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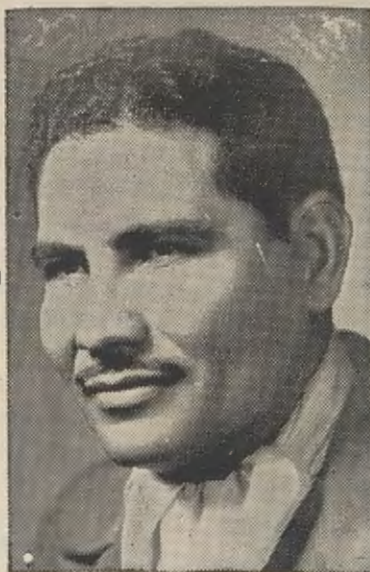
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A Message From the National President!



Dear Fellow Lulacs:

After missing the October issue which was never published, I again am in a position to greet you via our Lulac News. Failure of having an October issue was due to the failure of councils approached to come through with the sponsorship. This November issue, even though abbreviated, was made possible through the magnificent co-operation of the Kingsville and Alice councils, both of which have been re-organized less than four months.

In this short space I shall be able only to give you the highlights of what has transpired since last you read a message of mine. For further details of these items presented herein you may write the National Office.

In the organizational department we have Kingsville and Alice reactivated and back in the fold. From El Paso way, Bro. Santoscoy advises us that another Junior Lulac Council has been organized in Ysleta and that new councils in Midland and Odessa are underway. New councils are underway in Rosenberg, Wharton, and Palacios, and Texas City is reorganized once again with the help of Galveston Council. From Ft. Stockton we hear that the ladies are desirous of joining Lulac. Correspondence and plans are still being carried on with Cotulla, Dilley, Zavata, Carrizo Springs in southwest Texas, and from south central Texas, Regional Governor Bob Cruz states that Seguin and New Braunfels will soon be re-organized. All of this growth comes from

Texas. From Colorado word was received by the National President of the activation of the Trinidad council. Bro. Ramon Sandoval sent the news. New Mexico's last word informed us that a new Regional Governor was to be elected, and more effort exerted in the organization of that state. California has been silent, but we know that over eight councils are active there at the present time. Arizona is the only silent and unknown link so far.

From an administrative standpoint: a Supreme Council meeting was held in Laredo, Texas, Oct. 21 and 22, 1950. A report was made by each National officers present as to the status of his particular section of the country. Officers not present submitted written reports. The California question was discussed and your National President was authorized to go to California and see what could be done. Such trip to be made sometime in the month of December. Several other questions discussed will be included in a copy of the minutes which will be submitted to each council in the next few days.

Appeal is made and due authorization hereby delegated to each local council to assume the project of getting appointed to his local draft board a number of Latin Americans in keeping with the percentage of Latin American population served by that draft board. Specific details of how to go about the matter will be mailed soon.

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DID YOU KNOW THAT

In February 1950 the State of Texas was redistricted and that each Council who is supposed to have elected a District Governor was notified to that effect and as yet only a few have done so.

District No. 2

That Corpus Christi has eighteen counties in its District and they are, Dewitt, Goliad, Victoria, Calhoun, Refugio, Bee, San Patricio, Live Oak, McMullen, Duval, Jim Wells, Kleberg, Brooks, Hidalgo, Cameron, Kenedy, Willacy.

That Laredo as District No. 3 has nine counties, Kinny, Maverick, Zavala, Dimmit, La Salle, Webb, Zapata, Jim Hogg and Starr.

That San Antonio as District No. 5 has 20 Counties, Mason, Llano, Gillespie, Blanco, Kerr, Hays, Comal, Gallwell, Gonzalez, Guadalupe, Wilson, Karnes, Atascoso, Frio, Uvalde, Real, Bandera, Kendall, Medina, Bexar.

That Houston as District No. 8 has twenty Counties to cover. Brazos, Montgomery, Liberty, Jefferson, Chambers, Galveston, Brazoria, Matagorda, Jackson, La Vaca, Gayette, Colorado, Austin, Wharton, Fort Bend, Harris, Waller, Washington, Orange, Grimes.

That Austin as District No. 9, has also twenty Counties in its District, Denton, Tarrant, Dallas, Kaufman, Johnson, Ellis, Henderson, Hill, Navarro, McLennan, Lime Stone, Free Stone, Falls, Robertson, Milam, Williamson, Travis, Bastrop, Lee, Burleson.

That El Paso as District No. 11 has twelve Counties, El Paso, Hudspeth, Culberson, Reeves, Ward, Loving, Jeff Davis, Presidio, Brewster, Winkler.

A MESSAGE FROM

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If for some reason or other any council feels that it has been slighted during the past month or so because of seeming negligence or failure to answer you, please understand that situations beyond the control of the control of the National office have cropped up. Such situations being sickness and over-burden of requests, plus the marriage of our corresponding secretary. We hope to resume our prompt communicating with you as of now.

Regional Governor Bob Cruz has informed me that the Texas Regional Convention is to be held in Houston, Texas, during January 20 - 21. Any other Regional conventions to be held should be announced to this office so that we may give you due publicity or aid.

That Fort Stockton as District No. 13 is supposed to have six Counties, Pecos, Terrell, Valverde, Sutton Kimble, Edwards, and that due to the dormant San Angelo Council it might have to help El Paso and the Pecos Councils with, Crockett, Schecher, Menard, McCulloch, Concho, Tom Green, Irion, Reagan, Upton, Crane, Ector, Midland, Glasscock, Sterling, Coke, Runnels Coleman, Callahan, Taylor, Nolan, Mitchell, Howard, Martin.

Your Regional Governor for the State of Texas is to receive a certificate of Merit from the American Red Cross for saving a boys life. On July 4th, our Regional Governor and his family were at Logans Park, 18 miles from San Antonio, suddenly one of Bro. Cruz' daughters ran screaming to her father that a boy was drowning in the river. Bro. Cruz plunged into the river fully clothed, and rescued the boy as he was sinking for a second time. Bro. Cruz applied artificial respiration and revived the youngster.

Failure of your Editor to publish the October issue of Lulac News was due to the fact that all Councils contacted for its sponsorship refused to do so.

The December issue is to be sponsored by Ft. Stockton, Pecos and Van Horn.

★ ★ EDITOR'S CORNER ★ ★

During the National Convention held at El Paso in June of 1950. The major kick or grip that all the Councils that were represented had, was, "We want a LULAC News every month. We have not been getting the News as we are supposed to get them." At the time I for one sympathized with each and everyone of the Councils that felt that way, feeling that maybe there was something to the way they felt. I knew that LULAC News had been printed 12 months out of the year before and could find no reason for it not being printed at the time.

Since the National Convention Though, I have found many reasons just why LULAC NEWS sometimes is not printed when it should be. Some of which I shall jot down for all of you to read.

1. First and most important one of all, Failure of Councils to help in the sponsorship of Lulac News.

2. Second, failure of councils to send information about its functions either social or business that might be of interest to the rest of the League and which might help out your Editor to put out a good edition of Lulac News.

3. The never ending excuses as to the reason for failure to help in the sponsorship of the News.

I could continue to give reasons for the so called laziness of the Editors for not printing Lulac News. I say laziness, because that is how someone put it when referring to the lack of not having received the news.

To give you an idea of what I mean by all this, I will try to show you what has been done for the past two months: Letters have been mailed to all the Councils in the State of Texas and New Mexico requesting sponsorship of Lulac News. Out of all these letters only two councils have answered and committed themselves for the sponsorship of Lulac News. Two letters have been received from other Councils but these have flatly refused the sponsorship. The rest as yet have not answered our letters and the way things look, it might even mean that they will not

answer them at all. Such cooperation should get us way up in the farthest corner we can find, away from everyone and everything. Such cooperation is not the way real Lulacs would show. We need to convince ourselves that being part of the Lulac family we have to contribute something for the welfare of that family and that without our full cooperation nothing can exist for very long. It takes each and everyone of the members of Lulac to bring about those things that we have been trying to do for the past twenty years.

It is time that we took Lulac a little more into consideration and do a little more for it, and to keep in mind, that it takes more than just one person to do the things that we as Lulacs are trying to do.

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AN OPEN LETTER FROM REGIONAL GOVERNOR OF TEXAS:



Dear Fellow Lulacs:

It is indeed a pleasure to say a few words to all Councils of Lulac. First I want to thank all those Lulakers who helped elect me and to the others I wish their sincere help in which I will try to do the best to my ability and only hope for their approval.

Since this is my first letter after being elected I would like to state that I met with the Supreme Council a week or so ago and to carry out the wishes of our National President, I would like for Councils to do as follow:

- (1) For all Councils in the State of Texas to send me a report each month of all the activities of that month.
- (2) Would like to have a list of all active members of each Council with their addresses.
- (3) I would like for all Councils which have appointed District Governor to certify his name to me.

(4) To all District Governors:

Would like to have a report of all the activities which have occurred since taking post.

In doing this Brother Lulakers I am only following the instructions of our National President in which I must give him a full report every month of all activities happening in Texas and the only way I can do so is by receiving your information.

To all District Governors:

A Regional Convention will be held in Houston on January 20-21, 1951 and would like to have your approval on the date.

I would like to thank each and everyone of the Councils for their splendid co-operation,

Sincerely yours,
For a greater Lulac

Robert B. Cruz,
Regional Governor for Texas



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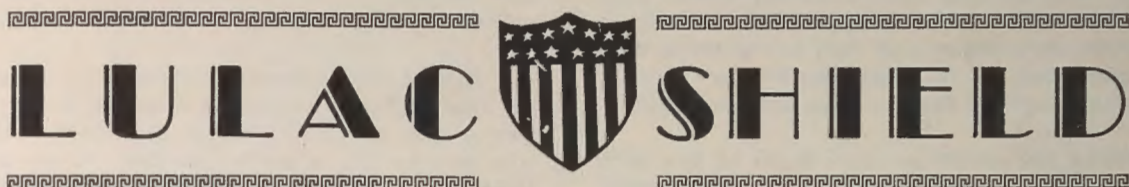
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PECOS

Pecos Residents Attend Lulac Council Meeting in Midland where plans were laid for a new Men's Council. The officers elected at this meeting were Cipriano Lara, President, Alcario Arredondo, Vice President, Ciro Sanchez, Secretary, Pascual Martinez, Treasurer, and Agustin Sanchez, Chaplain. A guard and a guide will be elected later.

The Pecos delegation included Urbano Morales, Frank Rodriguez, Frank Apolinar, R. L. Gutierrez, A. B. Villalobos, Jim Urquidi, Fred Dominguez, President of the Junior Lulacs and Y. L. and Tom Dominguez members of the Junior Council.

LAREDO

Hundreds of people from Laredo and surrounding territory enjoyed a most outstanding Fiesta Ranchera sponsored by The Laredo Lulac Council Number 12, on Sunday September 30th. Prizes were awarded entrants in the Big Rodeo. They were from Freer and Alice. Oran Coleman, of Freer took first place in the breakaway contest with a time of 2.9 seconds. Close runner up was Cayetano Riojas of Webb, Texas, with three seconds. Wesley Davis of Freer was third with 3.3.

In the tie down, George Saunders of Alice took top honors with time of 11.1 seconds. Second was Juan Salinas of Encinal with 13.1 and Ira Woods of Laredo was next with 13.2 seconds.

General Chairman for the affair was Armando Villarreal. The all Day affair included horse racing and burro races. Delicious barbecue "A la Chulo" was served with the trimmings. There was dancing in the evening to the music of Ramon Aguilar and his Rancho Ramblers.

Thanks to the untiring efforts of the following, the Fiesta Ranchera was a success, Chairman Armando Villarreal, Alfredo Garza, Arturo Ramirez, Felix Garcia, Tomas H. Vela, Antonio Moreno, Carlos I. Palacios, Porfirio Flores and Council President Ike Martinez.

INAUGURATION OF EL PASO OFFICERS

With a Dinner-Dance the El Paso 132 Council will inaugurate the new 1950-51 officers. It will take place in the Hilton Hotel November 11th at 7:30 p.m. Every member is requested to contact Bro. Joe J. Rey to get his invitations.

The new officers are: O. R. Pimentel, President; Joe J. Rey, Vice-President; Steve Torres, Secretary; E. F. Parra, Treasurer; E. Valdez, Chaplain; and J. Yrigoyen, Guard.

Trustees: Henry Martinez, J. C. Machuca, L. Santoscoy.

MENS COUNCIL TO SPONSORS LULAC NEWS

El Paso Men's Council 132 has committed itself for the February issue of "LULAC NEWS." Bro. Luciano Santoscoy was named Chairman of this committee. Bro. Santoscoy made it known he expects every member to shoulder some of the responsibility.

POLL TAX DRIVE

This year, like the previous, Bro. F. A. Hernandez will head LULAC "Pay Your Poll Tax" drive. He will be assisted by the very able Bro. Jerry Yrigoyen. They will have bill boards and auto windshield gummed labels, and milk bottle jackets.

LULAC DISTRICT MEETING

The Lulac District Meeting was held on November 12, 1950, at the Wharton City Hall, Wharton, Texas. Host being the Wharton County Lulac Council No. 170. There was an approximate attendance of 208, among whom were delegates representing the Jr. Lulacs, the Women's Council, and some of the members' families from different cities.

The meeting was opened at 11:15 A. M. by Bro. Abel Cisneros, president of the Wharton County Lulac Council No. 170. The official was prayer led by Bro. Hector Peña, of Corpus Christi.

Master of Ceremonies, First National Vice-President J. J. Herrera, then took chare of introductions. First on the list was National President-George Garza, of Laredo, Texas; First National Chairman of Jr. Lulacs-Miss Emily Rimmer, of Houston; First National Secretary Jr. Lulacs-Miss Susie Hernandez, of Houston; Regional District Governor-Robert Cruz, of San Antonio; Jr. Lulac District Governor-Louis G. Wilmat, Corpus Christi; District Governor-Milton Polakoff, of Houston; District Governor-Jacob I. Rodriguez, of San Antonio; President of Lulac Council No. 1- Joe Flores, of Galveston; President of Lulac Council No. 170-Abel Cisneros of Wharton, and Mr. Jose Diaz Chapa- newspaper reporter from Mexico.

Several other outstanding personalities were also introduced.

Bro. J. J. Herrera announced the presentation of a movie, which was presented at the Queen Theater. Arrangements being so graciously sponsored by Bro. Jacob I. Rodriguez, of San Antonio, and others who assisted. The movie, "Spanish-Texas", described Mexican culture and customs that have been maintained in San Antonio, which is a town symbolic of what we represent.

After presentation of the movie, the group again met at the City Hall. National President George Garza gave a brief, but eloquent speech, expressing his desire to show that the Lulacs have progressed during his term as national president. Also he emphasized the fact that in order for us to enjoy our rights, we must unite, educate ourselves and others, and create a mutual understanding among us, as well as being willing to sacrifice some effort.

The Wharton County Council No. 170 honored the guests with a most delicious chicken barbecue dinner which was enjoyed by all partaking of it and a good companionship spirit prevailed throughout this period of time.

After dinner the group again met with National President George Garza presiding. Honorable National President led prayer. He then took the oath of the new administrative officers of Wharton County Council No. 170:

President-Abel Cisneros; Vice-Pres.-Louis San Miguel; Secretary-Joe de La O, Jr.; Treasurer-Willie Carbajal; Guide-Gilbert Cruz; Sgt-of-Arms-Vincent Huerta; Chaplain-Jesse Hernandez.

Bro. Leroy Moreno, of Wharton, gave the welcome speech expressing sincere joy at having such a great number of Lulac brothers present.

Bro. Jacob I. Rodriguez, of San Antonio, responded with

an expression of gratitude for such wonderful hospitality. Also extended congratulations to the new administrative officers.

A most solemn moment followed-the presentation of the flag. Before presenting it, however, Bro. J. J. Herrera gave a short military history of the late Bro. Ray Salinas, who gave his life to protect his flag. It was presented to the Wharton County Council No. 170, through the president, Abel Cisneros, by Mrs. Isabel Rivera, wife of the late Ray Salinas, and Manuel Salinas, his father, both of El Campo. Guarding the flag was ex-serviceman, with high military honors, Macario Garcia, and Serviceman, Albert Garza, stationed in San Antonio. The assembly observed a moment of silence in memory of the late Bro. Ray Salinas.

Business matters were discussed. Honorable National President encouraged Wharton County residents to fight for their privileges, to unite and make one concentrated effort. He stated that "we can make ourselves worthy of everything that is coming to us and that God helps those who help themselves". He further assured the Wharton County group that they would have the cooperation of the entire Lulac National Organization. He suggested that Wharton form its own council, New Gulf and El Camp doing likewise; and to organize also a Jr. Lulacs Council and Women's Council in each town.

Wharton County group responded favorable with an applause. National President George Garza gave a detailed explanation as to the procedure to follow in forming a new council. Bro. J. J. Herrera also gave some important points: (1) Buy poll tax. (2) Encourage your children to remain in school. (3) Create mutual understanding with each other. (4) See that the Lulac councils meet weekly. (5) Affiliate with the Lulac national organization.

Mr. Jose Diaz Chapa, newspaper reporter from Mexico, was called upon to give a more extensive explanation in Spanish of what had been afore mentioned, which he did splendidly. He stated that Governor of Texas, Allan Shivers, is most understanding of the Latin-American people's problems and is most interested and that now is the time to work. He also emphatically stated that we must educate ourselves and be willing to sacrifice ourselves so that we can achieve our goals. Also that we should participate in civic as well as political activities of the community.

National President suggested that the National Office be informed as to the progress of the different Lulac Councils. It was announced that the Lulac Regional Meeting would be held in Houston on January 20th and 21st, of 1951, and that any organized council can send delegates to this meeting.

The group sang "America", and the meeting adjourned at 4:15 P. M.

Respectfully submitted,

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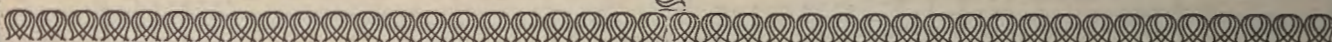


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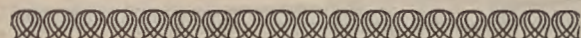
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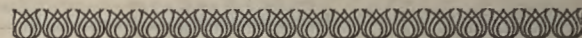
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