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## Editorial

"Let your firmest purpose be that of helping to see that each new generation of your own shall be of a youth more efficient and capable and in this let your own be included." This final part of the Lulac Code and the spirit of Christmas which brings to the minds of all the joy of children as they view their Christmas tree and presents on Christmas morning, have combined to inspire this spontaneous editorial on youth.

The present generation of adults has become so self-centered and so engrossed with its ability to carry on in the present tense that it has failed to realize that a time must come when it must make way for the new generation. Furthermore, this self-centered feeling and engrossness has caused it to forget its duty to the new generation as regards the family, community, and education.

The youth of today is no more a problem than the youth of yesteryear, but certainly the complexity of the age has resulted in a greater need of care and training for it than was necessary some years ago. The greatly increased mechanized life, the commercialized leisure, the push-a-button-turn-it-on era at home, the Give-

me-a-grade-push-me-through quick era in school and the communal aim to eliminate work and effort of all kind has resulted in a vague training and guidance of youth.

Life has become a round of distractions and external activities. From the observation of his parents a child learns that frustration and suffering must be avoided. He also learns that parents do not forego any sensory pleasures or endure any personal hardships. He becomes familiar with a neurotic mother's petulant demand for cigarettes and a father's call for a bracer of alcoholic nerve stimulant. Then, too, the child has learned to demand and to expect gratification without effort. There are no chores for energetic children nor punishment labors for unruly ones. Life is made so easy that he does have to think or act for himself. He lives in a world of second-hand ideas.

Today the corner drugstore, the soda fountain, the hot dogs stand, the pool hall, the bowling alley, the movie are more popular than the schoolroom. Here is found the genesis for juvenile delinquency and the wide-spread feeling for freedom and adventure — the revolt of youth that disregards all traditional orthodoxies and moral standards. This is the result of failure by the society of a community with all its civic, social, and law enforcement agencies to understand the needs of the community and to make provisions to cope with these needs. Where the first line of defense which is the home fails, the community and society in general must re-enforce if society itself is to survive.

The school is usually blamed for every fault of a child and that is a bit unfair, but certainly school is concerned with the greater portion of a child's daily life and therefore the school must shoulder a responsibility commensurate with the length of time it handles a child. Among the various functions of the schools is the determination of interests, capacities, abilities, and educational and vocational needs of the child. Failure to practice this function results in a child's difficulties stemmed from academic maladjustment or specific educational disability which results in truancy, slack attendance, retardation, and quitting of school. Still another function is the development of character which must be harnessed and guided through a period of molding until it is firm and withstanding. Last of the major functions of school is to develop the inherent abi-

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# A Message From the National President!

MY DEAR FELLOW LULACS:

With your kind permission I would like to begin my monthly message with a complimentary tone and close with a sincere wish for all.

As you will note from the addresses of the ads found in this issue, this Lulac News was made possible through the co-operation of Ft. Stockton, and in this instance Ft. Stockton means George Piña, the dynamic and enterprising young president of the Ft. Stockton Lulac Council. If we were to hold a contest to select the outstanding Lulac for 1950, I am sure that Bro. Piña would be among the top-ranking finalists because of the great work that has been accomplished in his community through his sagacious leadership and dauntless courage. My personal congratulations to Bro. Piña, and the appreciation of the League for his outstanding work during this year.

During the month of November I was privileged to address a combined meeting of Lulacs and PTA members in Ft. Stockton as the result of a joint invitation from the Lulac Council and the public schools. It was also my good fortune to talk to a group of interested ladies regarding the formation of a Ladies council there. While a guest of Ft. Stockton, I happily learned from the lips of many of our courageous Lulacs that whereas, the attitude of prejudice may not be completely eradicated from the hearts of some die-hards, nevertheless, discrimination and segregation as overt acts of behavior are not to be found in Ft. Stockton. Just another example of courage, perseverance, mutual understanding, and faith in an objective.

Also in the month of November I attended, what easily could have been termed a miniature Texas Regional Convention in Wharton, Texas. We had representatives from Houston, Rosenberg, Texas City, Galveston, Corpus Christi, Laredo, New Gulf, El Campo, and Wharton. A great deal was accomplished at this meeting, and great inroads made into organizing that section of the state of Texas which is a hotbed of discriminatory practices. A great deal of credit goes to National Vice President John J. Herrera, and to the members of the Wharton County Lulac Council which includes Wharton, El Campo, and New Gulf.

It is my pleasure to announce, with the permission of Regional Governor Bob Cruz, the naming of Bro. Jimmy Urquidi of Pecos, Texas, as District Governor of the Ft. Stockton-Pecos District. Bro. Urquidi is deserving of the great honor bestowed upon him because of his unselfish



George J. Garza

work in behalf of Lulac. Such an appointment was made only after the Pecos and Ft. Stockton council membership has voiced their approval. Incidentally, Bro. Urquidi's first official act in his new post will be the installation of the Midland Council, for which a charter has already been mailed Bro. Urquidi. Incidentally, a charter has also been mailed Bro. Herrera for the new council at Palacios, Texas. Our sincere congratulations and welcome to our newest councils. May yours be a long and successful tenure.

During the month of December I was greatly honored to attend the Midcentury White House Conference on Children and Youth held in Washington, D. C., from the 3rd to the 7th. From time to time as time permits I shall write articles on various phases of the conference, since the work of the conference is so large in scope that to place it in one article would be an almost physical impossibility. For the time being, suffice it to say that I, although not sponsored by the League, represented the League as your National President, and pray that I represented you well. You might be interested to know that the League is widely known and respected, and since the conference, more widely known and respected. From this conference have come possibilities of organiz-

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# TRIALS AND TRIBULATIONS OF THE EDITOR

"Listen, my Bro. Lulacs, and ye shall hear,  
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But about the troubles and afflictions  
Facing the editor in all Lulac News editions."

There is no question whatsoever, that the above attempt at poetical humor and rhyme falls far short of achieving comparative merit with worthier products of the more talented exponents of the verse. Furthermore, I can easily imagine how to the alert and decorous minds this could easily be classified as being a little (maybe more) on the corn-y side, but—my dear Brethern, to your struggling editor, who wishes to shock you into realization of his particular predicaments encountered in editing this particular manuscript for scrutiny of your critical orbits, it serves its purpose well. (or so it is hoped).

Lulac News, as you well know, (skip this if you have heard it before and go on to the next paragraph) is the official literary organ of this here League. Which means (pardon my explanation. No offense meant) that since the League is scattered over a very large physical area, thereby curtailing opportunities for spontaneous get-togethers, it affords the only means of presenting ideas, suggestions and thoughts that will reach each and every member. Furthermore, it means that within the covers of this most interesting and enjoyable literary organ (a purely egotistical and selfish observation, I assure you) is offered an opportunity for budding yet reticent journalists and orators to give an outlet to their pent-up discourses on whatever subject or theme may be apropos to the occasion.

Such being the case, it logical to assume that Lulac News is a literary missive of the membership of the League, for said membership, and by such membership. Interpreting this into simpler form, it means that Lulac News deals with news of the members of the League; that it is intended for the particular enjoyment and elucidation of the members of the League; and that news items and journalistic discourses are furnished by the members of the League. If this is true you may wonder where the trials and tribulations of the editor come in. A worthy wonderment indeed, Gentle Readers, but read on.

The truth of the matter is, my Perusing Brethern, that the above situation, - of, for, and by the members of the League, is the ideal and theoretical situation, but unfortunately, not the true or actual state of affairs. It would be unjust to

state that no one contributes anything at anytime. Once in a while councils will send an item or two, a picture or photograph perhaps, or even an unheralded gem of journalistic endeavor, but oh, so few and so far between. Failure on the part of our member councils to furnish items and evidences of activity or events that may be passed on to others through Lulac News leaves your editor with the enormous job of trying to give national character and interest to items and events of confined local color and interest. Would that provisions were made wherein your editor might be provided with funds to flit about the country and visit you in your own bailiwicks so as to gather the news first hand and unadulterated. Then, dear Bros., I would sanction your failure, for it would mean more opportunities for travel and visitations. But, alas and alack, such is not the case and I must needs depend on you for the information.

What little hair is left upon this barren dome is graying fast, my nails have receded far beyond the logical point of biting, my long tapering fingers have been punched into mere stubs by the portable typewriter, and my once robust figure has become emaciated by worry and overwork. A truly pathetic situation, and all because you fail to send us those news items. Now do you still wonder what the trials and tribulations of your editor are?

Leaving all kidding aside, Bro. Lulacs, the situation of putting out a truly good Lulac News with an aspect of national interest and scope is a tremendous job without the help of each one of you. It is almost impossible for us to gather information from your particular localities if you do not send in to us, nor can we attempt to guess what your endeavors are unless you tell us. Every little thing that may sound trivial and uninteresting to you may ignite a spark in another part of the League, and it is this stimulation that we are after. If we are to progress and to prosper, we must have every little idea and suggestion available, insignificant though it may seem. Make your Lulac New Year's resolution now to contribute whatever may come into your mind that will augment our News in scope and contents.

As a parting word may I suggest that all copies of Lulac News not used in your councils be made available to worthy individuals and organizations so that they may serve as advance agents for future expansion and growth in the days ahead.



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# HENRY MARTINEZ SPEAKS AT INSTALLATION BANQUET

Below is a speech made by immediate past president of Lulac Council 132 of El Paso, Bro. Henry Martinez, in which he expresses the feeling that exists or should exist in the heart of every Lulac.

Once again we are completing a seasonal cycle. Once again I feel the friendship of everybody present for me and what Lulac stands for. Once again your out-going officers gather to record another chapter in the epic of the League of United Latin American citizens.

To be privileged to sound the key note of the meeting is an honor I deeply appreciate and it is an assignment I approach with the utmost humility. For 20 months I have been intent upon the work of this office you have entrusted to me. My office duties have brought me into close fellowship with the vital center of the Lulac organization. My work has given me a broader, clearer perspective of the aims and purposes, achievements and responsibilities of the League of United Latin American citizens. It has given me also a profound sense of appreciation for the tireless, self effacing work of a few members of the organization. I should like to mention just a few of the associates who have helped to make this past year the most satisfying and pleasureable in my experience, but because of the efforts for this good cause, they have been promoted and they will appear later on this program.

During my tenure in office a few things were accomplished. We are not going to talk about how much money we raised or how much money we have left, rather, let you know that our books are in the black and all accounts payable are paid for, and we initiated a monthly bulletin, a very important factor in all organizations. We have re-established the scholarship funds, and have participated in all civic projects such as cancer, heart, and tuberculosis drives, Community Chest, and other worthy projects, but of most importance we have organized 3 Junior Lulac Clubs. I put the emphasis on the later because the young boys and girls who are growing in our communities today are the key to the ultimate peace of the world. They are the generation of tomorrow, and tomorrows generation must be one that is equipped to think clearly, live fearlessly and walk abroad as free men and women. To achieve this end, we must work hard at home, in our cities and in our nation to fortify the soil in which free men and women must grow. We need more qualified Lulackers to Spearhead worthwhile youth programs, community action for positive projects, better homes, better swimming pools, recreation centers and sport activities. The success of any program in any organization lies in the spirit of unselfish cooperation, and that, my fellow members, revolves around, not the theory of service, but the habit of service.

I don't have to tell the incoming officers and new members to throw yourself with all the enthusiasm and energy you have into Lulac because I know you will and

because no matter how much we achieve it will never be enough. I'm confident that all the members of your council will lend you their support and I will continue to serve you in the spirit of Lulac.

Again I want to thank each and every one of you from the bottom of my heart, for the opportunity and honor you afforded me to let me represent you for the last two years. Thank you.

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El Paso Lulac Council No. 132 is getting ready for their yearly Poll Tax Drive. Signs are being made that read "PAY YOUR POLL TAX".

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## PECOS LULAC COUNCIL No. 160 AT WORK

Under the efficient leadership of President Urbano Morales and the District's new Governor, Jimmy Urquidi, Pecos Lulac Council No. 160 is carrying through its program of activities through the Yuletide holidays and into the New Year.

The Directors of the Spanish Community Center and the men's Lulac Council are having a free Christmas Dance and a general invitation has been sent out to all to attend. The Lulacs will raffle a big turkey gobbler to help the Earl Bell School P.T.A. raise funds with which to build a bicycle rack at school.

A big "PAY YOUR POLL TAX" campaign is now on, and tags are being printed now for all those who pay their poll tax to really get underway at the big Free Dance.

The enterprising Junior Lulac Council of Pecos, under the supervision of District Governor Jimmy Urquidi, had a cake sale which netted it a profit of \$10.75. Each one of the members contributed a cake for this sale.

On December 20, 1950, the Juniors held the election of officers. Congratulations are hereby extended these officers and best wishes for a successful administration sent with all sincerity. To the outgoing officers, our appreciation for a job well done.



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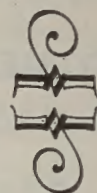
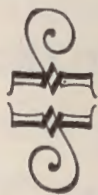
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## PROCLAMATION

TO THE TEXAS' COUNCILS OF THE  
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### GREETINGS:

By virtue of the authority vested in me as Texas' Regional Governor, of the LEAGUE OF UNITED LATIN AMERICAN CITIZENS; I hereby call, for the Texas' Councils of LULAC, a Regional Convention to be held in the City of Houston, Texas, on January 27 and 28, 1951, the hour and place for which shall be designated and announced, at the proper time, by the Host Councils, Houston Men's Council No. 60 and Houston Ladies' Council No. 22.

This Regional Convention is called for the specific purpose of discussing, and attempting to work out, the problems confronting our population group, today, on a state-wide basis; and I, therefore, appeal to all Texas' Councils to send Delegates to participate in, and to present their community problems to, this Convention; namely, in the fields of Education, Discrimination, Delinquency, Junior and Ladies' Councils' activities and development, the wet-back question, State redistricting, and the recommendation and appointment of District Governors, under the theme "A TRULY NATIONAL LULAC".

Our Constitution and By-Laws provide Council representation on the basis of: One (1) Delegate and one (1) Alternate for every twenty-five (25) members or a major fraction thereof; providing that no Council shall be represented by more than seven (7) Delegates and seven (7) Alternates.

GIVEN under my hand at my office in San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas, on this the 20th day of November, A. D. 1950.

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## **"Having Wonderful Time, Wish You Were Here"; That's What Recruit Writes Back To Local Draft Board**

Recruit Ysidro Ortega of Pecos, now stationed at Fort Benning, Georgia, has written an interesting letter to members of the local draft board and, among other things, says, "I'm having a wonderful time, wish you were here."

Because of its interest, the entire letter is printed:

"Dear Sirs:

"This being Sunday and as you probably know, our only day off in this army, I take this chance to write you and find out how my friends and neighbors are getting along. As you might know, it gets a little lonesome when you're in a strange place with a lot of strange guys and nobody from your hometown to talk to, so I was wondering if you could send some of those aforementioned friends and neighbors out here so I wouldn't be so homesick.

"It's 1 o'clock now and oh, oh, we have to fall out now. Will continue later.

"Well, here we go again after our little interruption. It is now 5 o'clock in the evening. We were on a little detail—sorry another interruption.

"Well, it's now 7:30 (still Sunday!) and I think this time I'm going to get through writing this letter.

"When we fell out at 1 o'clock, it was a little matter of taking 30 caliber carbines apart, get the grease cleaned out, put them together again and oil them. I got some gasoline-soaked clothes and dirty hands out of that deal. My second interruption was to get some field equipment—canteen, mess kit, shelter-half, stakes, that means we'll probably be going to rifle range for about a week, starting tomorrow. Well, enough of this griping.

"Seriously, though, this army is okay. We get enough food, we have movies every night and we can get passes to go to Columbus if we did all right during the week. Also we get up at 5:30 a. m., make up our beds a certain way, shave, wash up and we're ready for another day's work, such as exercises, marching, classes in first aid, map reading, military courtesy (saluting) and military justice, and some more marching.

"Well, that's my letter. I feel better now. As you'll see on my address, I've been promoted from civilian to recruit and drawing the great sum of \$75 a month, though when they take out \$13 for insurance, \$10 part pay we got in Fort Sill, \$2 for laundry, another \$2 for income tax, I don't know how much I'll have left to pay my debts at home. You figure it out.

"To cap it off, as the saying goes, I'm "having wonderful time, wish you were here."

Ret. Ysidro Ortega,  
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## **NATIONAL PRESIDENT ATTENDS WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE**

George J. Garza, National President of the League of United Latin American Citizens, was invited by President Truman to the Mid-Century White House Conference on Children and Youth, which was held in Washington December 3—8.

Bro. Garza who is chairman of the department of Education and Psychology at Laredo Junior College, worked as a member of the conference in four of the 35 groups. His groups are: Childhood, Contributions of the schools to healthy personality in children and their families, Children on the move. How changes are brought about in community attitude affecting children and youth. How prejudice and discrimination affect the personality of the child.

The work of all the groups will be coordinated for use in achieving the purpose of the national committee.

"It is indeed an honor to have been deemed worthy enough by the President of the United States to have been extended an invitation to the conference," Bro. Garza said.

"I believe these conferences have done more to raise our concept of the worthiness of children than anything else. I feel that as a result of these conferences I am in a position to bring the thinking and experiences of a great many minds who have devoted a great deal of thought and activity to the children and youth of our country.

"I am in a position to contribute information of a pertinent nature to the community and state."

Our National President is now a member of the Texas Committee on the White House Conference, whose job will be to take the findings and recommendations to all parts of Texas and other parts of the country wherever called for.

So far he has spoken to the Rotary Club of Laredo, at its request, and is scheduled to speak to other organizations in the City.

Fort Benning, Georgia.

"P. S. Don't take this letter seriously, I'm just letting off steam. Give my regards to Pecos, Texas, the finest town in West Texas—in all Texas for that matter."

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## EDITORIAL...

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lity of the child to judge for himself. This is slowly being discarded through the stereotype functioning of classroom and school with the result that the child is inoculated with outmoded thoughts and ideas that have been handed down by teachers for the last 20 years.

What better gift could man give himself and youth in general on this particular Yuletide period than to firmly resolve within himself to do everything within his power to contribute his share in the activity of the family, the community, and the school so that the youth which will eventually assume the world vacated by the present adults can be a youth more efficient, and certainly an educated man such as Ramsey McDonald pictured when he said.

"An educated man is a man with certain subtle spiritual qualities which make him calm in adversity, happy when alone, just in his dealings, and rational and sane in all affairs of life."

EDITOR NOTE:—This Editorial was taken from December issue of LULAC NEWS of 1947.

## A MESSAGE FROM...

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ing ourselves in North Dakota and Chicago, Illinois.

In regard to the conference I would like to make one observation at this time. From the great number of people and the number of national organizations represented, I have tentatively concluded that our organization has gone a long way but has a longer distance yet to travel, and that our membership has yet to reach a united greatness that has been unprecedented.

Unless I hear to the contrary from California, I expect to be in that fair state a few days between the 25 and 31 of December. It is my fervant hope that out of this trip will come a better understanding within the ranks of the League.

In closing may I take this unusual opportunity of wishing each council and individual member of Lulac the merriest of Merry Christmases and the happiest of Happy New Years. May they be the best that you have experienced with more yet to come, and as you go about your life may the spirit of Lulac guide your thoughts and actions.

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## I Am the Bill of Rights



I am freedom of religion, freedom of speech, freedom of the press, freedom of assembly. I am the privacy and sanctity of your home. I am your guarantee of trial by jury, as I am the policeman who guards your property rights.

Cruel and unusual punishment and excessive fines and bail cannot be visited upon you so long as I am ALIVE. In order that ALL rights not specifically mentioned in the Constitution shall be retained by you—the people. I am the rights of the States against engulfing centralized power.

### I AM THE BILL OF RIGHTS

Your signed lease to spiritual, mental and physical freedom. I ask you to meditate on all my ten clauses. Memorize them. Engrave them on your hearts. My existence depends on your vigilance—on how vigilantly you watch your rulers. And my eternal enemies, known as DICTATORS, are abroad in the world and HERE in the United States.

Personal unlimited power has destroyed the liberties of many peoples in ancient and modern times. It CAN happen to you, and maybe, subtly and unknowingly to you, it is happening. Put every law that is proposed in Washington and elsewhere into the crucible of MY TEN COMMANDMENTS. Your question must always be: Now what does a law GIVE ME, but what does it TAKE AWAY from me?

When I am violated, a PART OF YOU DIES.

I am 153 years old. Will I reach my 169th year? THAT DEPENDS ON YOU AND YOUR CHILDREN.

I am 153 years old, having been born on December 15, 1791.

I am the first ten amendments to the Constitution. Until I was written into the Constitution that document was like a body without a soul.

### I AM YOUR BILL OF RIGHTS

Don't take me for granted. Like all mortal creations I CAN BE KILLED.

The giant shadow of totalitarian state—slavery moves over the world. Wherever that shadow falls, I am obliterated. That shadow HAS fallen over the United States.

Three men—Thomas Jefferson, James Madison and George Mason—fathered me. As men brought me to life, I can be slain by men—and will be slain unless You and You and You traditionalist Yankee Doodle Americans organize to DEFEND ME.

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