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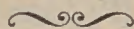
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On Tour With The National President

Sickness and legal matters made it impossible for our National Treasurer and Legal Advisor, to accompany our National President on a tour of the West Texas and New Mexico councils, so, it was up to the Director of publicity to accompany him along with our respective wives. A bit of accompanying that will never be forgotten on our part, not just because of the novelty, of such an event but because of the wonderful people that we had the pleasure of meeting and being with during our trip. Lulac can feel proud of these people and the work that they are doing in their respective councils. The newest of these are Carlsbad and Deming, New Mexico which were two main objectives of our tour.

On Thursday afternoon we left Laredo with our destination as Pecos, Texas. We arrived in Fort Stockton around 9:30 p. m. and right away looked up our good friend and fellow Lulac, George Pina. After talking Lulac for awhile we left Fort Stockton and proceeded to Pecos, where we found several Brother Lulacs at Ben Mata's Spanish Inn. Mrs. Mata took care of the Ladies while we discussed Lulac with Bros. Ben Mata, Frank Apolinar, Urbano Morales and a couple of other Lulac members, (incidentally Pecos is hard at work for the sponsorship of the May issue of Lulac News). Leaving Pecos at about 11 p. m. we arrived at Carlsbad, New Mexico at 12:15

New Mexico time. Finding a soft bed we proceeded to rest after traveling five hundred and fifteen miles, and meeting with different Lulac members of two councils.

Friday morning bright and early we visited Brother Tommy Romero, the newly elected Secretary of the Carlsbad Council who had our day all planned out for us. After meeting his very charming wife and three lovely children we visited the offices of the newly elected President of their council, Brother Cruz Fernandez, who accompanied us to the offices of the Carlsbad Current Argus for an interview with the Editor Mr. Sittou. Leaving there we met Brother Ramon Leos, who refusing to take no for an answer, took us to his home for a very enjoyable noon meal. After lunch we were escorted to White City and the Carlsbad Caverns where we were the guests of Brother Claude Fernandez, who is a very competent guide of the Caverns. Back in Carlsbad we were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Romero at a very tasty dinner. At 7:00 that evening we met with the members of the Carlsbad Men's Council at an informal reception in the Crawford Hotel, and also several other Carlsbad people. On Saturday morning we were taken on a tour of Carlsbad then for an interview with Mr. Irvin P. Murphv, Superintendent of the Carlsbad City Schools, then lunch at the Caverna Hotel in company of Brothers Romero and Cruz Fernandez.

Saturday afternoon we left Carlsbad and headed for El Paso, Texas, where we met with Brothers Albert Armendariz First National V. P. and Luciano Santoscoy, District Governor. Sunday afternoon we headed for Deming, New Mexico, where we had a very nice meeting with the Members of the Men's council and discussed problems, procedures, and needs. Deming, like Carlsbad, seems destined to play an important and leading part in Lulac work in the area that surrounds it. The members are enthusiastic, hard workers, and willing to work.

On the way down from El Paso we stopped in Van Horn and conferred with Brother L. P. Villalobos and Miss Margaret Rodriguez, Presidents respectively at the Van Horn Ladies and Men's Councils, (incidentally, there is one young lady who is very interested in Lulac, and what's more she is ready, willing and able to do a good job if she can get the cooperation of the men's council and the rest of the Van Horn ladies).

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A Message From the National President!



George J. Garza

Dear Fellow Lulacs:

Laredo Does It Again! If my statistics are correct this is the 13th time since 1945 that Laredo sponsors an issue of Lulac News for the League. And to dispel any superstitious thoughts, it has this time published the largest issue ever undertaken by any council. My reference to Laredo's sponsorship is not a biased one based on selfish pride, but is made with the idea of proving to any and all councils that a sponsorship of Lulac News can be a source of revenue to a council, but it means work. Hard diligent work on the part of a whole council or a few conscientious members. As National President I am not bothered with tooting the horn for any particular council, but I do feel that Laredo can serve as an example of what a few hours work can do in bringing revenue to a council and in making possible another issue of our official organ. El Paso is another example of a council that has profited from the sponsorship of Lulac News.

During my two terms of administration the growth of our League has not been phenomenal, but it has been steady. To day we have double the number of councils which were turned over to my administration. However, just recently I had noticed a lull in the organization department, but that was only temporary. The League is on the move once more, and none other than the region of New Mexico is fulfilling its destiny of recapturing the great power it once had in

the number of councils. Regional Governor Mike Trujillo seems to have injected a shot of something, and the councils are cropping out. Already established and functioning beautifully are councils in Carlsbad and Deming with impending ones at Taos, Las Vegas, Loving, and possibly Roswell, Las Cruces, or Lordsburg. Bro. Trujillo has divided New Mexico into four large districts with Bro. G. A. Gonzalez of Deming already installed as governor for the Southwestern New Mexico District, and Carlsbad awaiting the green light to elect its governor for the Southeast New Mexico District. We have no word as to what action has been taken regarding the upper two other districts.

New Mexico's fever seems to have caught in Colorado, and we are informed by Bro. Santoscoy of El Paso that Monte Vista, Colorado, has a 30-man club ready to be installed in Lulac. Mr. Jesus Vela of 701 South Broadway, Monte Vista, Colorado, seems to be the spark plug behind the movement. Attention, Regional Governor Isaac Sandoval of Colorado.

One significant and pleasing fact concerning the above organizational work is that our west Texas Councils have been assisting as best they could. I am happy to see Lulacs working for the general growth of Lulac without regard for boundaries and sectional glory.

To be forewarned is to be forearmed. By this I mean that this year by presidential prerogative I am going to request that all councils have their dues for this fiscal year paid up and a roster of their complete membership in keeping with their paid dues in the National Office by June 17, 1952. At this time the National Treasurer will close his books in order to complete his report to the National convention and no council which sends in its dues and roster later than this date will be certified as being fully paid up and in good standing with the National Office. This means that such councils will not be eligible to seat their delegates at the convention. Remember, you have until June 17, 1952, to make your council eligible to participate in the National Convention.

Rumors have been coming into the National Office of movements designed to organize other organizations. This is an old story that reveals

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From The Executive Secretary's Desk....



Oscar M. Laurel

DEAR BROTHER LULACS:

We have had so many requests with respect to our stand in regard to the recent publication of a pamphlet written by Lyle Saunders and Olen T. Leonard entitled "The Wetback in the Lower Rio Grande Valley" that we thought we would take this opportunity to clarify some of the misunderstandings that have arisen since its publication. Last fall, the Supreme Council made up of our National Officers and District Governors met in San Antonio and went on record as approving the above mentioned sociological report, with the following qualifications and reservations:

1. The Supreme Council commended the excellent work of the sociologists in printing such authoritative and factual data, which excellently explains and describes the condition of the wetback in the Valley.

2. The Supreme Council also commended the excellent work of Dr. G. I. Sanchez of the University of Texas for making available the funds which were necessary to conduct the survey and also for his guiding hand, not only in the preparation of the pamphlet, but also for being instrumental in having same published at the University.

3. The Supreme Council wholeheartedly approved the **sociological** and **statistical** data contained in said report.

4. The Supreme Council, however, and this is a very important qualification, condemned unequivocally the un-Democratic, false, prejudiced, unfair and un-American statements attributed to the three persons interviewed by the sociologists. The three persons to whom reference was made are the Valley politician, the Valley farmer and the employee of the Texas Unemployment Commission.

The Regional Convention held in Galveston on the 26th and 27th days of January, 1952, wholeheartedly endorsed and passed a resolution which in effect supported the views and stand taken by the Supreme Council on the above-mentioned pamphlet.

Now we find that the Latin American Convention Committee which met at Mission some time ago, mentions in its report which was later published and widely distributed, that the League of United Latin American Citizens had **unqualifiedly** accepted the pamphlet written by Saunders and Leonard. We do not have to tell you that such a statement as made by the Committee is unfounded and has no basis in fact whatsoever.

It is indeed disheartening to see that our people have lost sight of the problems presented by the "wetback" pamphlet by engaging in highly emotional discussions and controversies among themselves.

It is important to note that at the time the Supreme Council considered and discussed the "wetback" report, it had before it information supplied by sources that were considered authoritative. Mention was made at the time that the people who benefited most from the use of "wetback" labor would try to smear and discredit the report. This, I fear, has very well come to pass. The sociologists, as well as Dr. Sanchez and other eminent men who have studied the Latin American problems in the Southwest, were subjected to unjust and unfair criticism. They were even branded as a bunch of Communists. This is, of course, unfortunate and especially so when eminent Latin Americans were criticizing Dr. Sanchez for his efforts in publishing the report. It seems a popular game nowadays, to brand as Communist any idea or any ideas with which you are not in agreement. This calls to mind a story often told with great force and effect by Gus

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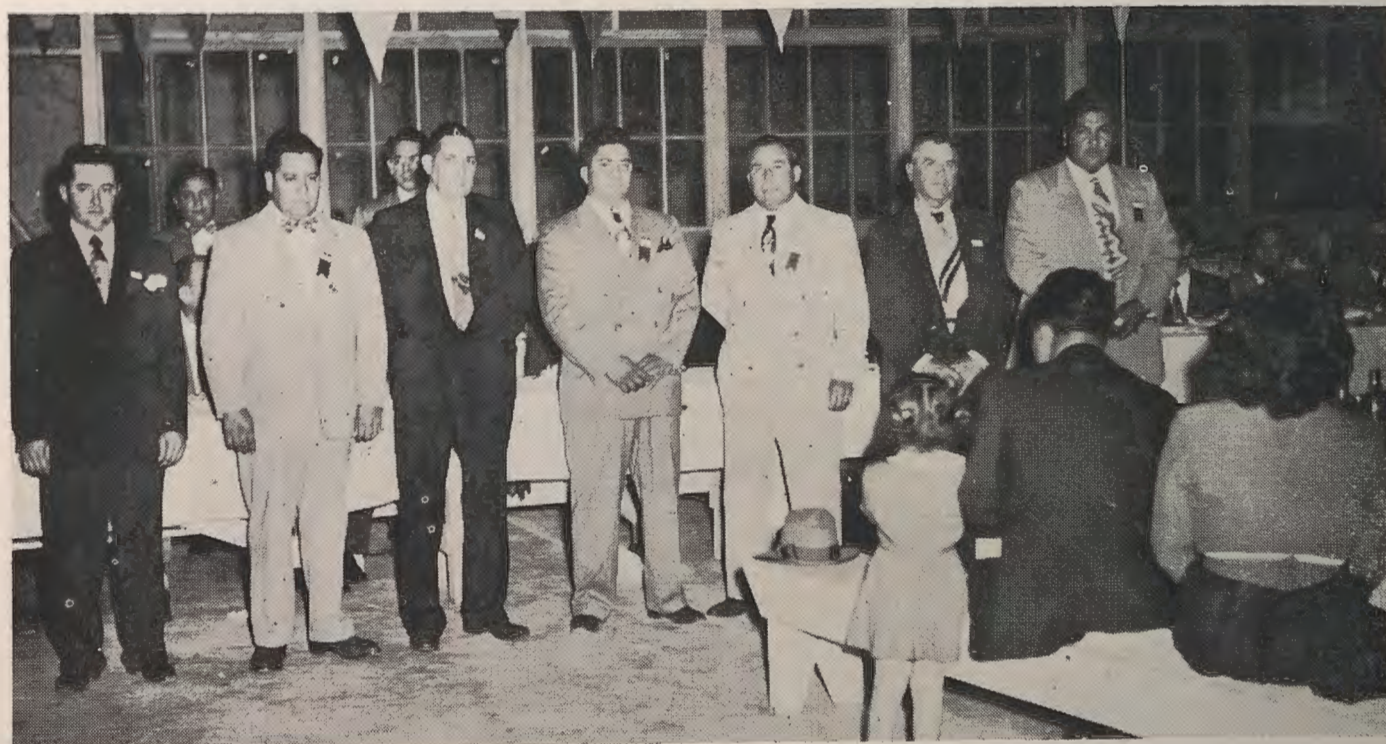


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Report From Texas Regional Governor

At The Regional Convention at Galveston, Texas

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Exactly one day less than a year ago at our previous Regional Convention in the beautiful Rice Hotel of the city of Houston, Texas climaxed the realization of what in my subconscious mind was a very vague dream.

It was then when I was elected as your Texas Regional Governor, an honor and a position I have tried my level best to fulfill. What an insignificant title that may sound to the average individual, but it becomes extremely difficult to explain in words the stirring emotional impact of my triumph lacking the eloquence of speech to express the appreciation to the Brothers of this organization who made my election possible.

In order to be or not to be as such may be the question, first let me explain just one simple and particular phase of being a LULAC. You are either one at heart or you are just a mere fact simple.

I am not going to stay here before you and enumerate the things that I did or the things that I did not do, for present here today are many Bros. that remembered my pledge in Laredo when I took the oath, which was definitely that I was not going to make any promises in order that I would not have to make any excuses at our next National Convention.

During the brief six months period of my administration, and with a growing intensity in my belief that I feel like I am a very living part of LULAC's own existence, we have encountered many of our endeavours and assignments, but nevertheless in mutual understanding we have managed to pick up a momentum like a proverbial stone that gathers no moss.

Through the never ending cooperation of my and your co-workers we have built along the Gulf Coast of Mexico a number of new Councils therefore providing forth an offensive that within itself constitutes a strong defense.

Our very initial assignment accomplished was our first Supreme Council meeting at Laredo, attended by several District Governors which went

a long way in strengthening our coordination as a team clicking at top performance and skill. Many issues came up before the agenda disposed off in a most satisfactory manner. Included was the acquisition of our two new District Governors Dr. E. M. Longoria of Laredo as our new district Governor and Roy Velasquez of the district of Austin, Texas. Our stand on the child Labor Law. The selection of a committee headed by Louis Wilmot of Corpus Christi, Tex., for finding ways and means of erecting a LULAC shrine in the city of Corpus, the cradle of LULAC. Also touched briefly at that time were our views then on the bracero and Wetback question.

Later came the announcement of our hard working District Governor from the Pecos and Ft. Stockton area Bro. Jim Urquidi who was instrumental in the organization of a Ladies and Junior Councils in Pecos and Ft. Stockton.

Our second Supreme Council meeting at San Antonio, Tex. where the most discussed and debated issue was the Bracero and Wetback problem and our definite stand **against** both. Also the new resolutions adopted by the Supreme Council to go all out in an effort to double the membership of each individual Council by next National Convention time, with an award to be given the Council with the most increased membership. Lamented then was the resignation of our National Director of Junior Lulacs for specific reasons much against his own will, and the pending selection of our new National Director of Junior Lulac for our coming meeting or possibly by Regional Convention time.

The general mass meeting at Palacios, Texas attended by a committee from the Council of Human Relations featuring the eloquent speech of Gus Garcia was another note worthy event.

The District No. 8 Convention in the city of Wharton, Texas, was definitely an outstanding event highlighted by the re-election of William Carbajal as District Governor of that District.

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CARLSBAD, NEW MEXICO—This council, even though it is just a new council, is hard at work a very worthy cause. It so happens that a 14 year old girl who is slowly going blind needs a Mayo Clinic treatment, but due to the financial status of the family this seemed impossible. The money had to be raised somehow, and the people of Carlsbad took on the job. Leading this worthy cause is the Carlsbad Lulac Council which has so far raised around \$750.00, and is still working hard. This just goes to show the kind of spirit that exists in the Carlsbad, New Mexico Council. Our hats are off to you Carlsbad, and may God give you the strength to carry on your good work.

PECOS, TEXAS—It seems that your National Director of Health and your National Special Organizer were out at Brother Marcos Martinez' ranch in Pecos, Texas, during the recent Supreme Council meeting there and while looking over the cattle that were eating in the corral, Brother Alfredo Garza saw a cow that was kind of big and wondered why. Brother Max Garcia remarked that it was due to her being a milk cow, to which Brother Garza remarked, "You mean that her stomach is full of milk?" the story was brought back to Pecos and you can imagine just how Brother Garza felt.

Since there was no room to put this in the last

issue of Lulac News, I would like to put it in this issue. During the meeting of the National officers at Pecos, Texas there were several persons who deserve a vote of thanks for their swell cooperation and among these we find Mr. C. A. Churchill who is the Pearl Beer Distributor from Midland, Texas and Mr. Max Garcia Sr., Pearl Beer Representative and Special National Organizer for Lulac. Thanks a million for all the courtesies paid to our visitors and thanks for your very timely cool and refreshing bottles of Pearl Beer.

Lulac Council 1

CORPUS CHRISTI, TEX.—Word has reached us that the plans for the National Convention are well under way and that we can start making our own plans for attending the Convention on June 20-21-22, 1952. From what we hear, Corpus is very anxious for the day to get here. They say that it will be the best convention yet to be held in the State of Texas. Let us all make our plans to be there and find out just how good it will turn out. From past experiences, they mean what they say.

Lulac Council 205

DEMING, NEW MEXICO—The Mens Council is looking over the possibility of being able to

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GREETINGS:

By virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and By-Laws of the League of United Latin American Citizens, and in accordance with the provisions of Article IV, Section 1 of said constitution, I hereby issue a call for a National Convention of the League to be held in the city of Corpus Christi, Texas, on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, June 20, 21, and 22, 1952, for the purpose of transacting the official business of the League and such other matters as may be properly presented to the National Assembly.

As to delegates, Article IV, Section 1 of the Constitution provides as follows:

"A minimum of two (2) delegates and two (2) alternates duly elected and accredited from each active council which shall have not less than ten (10) nor more than twenty (20) active members in good standing, and an additional delegate and an alternate when said council shall reach a membership of twenty-five (25), and one additional delegate and an alternate for every additional twenty-five (25) members or major fraction thereof; Provided, however, that no one council shall have more than seven (7) delegates and seven (7) alternates."

It is my sincere wish that the forthcoming convention will be filled with the purposes and fulfilled accomplishments of our League carried forth in the spirit of brotherhood and understanding. May God crown our efforts with success.

George J. Garza

National President

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LULAC COUNCIL 188 IN ACTION



Brother Elias Guerrero at the Mike Making the President's Yearly Report for Fiscal Year 1951 - 1952.

Council 188 was organized at the Salon Zaragoza in Rosenberg, on the 14th day of January 1951 by Brother John J. Herrera, at that time First National Vice-President of League of United Latin-American Citizens. Brother Herrera came to Rosenberg, after Brother Pedro Cantu had been to his office in Houston, Texas and informed Brother Herrera that we were ready to organize a council. On this memorable Sunday and after Brother Herrera explained the Lulac Organization, eighteen men signed for the charter. During this first year our council has had a hundred and nine members. Our average per month is 75 members in good standing.

Council 188 during 1951 has sent representatives to every Lulac Convention in the State of Texas and to the National Convention at Laredo, Texas. I am honored to report that in number of delegates, our new Council has been fourth or fifth where 25 councils or more were represented. To send this delegates to the different conventions our council has spent \$539.42. Which money has been raised by the different dances that have been held at the county fairgrounds.

We have sent to the Lulac National Treasurer \$364.50 in dues and initiation fees.

During the course of this year our council has made different donations to charitable organizations and to brother Lulacs that were badly in need of help. We have donated 877 dollars and 58 cents, of which 330 dollars went to Polio Drive Funds. This money was raised by our March of Dimes dance. The American Red Cross was help-

ed with 21 dollars and 88 cents on their drive.

We also donated to the Kansas Flood Drive through the American Red Cross with 50 dollars. The T. B. Association received 130 dollars in benefit. I wish to report that the County Fairgrounds and Main Hall were used for the above dances through the cooperation of Judge H. Cecil Baker and the Commissioners Court of Fort Bend County which allowed the use of the building at no cost what so ever to the council. It is our firm belief that this money has been used for the good and welfare of the people of this county.

A few weeks ago, one of our members suffered a great loss to a fire that burned his home; it was then that all the members responded, and through great work of the members of this council 265 dollars and 23 cents were raised to help him out. During this year 80 dollars and 47 cents were donated to Polly Ryan Memorial Hospital to help another of our needy brothers. The local marchants, Officials and business-men of Richmond and Rosenberg cooperated for this worthy cause.

I wish to express my sincere thanks to every one of the members of council 188 for the cooperation that they have given our administration; and, to Brother John J. Herrera for his valuable advice and help. We also extend our gratitude to the Marchants, Officials, and business-men of Richmond and Rosenberg for their cooperation; to the county officials our heartiest thanks for their part in our success.

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Minutes of the Texas National Convention Held in Galveston, Texas

January 26 - 27, 1952

At 11:00 a. m., Saturday, January 26,, the Texas Regional Convention of the League of United Latin American Citizens was officially opened by the Hon. G. C. Martinez, Texas Regional Governor.

The official prayer of the league was recited by the Hon. Jacob I. Rodriguez, District Governor of the San Antonio District.

The address of welcome was delivered by the Hon. John J. Herrera, National Organizer.

The response to the welcoming address was given by the Hon. George J. Garza, National President.

The presiding officer presented to the assembly the following Lulac personalities:

Richard Moya, Austin, Texas, National President of the Junior Lulac.

Felix Garcia, Laredo, Texas, National Treasurer.

Alfredo G. Garza, Laredo, Texas, National Director of Health.

Max Garcia, Sr., San Antonio, Texas, Special National Organizer.

John J. Herrera, Texas, National Organizer.

Jacob I. Rodriguez, San Antonio, District Governor San Antonio area.

Louis Wilmot, Corpus Christi, Texas, District Governor.

Frank Pinedo, Austin, Texas.

Edward Idar, Austin, Texas.

Ed Garza, Laredo, Texas, National Publicity Director.

A list of delegates from eleven councils in Texas who had registered was read; all members were present.

The presiding officer introduced, welcomed, and commended members of the baby Council # 203 from Freeport, Texas, for their splendid work in Freeport.

The presiding officer appointed the following committees:

A. RULES COMMITTEE

Miss Minnie Canales, Council # 22 (Ladies), Houston, Texas, Chairman.

Miss Martin Rodriguez, Council # 187, San Antonio, Texas.

Mr. Luciano Garcia, Jr., Council # 188, Rosenberg, Texas.

B. CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Mr. Felix Garcia, Jr., Council # 12, Laredo, Texas, Chairman.

Mr. Ben Canales, Council # 60, Houston, Texas.

Mr. Joe Medrano, Council # 170, Wharton, Texas.

Mr. Lalo Garcia, Council # 203, Freeport, Texas.

Mr. Pete Villarreal, Council # 151, Galveston, Texas.

C. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

Mr. Florencio Jasso, Council # 60, Houston, Texas, Chairman.

Mr. Frank Pinedo, Council # 85, Austin, Texas.

Mr. Louis Wilmot, Council # 1, Corpus Christi, Texas.

Submission of resolutions in writing was requested. Only one submitted by Wharton at this time.

The presiding officer requested to know if there were any matters for the good and welfare of the organization that should be brought up. There were none.

The Hon. Jacob I. Rodriguez of San Antonio made a speech of apology to the National Organizer and the Council of Freeport for not having attended their organizational meeting.

Mr. Frank Pinedo was recognized and made a speech regarding an organization similar to LULAC, known as the Bishop's Committee for the Spanish-Speaking People, and urged cooperation between the two organizations.

The presiding officer read a report submitted by Max Garcia regarding the active and inactive councils visited during 1951. The active councils visited were Palacios, Laredo, El Paso, San Antonio, Richmond, Fort Stockton, Austin, Pecos, Midland, El Campo, Galveston, and Texas City; the inactive councils visited were Victoria, Del Rio, San Angelo, Lockhart, Sanderson, Melville, Cuero, Big Springs, New Braunfels, Catalo, Port Lavaca, and Alpine.

John J. Herrera was recognized and spoke urging payment of Poll Tax, and was followed by Jacob I. Rodriguez who spoke on the same subject. It was suggested that the activities be organized with a "Pay Your Poll Tax" slogan.

Convention recessed at noon.

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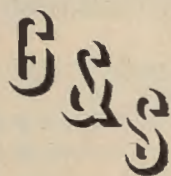
Assembly called to order at 2:45 p. m., the Hon. G. C. Martinez, Regional Governor, presiding.

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TEXAS REGIONAL CONVENTION

GALVESTON, TEXAS, JANUARY 26, 27, 1952

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The presiding officer named Mr. Howard Ruhlman as Sergeant-at-Arms.

The Hon. Jacob I. Rodriguez of San Antonio, read the pledge of allegiance.

A program of entertainment, including the following-named persons, was presented:

Miss Minnie Roulet, piano solo.

Mr. Henry Garcia, vocal solo, accompanied by Mr. Johnnie Garcia at the piano.

Misses Inez and Lupita Martinez, piano duet.

Miss Lupita Martinez, piano solo.

Miss Evita Lozano, dance.

The presiding officer again requested that all resolutions be turned in.

The presiding officer recognized Mr. John J. Herrera, who introduced the principal speaker of the evening, Mr. Martin Dies,, who spoke on the subject of Americanism.

The master list of National Officers was corrected to include Roy Velasquez, District Governor of Austin, Texas, Ed Garza, National Director of Publicity, and Dr. E. M. Longoria of the Laredo District.

The Hon. Jacob I. Rodriguez was recognized and introduced the next speaker, Mr. Felix Garcia, of Dallas, Texas, who spoke on the subject of the activities of the Office of Price Stabilization.

The Rules Committee was called on to report. Miss Minnie Canales, Chairman, read the rules regarding voting, delegates to abide by rules of the Rules Committee, delegates to be recognized in proper order, stating name and Council Number, a time limit of ten minutes on speeches.

The Chairman of the Rules Committee was asked if a compromise would be accepted in the length of nomination speeches and it was then agreed to limit speeches to five minutes.

The recommendations of the Rules Committee were accepted on motion by Isidoro Flores, Sr., Council # 2, San Antonio, Texas, and second by Max Garcia, San Antonio, Texas.

The Resolutions Committee reported.

The Credentials Committee reported. A list of delegates submitted to and approved by the committee was presented by the Credentials Committee and approved by the assembly.

The convention was adjourned at 4:50 p. m., to be reconvened on 27 January 1952.

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At 9:00 a. m. on Sunday, 27 January 1952, the assembly reconvened with the official LULAC prayer and roll call of delegates.

The first order of business was the report of the Texas Regional Governor, the Hon. G. C. Martinez.

The report of the Texas Regional Governor was followed by a message from the Hon. George J. Garza, Na-

tional President.

Meeting adjourned at noon, scheduled to reconvene at 1:30 p. m.

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Assembly called to order at 1:30 p. m., January 27, 1952.

The presiding officer announced to the assembly that Bro. Gus Garcia, unable to attend the convention because he was scheduled to speak before the United Nations and the U. S. Congress on the subject of the bracero and wet-back problem, had nevertheless a message to deliver to the assembly by means of a phonograph record. Said message was delivered at that time.

A report was then made by Bro. John J. Herrera, National Organizer.

At this point Bro. Florencio Jasso of Houston, Texas, took the floor to demand that a protest be lodged with the Galveston newspapers who had taken the liberty of reporting our convention in a humorous vein. Mr. Jasso and the assembly was informed that Bro. G. C. Martinez had already protested vigorously and had received a personal apology. All other newspaper reports were acceptable to the League and favorable in nature.

Bro. Alfredo Garza, National Director of Health, then made his report.

The assembly then to elect the next Texas Regional Governor.

Brother Alfredo Garza of Laredo, Texas, was nominated by Louis Wilmot, with second by Bro. John Esquivel. Bro. Frank Pinedo was nominated by Bro. George Gomez of El Campo, seconded by Rudolph Rodriguez of Freeport, Texas.

Bro. Frank Pienod of Austin was elected the next Texas Regional Governor.

Following a short message from Bro. Frank Pinedo, the Convention was closed at 4:00 p. m.

Love is like a mushroom. You never know whether its' the real thing until it's too late.

The average man's arm is thirty inchest long; the average woman's waist is thirty inches around. How wonderful are thy works, o nature!

She was a second-hand dealer's daughter which was why she would not allow much on the old davenport.

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Mr. Alfredo G. Garza
National Director of Health
P. O. Box 601
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Dear Mr. Garza:

Report from our "Well Baby Clinic" Sponsors, Lulac Councils No. 60 and 190 of Fort Stockton, Texas.

We have already completed immunizations on thirty five children ranging from 4 months to 5 years of age. Tetanus, Diphtheria, and Whooping Cough, also small pox vaccinations.

We have an average of about 65 children a month, some for immunizations others to be weighed, others for information on how to sterilize bottles, bathe a baby, formula problems, etc. If a child has a cold, temperature, we refer them to their doctors. We also have adopted a few babies, we give them milk, baby food, and all our babies get zyna drops. (Donated to us from Memorial Hospital) The milk, baby food, oranges and clothes are donated to us from organizations and individuals as well.

We are really proud to have our baby clinic, we used to have an average of two Latin babies in the hospital every week, during winter with severe colds or pneumonia. This year we have only had one sick baby with pneumonia due to a mistake of locks being changed in our Lulac Hall and we didn't hold baby clinic that Saturday. We usually check our babies if they don't come to our clinic at home. We either get them to go to a Doctor or we take them ourselves in case the mother is unable to go.

The nurses' superintendent of Memorial Hospital, Mrs. F. Baker, has been a great help to us. Also the nurses that volunteer from Memorial Hospital are Miss Elsie Bauer, Mrs. Freddie Hayter, Miss Nancy Gonzales and Mrs. Joe R. Urias. Miss Tina Urias keeps books and also brings the babies to the clinic.

The Lulacs on the health committee are as follows:

Mrs. Joe R. Urias
Miss Nancy Gonzales
Miss Tina Urias
Mrs. George Pina
Mr. Joe R. Urias

So far we are really proud of our "Well Baby Clinic" and we feel like we have done and still are doing a good job with a lot of work behind it.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Joe R. Urias.

The above letter shows the spirit and good will that a group of people can show for the betterment of their community. Other Lulac Councils should and could do the same kind of work in their own respective communities. Let us all take note of the good work being done by the Fort Stockton Lulac Councils.

As your Director of Health I am very proud to say thanks for a job well done and may God give you the strength and the cooperation to continue with your very worthwhile endeavor. Thanks and God Speed.

Alfredo G. Garza,
National Director of Health.

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GALVESTON, TEXAS
JANUARY 26 AND 27, 1952

WHEREAS, the study entitled, "The Wetback in the Lower Rio Grande Valley of Texas," is a conscientious, thorough and well documented study, which, for the first time, brings to complete light a problem which the Spanish speaking population lacked sufficient data; and

WHEREAS, many of the findings of the study have been corroborated by the report of the President's commission on Migratory Labor, and other pertinent articles; and:

WHEREAS, Dr. Lyle Saunders, assistant professor of sociology, University of New Mexico, and Dr. George I. Sanchez, professor of Latin American Education, University of Texas, occupy high position in their respective fields and have been recognized as such by public, private and governmental agencies for their background on the problems facing the Spanish speaking minority in the southwestern United States and

WHEREAS, at a meeting of the National Council of the League of United Latin American Citizens, composed of national officers from Laredo, Texas, the Regional Governor from Galveston, Texas, and the Regional Governors of the various Texas districts on December 1st and 2nd, 1951, they enthusiastically endorsed a resolution commending Dr. Lyle Saunders and Olen T. Leonard for their work in making "The Wetback in the Lower Rio Grande Valley of Texas" report the most outstanding piece of social research exposing those social sores festering in the lower Rio Grande Valley; and

WHEREAS, we emphatically condemn the attitudes of some purported American Citizens of the Valley who willingly and brazenly expressed the narrow and biased views and opinions of the agricultural interests in that region, in said study; and

WHEREAS, this three opinions are indicative of the attitudes of the people of the Valley as reported in this Study, we, nevertheless, endorse their inclusion in this report; and

WHEREAS, as their only means of combatting the Report, vested interests in the Rio Grande Valley and misguided zealots among our people, both in and out of the Valley, have deliberately distorted the purpose of the study and have started a campaign of vilification and discredit against the study, Drs. Lyle Saunders, Olen T. Leonard, George I. Sanchez and the University of Texas; and

WHEREAS, the University of Texas has for many years enjoyed complete academic freedom with regards to research done on problem affecting the Spanish speaking minority group, and has, in fact, encouraged and sponsored such research and has given Dr. Sanchez, Dr. Saunders

and Mr. Leonard and their assistants full leeway in their work; free from any pressure or bias; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable Dudley Woodward, chairman of the University of Texas Board of Regents, recently reaffirmed the University policy of full academic freedom. Now therefore be it

RESOLVED: that the League of United Latin American Citizens at its Texas Regional Convention assembled in Galveston, Texas, January 26 and 27, 1952, urge all Spanish speaking persons to beware of the false propaganda being spread by the vested interests of Texas and of those who seek to twist and distort the study of the wetback in the lower Rio Grande Valley of Texas and who seek to keep the current status quo in the Rio Grande Valley of Texas; be it

RESOLVED: that the Texas Regional Convention of Lulac commend the University of Texas, its Board of Regents, its administrative staff and faculty for their great efforts in behalf of the Spanish speaking minority of Texas and for its search for truth in behalf of the aforesaid minority.

Gilbert Gomez Jr., Lulac Council No. 60; George Lopez, Lulac Council No. 170.

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Is Spanish a "Foreign" Language?

We call Spanish a foreign language because we speak English, and English is the customary, "official," or dominant language in the United States. But in Texas, at least, the term "foreign" is inappropriate, because Spanish is not "foreign" to the people of this state, currently or historically.

The hills of Texas echoed the shouts of Spanish and Mexican explorers, "vaqueros," and farmers long before the coming of English culture and speech, and today one and a half million Texans—one out of every six—speaks Spanish as their basic tongue.

Besides this high proportion of Spanish-speaking Texans, at least half a million Nationals pour across the Rio Grande each year, to work, travel, and live for a time, and add to the sound of the Spanish language in Texas.

Some of the counties in South Texas have a 75 percent Spanish-speaking population. In most of the border cities a telephone is more often answered with "bueno" than with "hello." In many South Texas towns public records are kept in two languages. Public meetings are often conducted in Spanish as well as in English. Radio broadcasting is in both languages.

A language that is spoken by one sixth of the people, and by three fourths of the people in large areas, and which is recognized officially and unofficially by city and county governments, can hardly be called a "foreign" language. It is a "second" language, perhaps—the lesser of two major languages spoken in Texas—but it is foreign only to those who do not understand it.

In Texas the Spanish language is too important to be classed terminologically with other "foreign" languages and thereby placed in the category of "something you **may** need a little of, if you go abroad." Spanish, is **here**, and here to stay. The Spanish-speaking population of Texas is increasing more rapidly than the English-speaking.

Our nearest neighbor, Mexico, is progressing by leaps and bounds in population, importance, and power.

It is important to us as a nation that we get rid of the connotation "foreign" with regard to a language spoken by so many of our own people

and our closest neighbors. We must acknowledge the practical necessity of a bi-lingual citizenry if we are to turn ideals of democracy, brotherhood, and hemispheric solidarity into reality.

Only two major languages are spoken in the whole Western half of the world. There is no sound reason why the majority of people of this hemisphere should not speak both, especially in Texas where these two languages and cultures come into closest contact.

Taken from the Biweekly Report of the Good Neighbor Commission, March 24, 1952.

Fort Worth Workshop Urges Improvements

A sixteen point list of recommendations covering health, welfare, and recreation services to Latin Americans has been issued by the Council of Social Agencies of Fort Worth as a result of its recent workshop study of these services.

Establishment of additional medical facilities and a program to inform Latin Americans where they can receive these services are high on the list, followed by recommendations of more foster home facilities for Latin-American children and establishment of a policy by existing children's institutions to accept Latin American children for care.

Other recommendations include more adequate police protection, more supervisors for recreation and group work and more facilities in this field, especially for teen-agers and adults, as well as for small community recreation gathering centers.

Participating in the Workshop, sponsored by the Fort Worth Council of Social Agencies, were representatives from the Public Housing Administration, Fort Worth Department of Health and Welfare, Tarrant County Medical Society, Fort Worth Public Schools, Fort Worth Council on Human Relations, Tarrant County Society for Mental Health, and the Pan American Round able.

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AROUND THE LULAC SCHIELD

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sponsor the July issue of Lulac News. Boy, that is the kind of enthusiasm that we need in Lulac. No sooner are they in Lulac then they plan to do their best to help out. More power to you, Deming. Our congratulations to the new governor of the Southwestern New Mexico District, Bro. Guadalupe Gonzalez, of Deming.

Lulac Council 167

VAN HORN, TEXAS—These two councils are being reactivated under the able leadership of Presidents L. P. Villalobos, and Margarito Rodriguez. Congratulations to the new Van Horn alderman who is a fine Lulac also.

CORPUS CHRISTI, Council No. 1.—Convention General Chairman, Brother Joe Garza, has written letters to all councils in the league requesting that each council send in a list of all its members and their addresses, so that they might be able to invite each and everyone of the members of all councils to the National Convention that is to be held in Corpus Christi on June 20, 21, 22. To date only a few of the councils have answered Brother Garza's request. Brother Garza feels that each and every member of Lulac should have an opportunity to attend the convention and that is why Council No. 1 wants to invite all members of the league by special invitation.

Let your secretaries send in the list requested as soon as possible so that Council No. 1 can carry through what they have started to do. This will mean a lot of extra work for the Council, but they feel that each and every member should have an invitation from their council to attend the convention. There will be big doings at Corpus during the month of June and we feel that you would not want to deprive any of your members from enjoying "The Best Convention" ever held in the state of Texas.

Please address your mail to Mr. Joe Garza, Convention General Chairman, Lulac Council No. 1, 1118 Leopold St., Corpus Christi, Texas.

LAREDO, TEXAS, Council No. 12. — The Laredo Junior LULACS elect new officers.

Bennie Mata was elected president of the Laredo Junior Lulacs at a meeting held Wednesday at the Lulac Hall on Houston Street.

The twenty-five members present also voted

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on the following new officers:

Samuel Idrogo, vice president; Connie Ayala, secretary; Marta Torres, correspondence secretary; Jesus Chavarria, treasurer; Ricardo Rodriguez, parliamentarian; Rene Gonzalez, Sgt.-at-arms, Amadeo Juarez was appointed reporter by the president.

Council sponsor Alfredo Garza was present at the meeting. Outgoing president of the group is Walter Rodriguez.

The new president extended an invitation to all Laredo teen-agers to join the Junior Lulacs.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Maria Mata of 1002 Musser, and a student at Martin High School.

FROM THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S DESK

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C. Garcia of San Antonio, Texas. It is the story about the butcher who was sick and tired of having the neighbor's dog come into his shop and getting away with his best pieces of meat. He often took after the dog with knife in hand, but he was so fat that he could never catch up with the dog this time he took after the dog and hit on the idea of calling him a mad dog. He soon had half of the town chasing after the dog and eventually killed him.

This possibly is what has happened in this instance. A few irresponsible people have undertaken to discredit Dr. Sanchez and the sociologists by calling them a bunch of names and a lot of gullible and emotional people have followed suit, without taking time out to either read the report or even find out what it is all about.

The National Officers feel that our stand on this issue should be fully explained to all our Lulac Councils throughout the League. However, to other groups or persons who are not in agreement with our stand, we feel that we owe no explanation for our decision in this matter.

We hope the above has in some small measure clarified some of the questions brought about by our conditional endorsement of said pamphlet. We feel sure that our stand was well taken and feel no regrets or remorse even in the face of diversity and criticism leveled on us from outside quarters.

Looking forward to visiting with you again in our next issue, I remain.

Fraternally yours,
OSCAR M. LAUREL
Executive Secretary.

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REPORT FROM TEXAS REG'L GOVERNOR

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The great work of Wharton's Council in the field of Scholarship presentations gave Wharton Nationwide recognition in the Saturday Evening Post issue which goes a long way in emphasizing the potentialities of a new and hard working Council.

The new installed Council of Freeport, the Ladies Council in San Antonio, a new Council in Grand Falls, Texas and the possible coming up Council in Odessa, Texas, certainly points out with pride that LULAC is on the move and in the mood.

The increase in strength of the Laredo Council definitely sets down a good example and successfully reflects on the good work of our National President.

The consolidated solidarity of the Gulf Coast area is one of LULAC's pride and joy.

All of these chain of events have been made possible and are being made possible day by day by the unselfish and loyal devotion and hard work of every Officer and member of our great Organization led in the field of battle by a great National president worthy of the admiration, respect and co-operation of all of his co-workers.

As a special representative of our National President I have but one coment to make. "I have never before worked for, or with an individual who made your responsibilities seem and feel much lighter then our present National President Brother George Garza."

To John J. Herrera and all of our District Governors goes a most profound taken of my sincere appreciation for their splendid cooperation in sharing our burden and our problems.

To the members of my own Council Your Host Council No. 151 of Galveston, Texas who have made possible this Convention I will not even attempt to thank them in words. It is indeed self-gratifying to know that you work side by side with men who go all the way out in helping and in return ask for nothing as their recompense.

Again thanking each and every one for a job I call well done I remain.

Fraternally yours,
G. C. MARTINEZ,
Texas Regional Governor.

A Message From The Lulac National Director of Health



Alfredo G. Garza

I want to take this opportunity to thank each and everyone that has served on Health throughout the League. I know that all of you are proud of the good work that has been done throughout the year and will continue working diligently for the betterment of our community.

I have but one request from all committee chairman and that is to file a report of committee activities to our general office so that I can give a League report to the National Convention. In this issue you will find a report that was submitted by the Fort Stockton Health Committee. This report should give you an indication of the work that is being done by Health Committees and most certainly should be an inspiration for a successful program. It is true that this Health Committee has been exceedingly active but I would like to state that any work that this committee has done is greatly appreciated and should be reported.

Again I would like to extend my congratulations to all the Health Committees and to everyone for the marvelous job that is being done.

Alfredo G. Garza,
Lulac National Director of Health.

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RECUPERATING: After an hour and a half session with three medicos and a five-day stretch in the Mercy Hospital in Laredo, our National President is practically restored to his energetic standard.

"It was nothing serious, though perhaps a little painful," he says. "I was merely having some of the after-effects of my athletic days extracted." At any rate we understand that his doctor calls him the Purple Heart Veteran with twenty-four clusters. Reason: by actual count, Bro. National President is sporting twenty-five scars.

HIS MAGNIFICENT OBSESSION: Again referring to our National President, we understand that he plans to enroll at the University of Texas for the summer session beginning in June and extending through August, and that there is a possibility he may remain at the university throughout next year in order that he may obtain what he calls his "magnificent obsession"—a Doctor of Philosophy degree.

ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE: Making the annual Lulac pilgrimage to the Battlefield Monument ceremonies at San Jacinto on April 21, were National Organizer John J. Herrera, his son, National Junior Lulac Treasurer John M. Herrera, and Congressional Medal of Honor winner, Bro. Macario Gacia. Following the laying of the memorial wreath at the monument in the name of Lulac, Bro. Herrera delivered one of the principal addresses of the ceremonies.

ON TO CARLSBAD, NEW MEXICO: Such is the idea and current topic of conversation for our National Director of Publicity and Editor of Lulac News, Bro. Edward D. Garza, who has just signed a teacher's contract with the public schools of Carlsbad, New Mexico. Bro. Garza plans to attend school this summer in San Marcos, and after a possible visit in New York will report to his new position on or about September 1st.

Because of his boundless energy and enthusiasm, his experience as past officer of the San Marcos and Laredo councils as well as his three years experience as a national officer in the positions of Texas Regional Governor and National Director of Publicity, we believe that Carlsbad Lulacs and the community will greatly profit by Bro. Garza's decision to become a New Mexican.

Those of us attending the National Convention at Corpus Christi will have the opportunity to bid him Godspeed, but nevertheless we now wish him all the best of good luck and success in his new position. We commend him to you Carlsbad.

HER DAY: May 11th, Mother's Day! A day dedicated to honor that long-suffering, ever-loving being for whom there is no erring child and no ungrateful family; for whom the sacrifice of her desires, the anguish of her heart, the pains of her love, and even the sacrifice of her very life seem but insignificant nothings when suffered in behalf of her loved ones. No matter which of the two carnations you are entitled to wear on that day, the red the white, honor your mother or her memory on this day. If alive, whisper that you love her. That will be her greatest gift and will make up for all her sufferings. If gone into the great beyond, in the privacy of your heart offer up a prayer to her, for she still watches over you from up above as she did while here. If away from home, write a brief note, and say, "I miss you, mother, and send you all my love on this your day."

If people who go around criticizing LULAC, its policies, and general being would spend only one eighth of that time in doing something constructive themselves, they would accomplish in a few months what generations have not been able to do.

BISHOP'S COMMITTEE HOLDS CONFERENCE ON SPANISH-SPEAKING PEOPLE

Several hundred Catholic clergy and lay workers in the field of Latin American social work met in Austin, Wednesday, April 23 for a three-day Catholic Conference on the Spanish Speaking People of Texas, which was sponsored by the Bishop's Committee for the Spanish Speaking, with offices in Austin. The Most Rev. Robert E. Lucey, Archbishop of San Antonio, is executive chairman of the Committee.

Stressing the theme that Texas can be proud of its Spanish-Mexican heritage, the conference included discussions on civil activity, migratory labor, health and social welfare among Texans of Latin American descent.

Archbishop Lucey and Neville G. Penrose, Chairman of the Texas Good Neighbor Commission
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RESOLUTION

DEATH OF Hon. Ermilo Lozano PAST NATIONAL PRESIDENT OF LULAC

WHEREAS, At a meeting of the Supreme Council held at Pecos, Texas, March 21 and 22, 1952, notice was given of the recent death in San Antonio, Texas, of the Hon. Ermilo Lozano, Past National President of the League of United Latin American Citizens;

WHEREAS, said Supreme Council, knowing that Brother Ermilo Lozano was instrumental in the founding and early forming of the League of United Latin American Citizens, and that his zeal in behalf of the aims and purposes of our League was an inspiration to the Latin American of Mexican descent in the United States and served ably as the National President of the League;

THEREFORE, the Supreme Council of Lulac acknowledges, on behalf of the League, our great loss in the death of Brother Ermilo Lozano and hereby expresses to the family of Brother Ermilo Lozano our deepest heartfelt sympathy to them in their hour of great bereavement.

It was further resolved by the Supreme Council of Lulac that a copy of this resolution be published in the LULAC NEWS and that a copy of said resolution be sent to the family of our late Brother Ermilo Lozano, Past National President of the League of United Latin American Citizens.



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Minutes of Supreme Council Meeting

PECOS, TEXAS

MARCH 22, 23, 1952

The Supreme Council of the League of United Latin American Citizens met at Pecos, Texas, on March 22, 1952, pursuant to call by National President, George J. Garza. The meeting was called to order by the National President at 11:45 a. m.

The official Lulac prayer was elevated by Brother Alfred Sanchez, of Pecos Council No. 10.

Roll call of membrs revealed the following officers to be present:

George J. Garza, Laredo, National President

Francisco J. Flores, Laredo,, National Secretary

Oscar M. Laurel, Laredo, Executive Secretary and Legal Adviser.

Alfredo G. Garza, Laredo, National Director of Health.

Edward D. Garza, Laredo, National Director of Publicity.

Max Garcia, San Antonio, Special Organizer-at-Large.

Jimmy Urquidi, Pecos, District Governor.

National President, George J. Garza, briefly addressed those present, expressing appreciation of the National Officers for the invitation of Lulac Pecos Council No. 160 to have the Supreme Council meeting at Pecos.

Brother Cruz Fernandez of the Carlsbad Lulac Council No. 206 explained to those present that his council, the newest one in the League, was desirous of securing all information possible about Lulac in order to take same back to his Council. Mr. R. R. Leos also of the Carlsbad Council, briefly addressed the Council in Spanish, explaining that there were a lot of people who wanted to join his Council but did not do so because they were under the impression that Council meetings would have to be conducted in the English language. The National President assured Brother Leos that while English was the official language to be used at Lulac meetings, that there was nothing in the Constitution that would prohibit any member from expressing himself in Spanish.

Brother Ben Matta of Pecos, Texas, requested that the National Constitution be translated into Spanish for the benefit of those people who did not understand the English language.

Brother Jimmy Urquidi, District Governor of the Pecos area, welcomed members of the National Office and at the same time expressed his apologies to the Assembly for not having a written program to guide those attending of the different functions to take place during the two-day meetings.

Promptly at 12:30, on motion duly made, seconded and carried, the Supreme Council recessed until 2:00 p. m. At

2:15 p. m., on March 22, 1952, National President George J. Garza, reconvened the meeting of the Lulac Supreme Council. The National President called on members of the Council to report on problems peculiar to their office and to their respective localities.

Brother Jimmy Urquidi, District Governor, reported that the Midland Council was having organizational problems, but that they should be resolved as soon as practicable. Brother Urquidi also reported that no discrimination was being practiced in the schools of Pecos at the present time. He also explained that Grand Falls was doing excellent promotional and organizational work at the present time. Fort Stockton has been very active on matters of health and sanitation and it has sponsored a 'Well-Baby Clinic' which has been very successful in looking after the health needs of the Latin American children in the area. The National President expressed the hope that other councils would follow suit and establish such clinics in their own community. The National President then called on the members of the Carlsbad Council to report on their conditions and problems. Mr. Cruz Fernandez happily reported to the Council that no discrimination exists in the schools of Carlsbad.

Brother Romero, a teacher in the Carlsbad school system, mentioned that there had been a marked improvement in the school svstem with regard to discrimination and administration problems. That special English classes have been set up for the benefit of the Spanish-speaking citizens. He also reported that the population of Carlsbad is 21,000, more or less, 25% of which is Latin American.

The National President reported on the problem of inmates in state prisons who were unable to communicate with their families in Spanish. That the national office brought said problem to the attention of the Governor and also the Good Neighbor Commission. That shortly before this meeting, the Good Neighbor informed him that arrangements had been made whereby Spanish-speaking inmates would be able to communicate in Spanish with their families in the future.

Brother Francisco J. Flores, National Secretary, urges all councils to report their activities to the Natonal Office so that said information can be distributed and made accessible to the other councils.

Brother Oscar M. Laurel, Executive Secretary, briefly reported on the d'fferent activities and projects being sponsored by Lulac councils throughout the League.

Brother Alfredo G. Garza, National Director of Health, asked the cooperation of all councils to sponsor health and sanitation projects.

Brother Edward D. Garza, Natonal Director of Publicity, makes mention of the fact that the March issue of the Lulac News is to be distributed to all councils during the coming

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A MESSAGE FROM THE NAT'L PRESIDENT

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one of its chapters from time to time. Unfortunately, or fortunately, as the case may be, there are many perenial organizers who are every once in a while bit by the organizing bug and they have to give vent to their selfish desires. Among these is the type who at one time enjoyed the many attentions of the populace and then because of his inertia was slowly eased into oblivion. Once in a while he reminisces of his glories, and in hopes of recapturing those glories he decides to organize something. Just anything that will give him an opportunity to recuperate a little personal feeling of greatness. How long will it last? Not long, for it does not take long to satiate those yearnings.

There is another type of perenial organizer. He is the one who tires of being a little frog in a big pond and so decides to build a little pond to appear a big frog. He too, has a short reign because his gigantic hops in a little pond soon causes all the water to be splashed out, and Mr. Frog is without a pond.

Then we have the "Fly-by-night-do-gooders" who finding themselves on the shortend of a deal decide to get help in the disguise of an organization to combat all kinds of evils. They too fold up as soon as the opposition offers them a better deal, or as soon as their personal matters are straightened out.

There are other types just as comical and as ineffective, and the big nuisance lies in the unintelligible furors they raise in attracting attention, the discord they often plant in other groups or between established groups in order to have membership, and in the sour taste they leave in the mouths of individuals. Beware of enterprisers and promoters who would sell you the merits of their groups by pointing out the weaknesses of yours.

Only slightly less two months until the convention and still no one has forwarded resolutions and amendments to our constitution. Remember the deadline of forty five days prior to convention time.

Another warning to all districts. Your district governors now have the right to cast a vote at the National Conventions. Be sure that each district has its 1951-52 governor present at the convention so he may cast his vote, and be sure

that your 1952-53 governor is also elected prior to the convention so that he may be sworn in June.

In closing may I humbly suggest that at all times Lulac should merit your loyalty and willing efforts. Let us make our motto "ALL FOR ONE AND ONE FOR ALL" a true tenet of our Lulac Code and life.

Sincerely yours in Lulac,
George J. Garza.

CONTRERAS NEW CAMERON COUNTY PROBATION OFFICER

Cosby B. Contreras, for thirteen months a probation officer in Travis County, has been appointed chief probation officer in Cameron County with offices in Brownsville, County Judge Oscar C. Dancy has announced. The appointment is effective April 1.

A native of Corpus Christi, Contreras is a graduate of Del Mar College there. He also holds a degree from The University of Texas and attended the University's law school for two years prior to joining the staff of the Travis County Probation Department early in 1951.

His duties in Cameron County will center chiefly around the three cities of Brownsville, Harlingen, and San Benito. Being adjacent to the Mexican border, the county has a problem with Latin-American juveniles similar to that recently alleviated in the El Paso-Juarez area by the so-called Border Project. According to Contreras, 75 per cent of the juvenile court referrals in Cameron County are Latin-Americans, and the new probation officer hopes to use his fluency in Spanish to good advantage in dealing with these youngsters.

While in Travis County, Contreras served as Scoutmaster of Troop 43 of the Austin Boy Scouts. He is also active in Junior Chamber of Commerce and Lulac (League of United Latin-American Citizens) work and is a member of the Texas Welfare Association, the National Association of Probation Officers, and the Knights of Columbus.

A veteran of the Air Force, he served for three years (one in the Pacific) during World War II and currently holds a reserve commission as a legal officer.

Contreras is married and has two sons.

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ON TOUR WITH THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT

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From Van Horn we proceeded on our way back to our original starting place where we arrived at approximately 10:30 p. m. on Monday evening.

During the course of our trip we covered a little over sixteen hundred fifty miles of Texas and New Mexico territory. Sixteen hundred fifty miles that were well worth traveling because of the sincerity, friendliness, hospitality and cooperativeness that we found in the councils. As long as our councils have this kind of people, then I can confidently say that Lulac's future is assured. Not only do they believe in Lulac, but they also preach Lulac with a vigor and a trust that is wonderful to see. There do not seem to be enough words to tell you how wonderful these people were to us, and how sincere is their belief in Lulac and what it stands for. Whether they, as individuals or as a community have a need for Lulac or not, they still believe in working for it. I take my hat off to the Carlsbad and Deming, New Mexico Councils for their kind and wonderful hospitality and cooperation during our stay with them, and to the Texas Councils, whose friendliness was not any the less eventhough our visit with them was briefer than that of a doctor making his rounds. Our sincere thanks and let's hope that we meet again very soon.

COMMISSION ARRANGES FOR PRISON MAIL SERVICE

Taken from the bi-weekly report of the Good Neighbor Commission, March 24, 1952.

A special system was recently established at the state prison in Huntsville whereby a highly trusted Spanish-speaking employe of the prison system was encharge with handling and processing the mail of Spanish-speaking prisoner written in Spanish. The new system was set up after the Good Neighbor Commission was advised by Mr. George Garza, National President of the League of United Latin American Citizens, that facilities were lacking for clearing mail of Huntsville prisoners written in Spanish.

An investigation was begun immediately, and the present system established so that the mail of Spanish-speaking prisoners can be processed and cleared as rapidly as the mail of English-speaking inmates.

LULAC NEWS

Almighty God

FATHER OF ALL MEN

*to Thee we raise thankful hearts
for deliverance from forces of evil
and we pray for peace for all time.*

*Deliver us also, we beseech Thee, from
the greater danger of ourselves.*

*Have mercy upon us and forgive us for
our part in the present desolation of the world.*

*Awaken us each one
to a sense of our responsibility
in saving the world from ruin.*

*Open our eyes and minds and hearts
to the desperate plight of millions.*

*Arouse us from indifference into action
Let none of us fail to give his utmost in
sympathy, understanding, thought and effort
that our children unto all generations
may live in a world free from
jealousy, selfishness and fear.*

*Fulfill in us and through us
Thy glorious intention that Thy peace.*

*Thy love and Thy justice may enter into
the regeneration of the world.*

If a task is once begun,
Never leave it till it's done;
Be the labor great or small,
Do it well, or not at all.

Phoebe Cary

Let us then be up and doing,
With a heart for any fate;
Still achieving, still pursuing
Learn to labor and to wait.

Longfellow

He who feeds men, serveth few;
He serves all, who dares be true.

Emerson

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MINUTES OF SUPREME COUNCIL MEETING

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week. That the March issue of the *Lulac News* is being sponsored by El Paso. Laredo *Lulac Council* No. 12 is to sponsor the April issue.

The National President urged that there be state-wide representation at future regional conventions. He pleaded that the League not break up into sections, which overlook the welfare of the other segments of the League.

Promptly at 4:05 p. m., on motion duly made and seconded, the Supreme Council meeting recessed until the next day.

At 10 o'clock, on Sunday, March 23, 1952, National President George J. Garza, reconvened the meeting of the *Lulac Supreme Council*. On motion made by Albert Armendariz and duly seconded by Max Garcia, Sr., the Supreme Council unanimously accepted the plan suggested by the National President that \$2,000.00 of the moneys in the Treasury at the end of the present administration be turned over to the new administration and any moneys above and beyond that amount is to become a sinking fund. That said money reserve be invested in Series "G" U. S. Savings Bonds for a term of ten years. That the Supreme Council recommend to the National Assembly that each succeeding administration invest all funds in the general fund at the end of each administration, but at no time then operating fund be less than fifty per cent of such moneys. At 10:45 a. m., the meeting was opened for general discussion. The official prayer was elevated by Brother Luciano Santoscoy, District Governor of District 11. The National President then introduced the members of the Supreme Council.

The Treasurer's report, made by Oscar M. Laurel in the absence of Felix G. Garcia, Jr., revealed that there was a balance of \$2,409.02 on hand as of February 29, 1952.

Brother Albert Armendariz, First National Vice President, reported that Deming Council No. 205 would be installed on April 19, 1952. Brother John J. Herrera, National Organizer, briefly reported on *Lulac* activities in the Gulf Coast area.

The National President brought out the fact that the mortality rate of Latin American children has increased in the past years to an all-time high.

The National President read the report of Brother Jacob I. Rodriguez, District Governor of District No. 3, where he mentioned about his plans to reactivate the Kerrville Council.

Brother Luciano Santoscoy, District Governor of District No. 11, spoke a few words of gratitude to the Assembly.

The National President expressed deep regret over the death of Ermilo Lozano of San Antonio, a former president general of the League. He then appointed a Committee to draft a resolution to be presented to Brother Lozano's family. Members of the Committee are as follows: Francisco

J. Flores, Jimmy Urquidi, John J. Herrera and Luciano Santoscoy. Brother John J. Herrera, Chairman of the Resolution Committee, read the resolution in connection with the death of Brother Ermilo Lozano, which is attached herewith as Exhibit "A" and made a part of these minutes.

It was made known to those present by the National President that copies of the history of *Lulac*, appearing in the February issue of the *Lulac News*, were available to anyone desiring same.

After the National President expressed the sincere thanks of all the members of the Supreme Council to the Pecos Men's Council, and the Pecos Ladies' Council, for their wonderful hospitality, he also expressed appreciation for the participation of the Pecos and Fort Stockton Junior councils.

There being no further business to come before the Council, on motion duly made, seconded and carried, the meeting adjourned at 12:30.

BISHOP'S COMMITTEE HOLDS CONFERENCE

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sion of the Conference held Thursday, April 24, at St. Edward's University, Austin. The Archbishop, speaking on "Texas is Proud of its Spanish Speaking People," called attention to the outstanding contributions of Spanish Speaking people to the cultural, economic, and racial heritage of Texas. Mr. Penrose spoke on "Texas Needs her Spanish-Speaking People," and pointed up the achievements of Texans of Spanish-Mexican descent in military, scholastic, business and professional fields. Both speakers called for an end to discrimination, bigotry, and prejudice between the Anglo and Latin elements in Texas.

The Rev. Theodore J. Radtke, executive secretary of the Bishops Committee, outlined the theme of the conference in his keynote address April 24 in which he said:

"We want no special favors. We have done our share in war. We are now doing our share as citizens in peace. We base our case on right, and appeal to the fair-minded American public to respond with justice."

Taken from the *Bi-weekly Report of the Good Neighbor Commission*—May 1, 1952.

Our National President was scheduled to present a paper entitled "A Coordinated Policy for All Migratory Labor," but due to his being confined in the hospital was unable to do so. Nevertheless the thoughts and ideas that he submitted to the conference were highlighted in the discussions and subsequent talks.

LULAC AIMS AND PURPOSES

AS LOYAL CITIZENS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

We believe in the democratic principle of individual political and religious freedom, in the right of equality of social and economic opportunity, and in the duty of cooperative endeavor towards the development of an American society wherein the cultural resources and integrity of every individual and group constitute basic assets of the American way of life. As citizens, we assume our responsibilities and duties and assert our rights and privileges in the pursuit of a fuller and richer civilization for this our native country.

We believe that education is the foundation for the cultural growth and development of this nation and that we are obligated to protect and promote the education of our people in accordance with the best American principles and standards.

We deplore any infringement of this goal wherever it may occur and regardless of whom it may affect.

We accept that it is not only the privilege but also the obligation of every member of this organization to uphold and defend the rights and duties vested in every American citizen by the letter and the spirit of the Law of the land.

Section 2. —As members of a democratic society we recognized our civic duties and responsibilities and we propose:

To use all the appropriate means at our disposal to implement with social action the principles set forth above.

To foster the acquisition and facile use of the official language of our country that we may thereby equip ourselves and our families for the fullest enjoyment of our rights and privileges and the efficient discharge to this, our country.

To establish cooperative relationship with other civic organizations and agencies in these fields of public service.

That the members of the League of United Latin American Citizens constitute themselves into a service organization to actively promote suitable measures for the attainment of the highest ideals of our American society.

That, in the interests of the public welfare we shall seek in every way possible to uphold the rights guaranteed to every individual by our state and national laws and to seek justice and equality of treatment in accordance with the law of the land. We shall courageously resist un-American tendencies that deprive citizens of these rights in educational institutions, in economic pursuits, and in social and civic activities.

LULAC CODE

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

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

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

Filled with optimism make yourself sociable, upright, judicious, and above all things be sober and collect in your habits, cautious in your actions and sparing in your speech.

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

Always be honorable and highminded, learn how to be self-reliant upon your own qualifications and resources.

In war serve your country, in peace your convictions; discern, investigate, meditate and think, study at all times be honest and generous.

Let your finest purpose be that of helping to see that each new generation shall be of a youth more efficient and capable and in this let your own children be included.

Having read your history, Code, and Aims and Purposes, and believing in the betterment of our people, I hereby make application for membership in the League of United Latin American Citizens.

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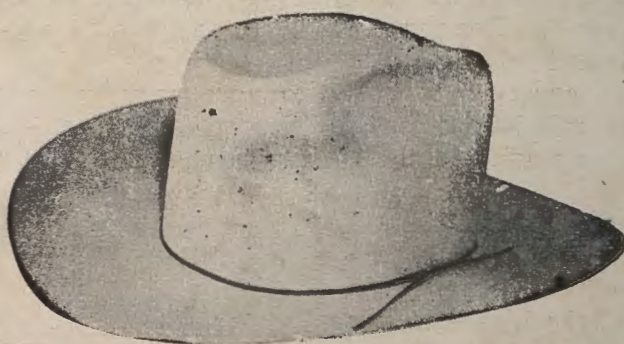


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