the session, the election of national officers. Bro. Cortez invited Bro. Zamora who in turn invited Bro. Gus Garcia to set up the rules for the election. This done nominations for National President were called for. Bro. Manuel Bustamante of Van Horn nominated George J. Garza of Laredo, Bro. Hernandez nominated John J. Herrera of Houston. Nominating speeches were made by Bro. Hernandez for Herrera and Bro. Zamora for Garza with Bros. Gus Garcia and Rodriguez of San Antonio making sustaining speeches for Herrera and Garza respectively.

This concluded, Bro. Joe Garza was named official counter and the Executive Secretary proceeded to call on the National officers and councils for their votes. A question arose as to the legality of the vote of regional governors. Legal Advisor Garcia ruled that regional governors were national officers and as such entitled to vote. The balloting resulted in George J. Garza's election

as National President. Bro. John J. Herrera upon being given the floor, thanked his backers, pledged his cooperation to the new National President, and moved that the election be declared unanimous in favor of Garza. The Assembly voiced its approval.

For First National Vice President, Bros. John J. Herrera and Joe Garza were nominated with Herrera emerging as victor.

For Second National Vice President, Miss Minnie Canales of Houston, Mrs. Y. G. Porras of El Paso, and Mrs. Ruth Trujillo of Santa Fe were nominated with Mrs. Trujillo victorious.

Before proceeding to the election of regional governors, Bro. J. C. Machuca of El Paso and Chairman of the Convention thanked in behalf of the two El Paso councils the delegations for their cooperation.

The result of the regional caucuses resulted in the elections of Bros. Bob Cruz of San Antonio and Albert Gonzalez as Governors of Texas and New Mexico, respectively. Bro. Edward D. Garza of Laredo, Texas regional governor, expressed his appreciation to the Texas delegations for their cooperation during his administration.

The election of officers having been dispensed with, the attention of the Assembly was then directed to the selection of a convention city for 1951. A prolonged pause followed the National President's request for convention city bids. Bro. Alfredo Garza of Laredo then offered Laredo as the 1951 Convention City in view of the fact that no other bids were made. Laredo's offer was unanimously accepted by the Assembly.

The installation of National officers followed, and National President R. A. Cortez administered the oath of office to the following:

George J. Garza, National President  
John J. Herrera, First National Vice President  
Mrs. Ruth Trujillo, Second National Vice President  
Robert B. Cruz, Texas Regional Governor

The gavel of office was then turned over to the New National President who expressed his appreciation to the Assembly for his high honor.

Bro. Arnulfo Zamora moved that the title of Immediate Past National President be conferred upon Bro. R. A. Cortez, and upon being seconded by Bro. Herrera, it was unanimously approved by the Assembly.

Each of the newly elected officers expressed his appreciation for having been elected to their respective offices, and following the announcement of the Dinner-Dance at 7:00 that evening, National President Garza declared the official business sessions of the Assembly as officially over, and so adjourned the meeting.



# SKITS AND BITS

(All About You and Me)

From down Laredo way can still be heard the remorseful wailing of Bro. Francisco Velasquez who for economy's sake ordered a 50-centavo plate of beans in Juarez, Mexico, and wound up with a \$4.00 check. NOTE: Pancho erroneously believed Mariaches came with the order, or else he was in the wrong company.

WHERE AM I? Or some such remark is attributed to Veep John J. Herrera when he got his tourist lodge slightly mixed up in Falfurrias on July 2. Chambers of Commerce should furnish unsuspecting tourists with city maps.

From Los Angeles we hear that Bro. Henry Ybarra had a hard time at the bar while attending a social on June 17. What we were unable to learn was whether the hard time came from dishing it out or taking it in.

Never too busy to be a Lulac. Such can easily be said of Bro. M. C. Gonzalez of San Antonio who inspite of being busy as a bee with elections in his community, took time out to act as M. C. for the recent banquet honoring Council No. 2 and its new officers.

It seems Past President General Arnulfo Zamora, Secretary-Treasurer of the Laredo Waterworks System is having a problem with the high turbidity of the Rio Grande which furnishes water for Laredo. Could be the beavers are causing it in their haste to remove their dams for the larger ones which are scheduled to be built by Mexico and the U. S.

If silence is golden as they claim it is, then we are blessed with an abundance of gold from New Mexico for silence is all we have received from our immediate past Veep, Dolores Vigil, our new Veep, Ruth Trujillo, and new Regional Governor, Albert Gonzalez. Come on, burst the rafters, we are listening.

Convention aftermaths are disconcerting. If you do not believe it ask members of District No.

2 in Corpus Christi who forgot they elected a district governor in El Paso and were set with another one.

Rumors have it that the Laredo Junior Lulac Council's attendance of its boy members to the meetings has doubled since girl members were voted in. Wonder why?

A telephonic conversation with Houston informs us that Ft. Bend may join Lulac ranks by mid-August. Chalk up another plus on Bro. Herrera's score card.

Distant moans and groans from Ole San Antonio way announce that anther liniment-players baseball game between Lulac Council No. 2 and the Pan American Optimists has been concluded. The score was 27—10 against the Lulacs. The Pan American Optimists finally changed a five year tradition. The Lulacs will in all probability get around to congratulate the winners as soon as both teams are able to move about without effort.

Rocking Chair Scoutmaster they call him. Who? Why our National President of course. Unprejudiced rumors have it that he did such a swell job of organizing and decentralizing his Jamboree troop at the National Jamboree of the Boy Scouts of America in Valley Forge, Pennsylvania that he could have sat on a rocking chair (had he had one) and still had his boys come through with flying colors. Incidentally, he still gets flustered when teased about his round knees which were quite prevalent as a result of the shorts worn as part of the official Jamboree uniform.

From Yankee Land, New York no less, come greetings from immediate past Texas Regional Governor, Edward D. Garza.

Via the rumor route information has come in regard to Bro. Gus Garcia's uncomplimentary remarks about Lulacs which he made at a G. I. Forum gathering in Corpus Christi a short while back. Memory of El Paso must still be burning in his mind.



**IRONIC INDEED.** San Antonio Junior Lulacs celebrating the homecoming of a former member now in the service were refused table and row-boat facilities at Landa Park in New Braunfels. Ironically enough, at about this same time announcement was made of the death in action on the Korean front of Pvt. Anselmo Zamora. Hometown? New Braunfels.

**LADIES FIRST.** Seems the Falfurrias Ladies Council has outdistanced all councils in remitting their new fiscal year quarterly dues. Congratulations and thank you.

Latest news from San Antonio has it that Bro. Jake Rodriguez may heed the call of wonderlust and settle in the sunny climates of either Laredo or Californai.

To California goes the distinction of being selected the Top Region of Lulac through the month of July for its outstanding organizational work. Incidentally a word of welcome is in order to our new councils of Placentia, Bakersfield, and San Bernardino, even if slightly belated, and congratulations to Bro. John O. Gonzalez and his cohorts who are responsible.

More of the above to Alex Maldonado and members of the El Modena Junior Lulac Council in California installed last June 21.

A gentle reminder to all our readers to contribute some information or anecdotes about your region, council, or your members. May they be serious or humorous in nature, the informality of this colum will render them of interest to all who read herein. Incidentally, send us your opinions of this colum or any suggestions to improve the column or perhaps to add new columns. This Lulac News is yours, and the staff in charge of it is ready and willing to accept your suggestions or criticisms that will render this organ worthy of your reading pleasure.

LULAC NEWS

## FALFURRIAS JUNIOR LULAC INSTALLED

Another Junior Lulac Council, composed of boys and girls, was formally installed and chartered at Falfurrias, Texas, during the month of July. Sponsors for this new council was the Ladies' Council of Falfurrias.

An impressive ceremony was held in the courthouse on Saturday morning at which time Zacarias Nava, Junior Lulac National President, presented the charter to the organization. Arnulfo Zamora, past President General of Lulac, delivered a stirring speech on the aims and objectives of Lulac. Roberto Mora, president of the Falfurrias Men's Council, presided at the installation.

A banquet was then held and Brother Villareal, mayor protem, gave the welcoming address. The response was made by Blas M. Salinas, National Executive Secretary-Legal Advisor.

The prencipal speaker, John J. Herrera, 1st National Vice-President, then delivered a speech in which he eulogized the efforts of the Junior Lulac throughout the League and in which he asked that more Junior Lulac Councils be organized.

There were delegates from Houston, Corpus Christi, and Laredo, who then took the floor to commend the work of both the Falfurrias's Men's and Ladies' Council.

An announcement was made about the Junior Lulac Convention in Houston on August 18th, 19th, and 20th, and the new council was urged to send delegates.

The Falfurrias Junior Lulac Council numbers around sixty members.

## TWO LATIN-AMERICANS WIN HIGH JUDICIAL POSTS

Lulacs have cause to rejoice and feel proud of two Latin-American lawyers who have won their spurs in two very important elections. In Laredo, Ezequiel Salinas, a graduate of the University of Texas law school, emerged victorius in the race for District Judge of the 111th Judicial District. In Edinburg, Joe Alamia, also a graduate of the University of Texas, defeated two other candidates in the race for Criminal District Attorney of Hidalgo County. Both Salinas and Alamia won with overwhelming majorities.

Salinas is a former president General of Lulac, having had the office in 1939. He is now very active in the work of Lulac.

Alamia is a past member of Lulac having been a member of the Edinburg Council when it was active.

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## DID YOU KNOW THAT

Laredo has been selected as the 1951 Convention City for Lulac?

Council No. 2 of San Antonio boasts the first non-Latin American council president in the history of Lulac?

Immediate Past National President R. A. Cortez was the last President General and the first National President of Lulac in consecutive terms?

Past President General Arnulfo Zamora was the first man to hold that office through two consecutive terms?

Council No. 154 of Los Angeles, California publishes its own Lulac News?

Our National Constitution creates the offices of regional and district governors, but does not specifically state that such offices may be filled by elections held within those territorial divisions?

Our National Constitution, even though it provides for a National Organizer and a National Director of Health on a same level as other appointed national officers, does not provide a place for them on the Supreme Council nor for a vote at national conventions?

No one person or group of persons can say specifically say what the membership of the League is because the national office is never furnished a complete report on membership by individual councils?

Many of the so-called failures of the League in matters of general importance are due to councils who go out on their own hook unbeknownst to the League and appeal to the national office only as a last resource or when all else has failed?

Our National President still is the proud possessor of a Lulac lapel pin which he found while still a school kid, and which he treasured for years without knowing its significance until he was a college student?

Bro. Jake Rodriguez is almost willing to swear that Bro. Garza's lapel pin is his own which he lost years ago on a visit to his hometown, San Marcos?

New Mexico was once reputed to be the strongest region in Lulac from the standpoint of councils and membership?

Many councils suffer from lack of attendance at meetings because the officers fail to provide a program that is planned and provides for activities that will give old and new members something to tie on to?

Bros. Henry Martinez, President of El Paso Council and George J. Garza, National President, are former Field Scout Executives with the Boy Scouts of America?

The California region has organized its first Junior Lulac Council?

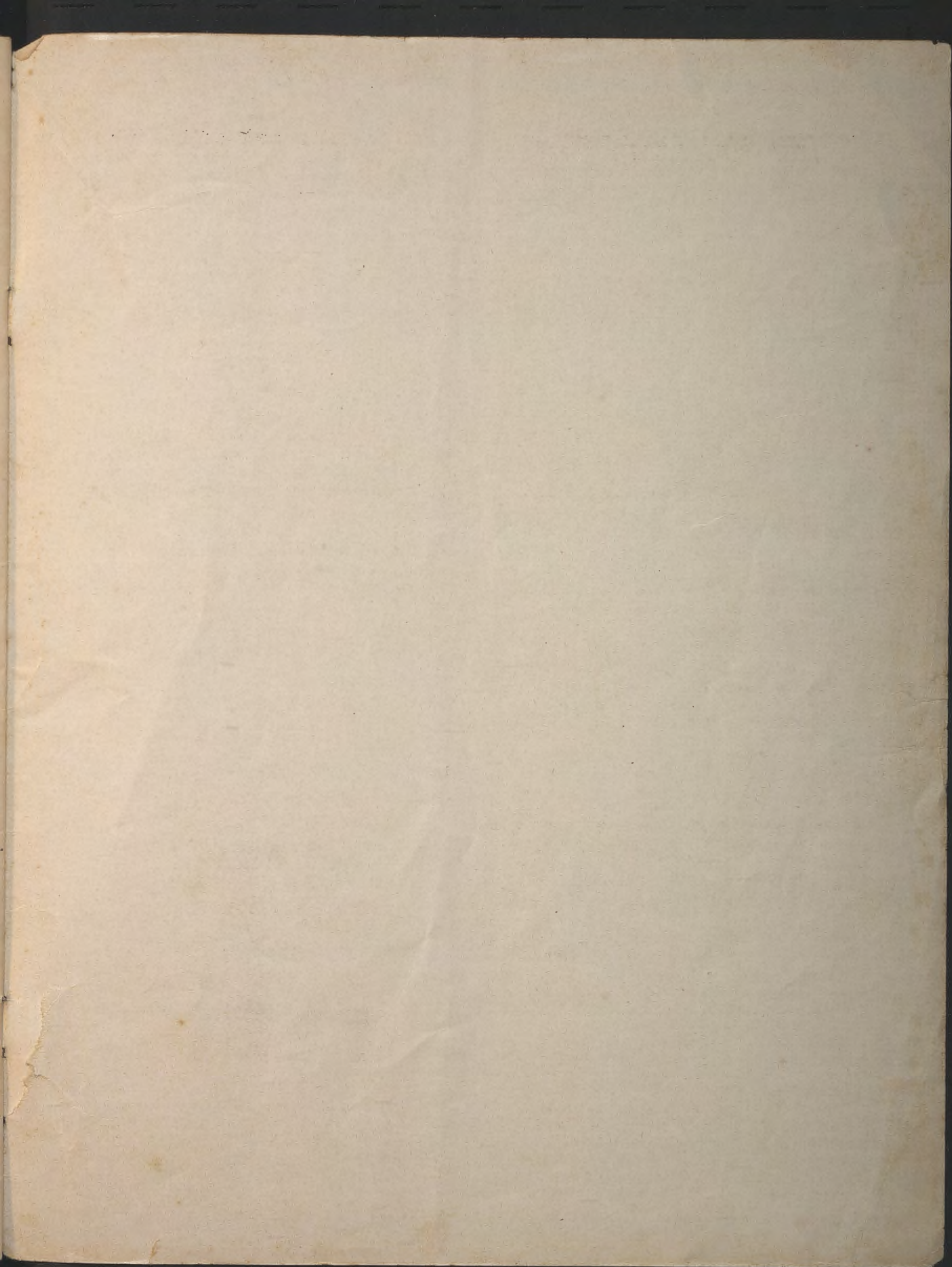
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**DR. GEO. I. SANCHEZ**  
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Dr. Geo I. Sanchez, past President General and an ardent Lulac for many years, who recently was named to the Governor's Commission on Human Relations. Also named to this Committee was Bro. Gus Garcia.







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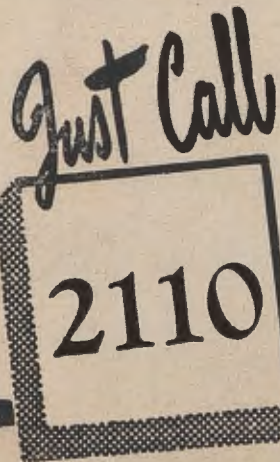
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