



# LULAC News

Official Organ of the League of United Latin American Citizens

SEPTEMBER, 1955



SUPREME COUNCIL

*In this issue:*

SUPREME COUNCIL REPORT  
JUNIOR LULACS CONVENTION  
FELIX J. TIJERINA





# FIRST LULAC AREA MEETING

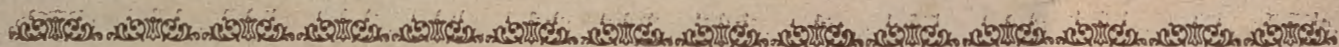
EL CAMPO, TEXAS

NOVEMBER 5 AND 6, 1955

El Campo Lulac Council No. 170 will play host to National, Regional and District Officers. All surrounding Councils and District officers are cordially invited to attend. Two days of activity.

Bring your problems and suggestions.

OSCAR M. LAUREL  
NATIONAL PRESIDENT







# LULAC News

Official Organ of the League of United Latin American Citizens

Vol 23

September, 1955

No. 2

## STAFF

Arnulfo Zamora, National Director of Publicity

Ramon Garces, Managing Editor

Howard Ruhlman, Business Manager

Odilon Arambula, Contributing Editor

The Lulac News is published monthly by the League of United Latin American Citizens. As the official publication of the League of United Latin American Citizens this magazine publishes authorized notices and articles regarding the activities and interests of Lulac Councils throughout the United States. Address all communications to Lulac News Office, Box 1384 Laredo, Texas.

## TABLE OF CONTENTS

Message from the National President .....	Page 2
Personality of Month: Tijerina .....	Page 3
Junior Lulac Convention .....	Page 5
Supreme Council Meeting .....	Page 6
Lulacs in Action .....	Page 11

**FRONT COVER** --- The first Supreme Council meeting under the present administration took place in Pecos, Texas in September. The complete minutes of that meeting appear in this issue of the Lulac News. This month's front cover features the members of that important group, which accomplished much during the Pecos meeting. Seating, left to right, Alfredo Hernandez, Houston, Legal Advisor; Alfredo Gonzalez, Santa Fe, New Mex., First Vice-President; Oscar Laurel, Laredo, National President; Arsenio Gonzalez, Las Vegas, New Mex., Regional Governor of New Mexico; Dr. Francisco Licon, El Paso, National Director of Health; Felix Garcia Jr., Laredo, National Treasurer. Standing, left to right, Arnulfo Zamora, Laredo, National Director of Publicity; Alvin Padilla, San Antonio, National Chaplain; Howard Ruhlman, Laredo, Business Manager of Lulac News; Odilon Arambula, Laredo, Executive Secretary; and Felix Tijerina, Houston, Regional Governor of Texas.

# EDITORIAL

It took two hurricanes, a couple of flooded rivers, and the worst disaster ever to strike a city in Mexico to give the Good Neighbor Policy a necessary shot in the arm and to show that organizations, such as Lulacs, are ready to offer help to the suffering when it is needed.

When the Gulf port of Tampico was hit by Hurricane Gladys and Hilda it caused two big rivers -- the Panuco and the Tamesi -- to flood an area of 30,000 square miles, leaving over 100,000 persons homeless, damage estimated in millions of dollars, nearly 400 dead, and the city of Tampico ruined.

But at the height of the disaster the people of Tampico had one hope -- the great U. S. Navy and Air Force, plus hundreds of organizations, in both the U.S. and Mexico, that quickly started clothing, food, and cash collections and rushed them to the stricken city.

Lulac Councils in Beaumont, Corpus Christi, Harlingen, San Antonio and Laredo and others which we have no record yet, showed that they bother not only with the social problems at home, but are also ready to contribute to the needy.

School children all over Texas collected cans of food and clothing and shipped it to Tampico by plane. A fleet of C-46's from Harlingen and Ellington Air Force bases in Texas kept a steady shuttling service going to Tampico. They carried flour, rice, beans, milk, cheese, butter and canned meats for the thousands of homeless.

But to the marooned people of Tampico, the real heroes of the drama were the 14 helicopters from the aircraft carrier Saipan, which kept a constant patrol of the stricken area, bringing medicines and food, and rescuing marooned persons.

Thousands of refugees at one time jammed the airport which was surrounded by water, begging helicopter pilots to "fly us out of here." Rear Admiral M. E. Miles was the Navy relief director for the area.

And after the flood waters began to subside, the people began to offer their thanks. "God Bless the U.S. Navy" wrote one refugee upon a roof-top. When American Blue Jackets walked down a Tampico street, the people, with sunken eyes and worried looks, but with hope in their hearts, applauded.

Now the job remains to continue strengthening the Good Neighbor Policy in time of normalcy as it has been in the time of disaster.



# Message From The National President . . . .



OSCAR M. LAUREL

# La



# Escuelita



My Lulac Friends:

Last month our message to you pertained to a subject—Education—which is not only of much interest to all of us in Lulac but, also, one which bears further discussion at this time.

Some time ago—during the weekend of Las Fiestas Patrias of September 16th, to be exact—the Business Manager of Lulac News, Mr. Howard Ruhlman, and myself traveled to Freeport, Texas, at the most courteous and kind invitation of the Brazosport Chamber of Commerce.

The purpose of the trip was to participate in a gay fiesta which was being staged for the specific purpose of obtaining funds to continue a project popularly known in Freeport as "La Escuelita."

This project has as its end the familiarization with the English Language by Spanish-speaking students of pre-school age. I honestly believe that a more laudable project cannot be undertaken by any organization or one which aims to serve a more useful purpose.

I have no way of determining exactly, but a big percentage of the Spanish-speaking students in the great southwest come from homes where Spanish is the only language spoken. This is the result of many and varied causes. It may be that the family is a first generation Americans having come to this country grown men, and married, and unable to attend school. Another reason may be that even if the family is a second or third generation Americans, their need for earning a livelihood is to them a more pressing problem than sending the children to be taught the English language.

All of these causes bring about, naturally, the urgent need of having our young boys and girls get their feet wet, linguistically, so to speak, in order that they may be able to start school with less of a language handicap than the other school children.

You may recall not so long ago when some of our able lawyers fought the great battles of segregation of school children in the courts of Texas as well as in many of the other southwestern states where Lulac has many of its councils. The most embarrassing and cogent arguments advanced by the lawyers of the opposition, who were advancing the cause of segregation, as well as the reasons advanced by the Court, were, to the effect, that segregation, though unconstitutional, would of necessity, have to be continued in

those early stages of schooling where Spanish-named young children be segregated for the specific purpose of familiarizing them with the English language.

The last vestiges of legal segregation which, to this day, exists in many of our schools, may well be removed within the next few years if our organization takes immediate notice of the very fine work which the humanitarian people of Freeport are doing in this area of educational endeavor, and urges the installation of similar "La Escuelita" projects wherever a Lulac Council exists.

It is a project worthy of our most preferred attention and efforts. Our organization is the logical one to undertake any project which has its purpose the betterment of our people's educational opportunities and their equal protection, under the law. This can best be achieved by our united and cooperative efforts.

The fiesta itself at Freeport was, indeed, the essence of cooperative endeavor. Proof of the interest which the local people have in the project and their willingness to make it a success was evidenced by the number of people who contributed their help in making the fiesta possible, as well as by the number of people who attended the colorful occasion.

I was so impressed with the great strides which the Spanish-speaking students have made in Freeport's school system that I returned home completely imbued with a burning desire to implement similar projects throughout the League wherever there is need for them. In the very near future, the different councils will be approached, through their Presidents, on whether or not there is any need for such projects in their community. If it is indicated that there is, every effort will be made by the National President to see that such project be instituted and given the complete support and cooperation of the National Office.

It is in the field of education where I feel that most of our advances have been made during the past ten years. It was through education that we are able to have amongst the ranks of Lulac many outstanding doctors, lawyers, dentists, judges. I feel that in the next few years the ranks of these professional people will be added on to possibly twenty fold, thus increasing, twenty fold, the opportunities for the enjoyment of the many blessings which we as American citizens should enjoy in common with the other Americans.

YOURS FOR A GREATER LULAC.  
OSCAR M. LAUREL  
NATIONAL PRESIDENT



# Personality of the Month

## Felix J. Tijerina

By MARIE MOORE  
HOUSTON POST WRITER

Back in 1920 a 14-year-old Latin American lad, fresh from the cotton fields of South Texas, got a job as a busboy in a Houston restaurant.

A customer asked him for some tomato catsup. Nodding, with what he hoped was a comprehending smile, he trotted back to the kitchen, repeating to himself, "tomato catsup; tomato catsup."

"What, please, he inquired in Spanish of one of the waiters, "is tomato catsup?" The waiter pointed it out, and the busboy grabbed a bottle and rushed triumphantly to the customer.

**IF TOMATO AND** catsup were the first two words of English Felix Tijerina learned, his next two probably were "Yes, Ma'am." Now a successful restaurant operator himself, he is a stickler for politeness.

"It doesn't cost a thing to be polite," he frequently tells his waiters. "I'd fire a man sooner for failing to say 'yes, ma'am to a lady than I would for cussing me out."

Mr. Tijerina employs such Latin mannerisms as the lift of an eyebrow and a wave of his well-manicured hand. And his English, although it is fluent and even eloquent at times, bears a strong Spanish accent. He is a regional governor of the League of United Latin American Citizens, and he is deeply concerned with the problems of the underprivileged Spanish-speaking people living in Texas.

**ACTUALLY**, Mr. Tijerina is a native of Sugarland, a fact he proved to the satisfaction of immigration authorities only a few months ago. He saw Mexico, the homeland of his ancestors, for the first time in 1925 when he went there on a vacation. And in spite of the lifted eyebrow and wave of the hand, his viewpoint on most matters is more "Anglo" - or North American - than it is Latin.

He is impatient with American citizens of Mexican ancestry who stick too close to their own clans and continue speaking Spanish in their homes.

**"YOU ARE** American citizens and English is the National lan-

guage," he tells them severely. "When your children start to school they must understand English, or they will not be able to keep up with the other children, and they will be outsiders. Then they will be embarrassed, and they will drop out of school; and unless they work very hard by themselves, they will grow up to be farm hands instead of business or professional men."

Mr. Tijerina does not sound like a social worker when he pleads with Latin groups to "Anglicize" themselves. He speaks from experience and points to himself as an example of the problem.

**HIS FATHER** and mother were itinerant farm workers, and he and his three sisters spent their early years in trucks and camps following the cotton and vegetable crops from the Rio Grande Valley to Houston.

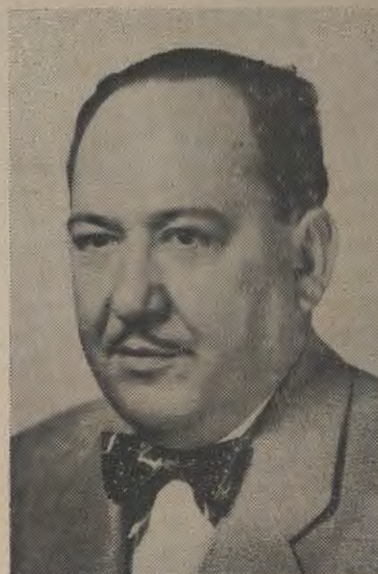
He went to school for a couple of years, but before he learned to understand English, much less learn to read and write, his father died. At 9 years old, he already was an experienced cotton-picker, and he gave up any idea of formal education to help support his mother and sisters with work in the fields.

"I know what it's like to be hungry," Mr. Tijerina explained simply. "Folks who always have plenty to eat can look at people who don't make much money and think that they're poor, but they're still good citizens. Well, I know that a stomach is not going to be a good American if it is hungry. It isn't interested in anything but food."

**HIS INTEREST** in helping the needy does not indicate that Mr. Tijerina is a soft touch. His black eyes snap and he delivers a scorching indictment of moochers.

"Some people beg when maybe they have more money than you do," he said. "I can spot them and I waste no time with them."

"Everybody has to work; this country doesn't owe anyone a living. I've helped some boys get jobs so they could work and go to school, and some of them have quit after a year or two because they thought it was too hard. But they could work hard and save their money, instead of spending it in beer joints. I know, because I've done it."



FELIX J. TIJERINA

"Education is the Thing"

**MR. TIJERINA**, with his mother and sisters, left the cotton fields and moved to Houston in 1918. He got a job as a street vendor, selling vegetables.

The job as a busboy in the Original Mexican Restaurant, then operated by George Caldwell, came along two years later. He accepted it eagerly, because in a restaurant there was always food for a hungry stomach.

**"I GOT THE** law books as collateral for a loan from a young man who was going into the Army," he explained, "so I thought I might as well read them. I'm interested in Lincoln's law practice, before he was president. I believe he based his practice mostly on the Bible."

Mr. Tijerina started to work at the Original Mexican Restaurant for \$9 a week, working 12 hours a day six days a week. He was promoted to waiter, with a small raise in salary, at the end of his first year.

He stayed there until 1929, when he opened a restaurant of his own in the 1100 block of Main Street.

**THE VENTURE** started out well enough, and in 1933 he married Miss Janie Gonzales. But two years later the depression became too much for the little restaurant, and he was forced to close it.

"I got a job driving a beer truck," he said. "You know, I'm always talking about the importance of education, but there are some educated fools, too. I knew men who were as bad off as I was, but because they had college diplomas they wouldn't drive a beer truck."

(Continued next page)



After 18 months, Mr. Tijerina had saved \$300. He pawned his wife's jewelry to add to the savings and opened a new restaurant in the 1200 block of Westheimer Avenue. Since that time, things have rolled along smoothly, business-wise. He added a curio shop in 1940, a Beaumont restaurant in 1941 and a second Houston restaurant in 1952.

**PEOPLE ARE** always telling me I've got it made," he said. But that isn't true; you never have it made in business until you die or retire."

Among his other business interests, Mr. Tijerina is president of a finance company, but he has led the LULAC in a loud protest against usurious interest rates.

"There's a fellow I'm trying to help now," he said. "He started out getting a little loan from one company, and then he borrowed from another to pay back the first one. Now he owes money to 23 companies. All the payments add up to \$90 a week and he only makes \$85.

Mr. Tijerina covered his face with both hands, in a gesture of despair.

**"THESE PEOPLE,"** he said, "they sign things and they don't know what they're signing. And you can't say that it is the Anglo Americans exploiting the Latins; that isn't it at all; the uneducated ones are just as often exploited by their own people."

"The education is the thing. I have a dream, and the LULAC is working hard on it. If we can just show these people in the small communities that they must not live so much to themselves--that they must join the PTA and the church groups and become a part of the whole community life."

"There are natives of this country who still think of themselves as 'Mexicans' instead of 'Americans'. That is not right; if they are going to live here, they must become Americans, just like the English and the Swedes and French and Italians who have come to this country.

**IF A MAN** comes into my restaurant, I don't think of him as a gringo; he's an American, just as I am."

"I think it will take about 15 years for the dream to come true, if the LULAC keeps working on it, and I hope whoever follows me as regional governor will be as interested as I am, so I can push him.

"We need to see that the young children learn English before they start to school, so they can keep up with the other children and go on through high school."

"In Houston, and other large cities, it isn't so hard. But in the smaller towns and farms communities the Latin Americans stay to themselves too much. Look at Fort Bend County. Thirty-three per cent of the school-age children there are Latin American. And only two Latin Americans graduated from high school in that county last year.

**"IF THE CHILDREN** of the next generation begin living like real Americans when they are very young, they will grow up to be more substantial citizens and there will be fewer on our charity rolls. Even today, you know, the majority of the Latin Americans in Houston earn less than \$50 a week; education can change that."

One of Mr. Tijerina's favorite enterprises is the Junior Forum Community House, with its nursery school. It is in a predominately Latin American neighborhood, and its services are available to all, regardless of financial circumstances.

"I'm interested in all children, though; not just the Latin ones," Mr. Tijerina said.

**HE IS A DIRECTOR** of the Variety Boys' Club, a charter member of the Optimist Club and active in its Boys Harbor, and he has played a large part in youth projects of his Rotary Club.

As for his own children, Mr. Tijerina is already talking about college for Felix Jr., 7, and Janie Belle, 3.

"My children will always feel like Americans," he said firmly. "They do right now." Felix knows the American flag is his flag, and he recites the Pledge of Allegiance every time he sees it.

"He's learning a little Spanish now. I want him, and Janie Belle, too, to learn Spanish when they are a little older. But I want them to know their English well first, so they won't speak it with an accent."

**MRS. TIJERINA** has been her husband's business partner over the years, and she ran the Westheimer Restaurant alone during the two years her husband was in the Air Force during World War II. He was mess sergeant for the officers' mess at Ellington Field.

Even now Mrs. Tijerina takes an active part in the business since her husband devotes a great deal of his time to civic, charity and organizational work of various kinds.

But there is one iron-clad rule in the family: They have all meals together, and they spend their Sundays, starting right after church, at their 50 acre ranch at Sugar Land, very close to the place where Mr. Tijerina was born.

Mr. Tijerina is recognized as an astute businessman, but he feels that the road would have been much easier if he had received more basic training in reading and writing. Lacking that he began years ago to use memory as a substitute.

**MR. TIJERINA** is somewhat in demand as a public speaker, and his listeners have spoken admiringly from time to time, of the extemporaneous quality of his remarks.

Mr. Tijerina is on the Rotary Club rehabilitation committee to advise men being released from prison. And he is largely responsible for the establishment of a day nursery at San Felipe Courts. He said he saw the need for a nursery when he became a director of the Houston Housing Authority three years ago. He started the facility with \$600 from his own pocket and a similar amount donated by the Junior Forum. The nursery now operates as a United Fund agency.

Mr. Tijerina is president of the HHA now, and he is an active emissary for the foreign trade department of the Chamber of Commerce. This summer he has been a member of Mayor Roy Hofheinz' controversial Citizens Charter Committee.

**"WHEN I SAY** these things, it sounds like I'm trying to push myself," Mr. Tijerina protested after he was pressed to list some of his civic works.

"You know I guess I do get to feeling like I'm a big shot sometimes, when I put on my best clothes and go to an important gathering.

"But I have a way of keeping my feet on the ground."

"Up in the top of my closet, where I can see it every time I open the door, is the old union cap I used to wear when I was driving a beer truck."

"So I put on the cap and I say, 'Look, Felix, you're not such a big shot; the cap still fits.'"



# Junior Lulacs elect SANDOVAL

BY DAVID LOPEZ

Tom Sandoval, Baytown, Texas, was elected National President of the Junior League at the Seventh Annual Convention August 19, 20, and 21 held in San Antonio.

Lucy Lopez, Laredo, Texas, was voted to the national vice-presidency by acclamation. Reelected national treasurer was Frank Vasquez, Austin, Texas. Rudy Rodriguez, Bryan, Texas was elected national chaplain.

The meeting was attended by over two hundred Junior Lulacs, forty-six being official delegates. Among the delegates were those from Placentia, California; Carlsbad, New Mexico; and Santa Fe, New Mexico; several hundred miles distant from San Antonio.

Opened by registration, the convention program included guided tours of the Alamo on the afternoon of the 19th., and an informal get-acquainted dance in the evening.

Meetings began the 20th with presentation of credentials in the morning session, and report of the

national officers and of the councils present in the afternoon. A highlight of the convention was the banquet and formal dance on the evening of the 20th. Rachel Cisneros of Houston, Texas, was elected national sweetheart at the formal dance. Mr. Oscar Laurel, National LULAC President, was guest speaker at the afternoon session and at the banquet.

Among the resolutions adopted at the August session was one proposing the study, by the Sr. League, of the feasibility of initiating an intermediate LULAC league. Such league would serve the need of LULAC members graduating from the Jr. League, but considering themselves out-of-place in the more mature Sr. League.

Election of officers and their installation by Immediate Past National President Petra Cisneros was

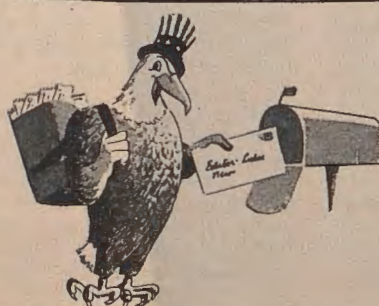
the agenda for the morning session of the last day. Miss Cisneros was named Honorary National President by an acclamation vote.

A picnic at Olmos Park, San Antonio, ended the program planned by the host San Antonio Council, and Paul Elizondo, Convention Chairman and San Antonio Jr. LULAC Council president.

Regulations governing the award of Jr. LULAC scholarships were announced at the convention by Manuel Garza from Austin, chairman of the scholarship committee. Applications must be made directly to the committee, and must include a transcript of the applicant's high school grades. Amount of scholarship will be determined by the committee, and payment will be made directly to the college of the applicant's choice.



**JUNIOR LULAC CHIEFS**-- Tommy Sandoval, left, Baytown, is the new National Junior Lulac President, and Lucy Lopez, Laredo, is the vice-president. (Photo by Esquivel, Laredo)



## LULAC NEWS

NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT

LULAC NEWS NEED your monthly reports of activities. Photographs of outstanding Personalities and articles of mutual interest.



# ★ SUPREME COUNCIL MINUTES ★

PECOS --- The first Supreme Council meeting under the new administration was held Saturday, September 24, 1955 at Pecos Texas.

National Lulac President Oscar M. Laurel presided.

Prayer opening the first session of the Supreme Council meeting was elevated by Brother Alvin G. Padilla of San Antonio, National Chaplain. Jimmy Urquidi, from the Pecos Lulac Council introduced the mayor of Pecos, Texas, Mr. Clem Stafford who welcomed the delegation to the Supreme Council meeting.

In response to Mayor Stafford's words, Brother Alfred L. Hernandez, National Legal Advisor, recognized the mayor's words on Pecos' accomplishments, particularly the fine job Pecos has done in handling 22,000 migratory workers. Brother Hernandez said that the Pecos Council was doing a magnificent job in the city.

Brother Laurel expressed his appreciation for the courtesies extended him by the people of Pecos three years ago. He cited the need of Lulac in the city of Pecos and that the time was proper to rekindle the spirit of Lulac in Pecos. Brother Laurel declared that Pecos needs Lulac and Lulac needs Pecos. He thanked the host councils of Ft. Stockton and Pecos for a wonderful job in preparing everything for the meeting and for the wonderful facilities made available for the meeting.

National Executive Secretary Odilon Arambula of Laredo Texas, proceeded with the roll call of officers. Present were: Oscar M. Laurel, National President; Alfred L. Gonzales, First National Vice-President; Dr. Francisco Licon, National Director of Health; Alvin G. Padilla, National Chaplain; Alfred J. Hernandez, National Legal Advisor; Felix Tijerina, Regional Governor for Texas; Arcenio A. Gonzales, Regional Governor for New Mexico; Felix Garcia, Jr., National Treasurer; Arnulfo Zamora, National Director of Publicity; Howard Ruhlman, Business Manager of LULAC NEWS; and Odilon Arambula, National Executive Secretary. Not present were Frank Pinedo, Immediate Past National President; Mrs. Manuel Matta, Second National Vice-President; Mrs. Emily R. Vasquez, National Director of Youth Activities; Johnny Gallegos, Regional Governor for Arizona; Danny Olivas, Regional Governor for California; L. M. Lopez, Regional Governor for Colorado; and Francisco J. Flores, National Secretary.

## NATIONAL OFFICERS' REPORTS

Alfred L. Gonzalez, National First Vice-President: Brother Alfred reported that due to illness he has been idle. He said that a program spearheaded by Lulacs of the Santa Fe Council in New Mexico bears mention. Brother Alfred reported that 100 Spanish books, through Lulac effort, have been turned over to the schools for use by Spanish-named and other children. He promised a fuller report at the next Supreme Council meeting, declaring that he will make it a point to spread the ideals of Lulac in the state of New Mexico and help with the expansion of the League.

Following Brother Gonzales' report, Brother Laurel, the presiding officer, introduced Brother A. G. Ramirez, District Governor, Texas District No. 1. Also a message of good wishes from District Governor from San Antonio Pete Tijerina was read to the delegates and Supreme Council members by Brother Isidro Flores, Immediate past National Chaplain from San Antonio.

Mrs. Manuel Matta, Second National Vice-President: Mrs. Matta was not present at the Supreme Council meeting, but Brother Laurel read a letter to the group from Mrs. Matta in which she speaks of the high activity in Arizona. She too will continue to direct efforts toward one goal -- expansion of the League.

Francisco J. Flores, National Secretary: Brother Flores was not in attendance, but again the presiding officer read a letter from him in which Brother Flores expresses his best wishes for a successful meeting. In his place, Brother Arambula took the minutes of the meeting.

Alvin G. Padilla, National Chaplain: Brother Padilla praised the work of the National Officers. He reported on numerous projects, pointing out the scholarship program being carried on in San Antonio, Texas. Brother Padilla said that last year 11 scholarships were awarded to graduates of Latin origin. He spoke on a recent membership drive conducted in San Antonio with a goal of 1000 members set by the two competing teams.

Alfred J. Hernandez, National Legal Advisor: After Brother Laurel lauded Brother Hernandez's work as Legal Advisor, Brother Hernandez commented that he felt honored in being re-appointed to such a highly important office. He reported that his office is at the moment confronted with many problems, just as in the past. Frauds and brutalities in such places as Texas City, Texas, Baytown, Texas, and Port Arthur, Texas, in addition

to discrimination practices involving Latin Americans, are some of the problems reported to the Supreme Council by Brother Hernandez, stating that he has checked as to the truth of allegations. These and many other problems are being tackled by his office, he said. In connection with the controversial age limit for the Junior Lulacs, Brother Hernandez reported that he had written an opinion on the matter prior to the Junior Lulac National Convention in San Antonio. He reported that he told the Juniors that the present constitution limits the membership of the organization to young people not older than 18 years. Prior to the amendment to the present constitution, it allowed for participation in Junior work until the age of 21. He concluded that the problem should be discussed further during second session of the Supreme Council meeting on Sunday.

## FILMS AVAILABLE

Dr. Francisco Licon, National Director of Health: Doctor Licon reported that he has been inactive in the past months for very personal reasons -- he was courting a lovely girl and finally won her hand. Dr. Licon reported that he is in a position to distribute films for the layman. These films, he said, are based on medicine and should prove of interest to the general public. He declared that if any Council with the supervision of an area doctor, wanted to show these films, to contact him and he would make arrangements with the area doctor. The films are made available through the courtesy of the Texas Medical Association and the American Academy of General Practice. This, he added, is a new project for the League and one of much importance to us. Dr. Licon said that he makes trips to San Jose Clinic in El Paso twice a week, seeing 30-40 patients at a time, or 60-70 patients weekly, free of charge as a Lulac. He spoke of the Well-Baby Clinic service and on the immunization of various diseases. He said that he will write articles on the latter subject for publication in LULAC NEWS, and said that he has already written two articles but have not been published yet. He said that Mrs. Fred Garcia of San Antonio will work closely with him in the Well-Baby Clinic program.

Mrs. Emily R. Vasquez, National Director of Youth Activities: Mrs. Vasquez was not present because she is at the moment tied up with policewoman work in Houston. She is one of a few women trainees for policewoman work. Therefore she's unable to give more attention to her work.



Arnulfo Zamora, National Director of Publicity: Brother Zamora told the group that the job he holds is probably the hardest there is in the entire organization. He praised the work of Luciano Santoscoy, past Director of Publicity. He told the group that he alone could never handle the job; so Ramon Garces, Sports Editor for the Laredo Times, will handle most of the writing as managing editor. He said that Howard Ruhlman will be the Business Manager and Odilon Arambula, the Executive Secretary, will assist Garces as Contributing Editor. Brother Zamora called on the Supreme Council to supply him with new ideas for the magazine, urging their cooperation in submitting the information from each Council for publication in the magazine. He emphasized that work done by individuals should be put before the Lulac eye, and therefore asked that any information as to his outstanding accomplishments be submitted to his office for publication. He said that in the future issues the magazine will hope to carry articles of outstanding men of Lulac, career planning for young men and women, congressional and legislative developments, and other legal matters.

He said that the accomplishments of the various individuals and council should be placed before the public eye. He urged the Supreme Council members to cooperate in securing the names, addresses and city of all individual members, or council membership rosters, to mail out the magazine to each individuals' home address. Brother Zamora urged all councils to send in their rosters of their membership so they can receive Lulac News. He told the group that the magazine is being published very economically this year, about 20% cheaper. He urged all councils to sponsor of an issue and to secure ads for future issues of the magazine.

Howard Ruhlman, Business Manager of LULAC NEWS: He reported on the financial aspects of the magazine, stating that it will take cooperation from everyone to make the magazine the success intended to be. He said that in the past the small councils have been neglected, with the exception of little news items. He said that this year we should get away from half-ways; send in news and ads, too. He told the delegates that one page of ads entitles you to one page of news. Brother Ruhlman told of the money-making prospects of LULAC NEWS, outlining the different ad rates. He said that every council, large or small, should take pride in the official organ of the organization. He said that each issue of the magazine must have ten pages of ads to defray the expense of printing the magazine, even though it is being printed very cheaply this year. Brother Ruhlman, in conclu-

sion, thanked the host councils of Pecos and Fort Stockton for a wonderful reception.

Following Brother Ruhlman's report, Brother Laurel publicly thanked and appreciated the efforts and cooperation of Brother Luciano Santoscoy, immediate past national Director of Publicity, in connection with his help in finishing LULAC NEWS work left pending after the change of administration, and particularly his publishing the July issue of Lulac News.

Felix Garcia, Jr., National Treasurer: Brother Garcia reported that no financial statement was ever turned over to him by the old administration. Brother Garcia continued with his report on the financial standing of the organization. The report need not be published here because weeks ago a complete report on the financial condition of the League was sent out to every council in the League by the National Treasurer.

Following the report from the National Treasurer, Brother Hernandez, Legal Advisor, moved to recess the meeting in order to meet a 6 p. m. date. It was seconded by Brother Padilla and the motion carried unanimously. Brother Laurel recessed the meeting until 10 a. m. Sunday. The meeting was recessed at 5:13 p. m.

## SECOND SESSION STARTS

The second session of the Supreme Council meeting got underway at 10:45 a. m. with prayer said by Brother Isidro Flores.

Brother Laurel asked for reports from the Regional Governors.

Arcenio A. Gonzales, Regional Governor for New Mexico: Brother Gonzales explained the district organization in the state of New Mexico. He cited two big accomplishments -- the appointment of state officers to secure better running results in the organization in New Mexico, Timmy Solano, District 2. He reported on the organization of two new councils at Belen and Las Lunas. He reported that Peter Franco had been appointed a district governor for the Artesia and Roswell area. Brother Gonzales said that at the Regional Convention in Las Vegas, New Mexico, a car will be raffled. He said that sale of tickets has been promised by the councils, some willing to sell up to 500 each. He said that money derived from the raffle will secure funds for Regional offices expenditures and thus avoid bothering the National Office. He also reported that a "Back to School" week was observed in Las Vegas with the Lulacs doing plenty of work. The Las Vegas Council sponsored the event which witnessed some 2200 children

participating. He also mentioned the "Cowboy's Reunion" and the "Queen for a Day" radio program, pointing out that the council participated in these two undertakings. He added that Junior Lulacs in New Mexico are coming along fine, stating that the "Juniors are doing a good job in Las Vegas." He extended a warm invitation to the Supreme Council officers and delegates to visit Las Vegas during the Regional Convention there. He reported that a new Junior Lulac council had been recently organized, starting out with 17 members and today numbers 37 members. Brother Gonzalez recommended to the Supreme Council to consider having a National Banner for Lulac. He said more of the banner will be heard at the next Supreme Council meeting, and meanwhile he will provide Brother Laurel with a photostatic copy of such banner for his approval. He reported that as Regional Governor he has assigned each district governor in New Mexico a quota of three new councils in each district. He added that this should produce some more new councils in the League and comply with the wishes of the National President is pulling for the expansion of the League. He thanked the host councils of Pecos and Ft. Stockton at the conclusion of his fine report.

Brother Peter Franco, Eastern New Mexico District Governor, added some to Brother Gonzales' report, stating that great progress has been seen in Artesia, Carlsbad, and Roswell. He cited the Junior Lulac work in that area, declaring that these Juniors will become better senior Lulacs in the future. He said that at the next Supreme Council meeting he will offer a complete and fuller report on his activities, especially on Junior Lulac work.

Brother Laurel, at this time expressed his appreciation to Brother Gonzales and Brother Franco for a good job being done in New Mexico.

Felix Tijerina, Regional Governor for Texas; He thanked the host councils, stating that hospitality provided for the visiting members of the Supreme Council was wonderful. "We'll go a long way before they can put up what Pecos and Ft. Stockton did for us this weekend," Brother Tijerina declared. He reported that he too is working for the expansion of the League. He will visit, as has been done in the past, councils in Texas to promote League expansion. He lauded the work of Brother Tony Campos in regard with League expansion, especially the work done at Lubbock and Levelland. He added that the National Office needs the help of all councils and cooperation to lift it from its financial problem. He expressed his willingness to help the front office in any way possible. He said that the organization



must find new means of securing revenue to defray the expense of men like those present who must travel to iron out the problems of the League. He cited the need of Lulac in many communities and said that more meetings such as the one here was needed badly to solve our problems. He cited the need of more ladies councils, stating that the ladies can help Lulac a lot. He told the group to return home and tell the home councils just what took place at the Supreme Council meeting. "Tell 'em to work hard, to sleep, talk, and preach Lulac," Brother Tijerina said. The front office is doing a wonderful job; let's get behind them, he said.

Brother Laurel thanked Brother Tijerina for an inspiring report, stating that the organization needed men like him who did such high-caliber kind of work.

Brother Laurel, then reported on behalf of Brother Danny Olivas, Regional Governor for California, who was not present. Expansion activity in California is going great and still picking up, with the newest council established being Buena Park, California, both a senior and a junior council.

On behalf of Johnny Gallegos, Regional Governor for Arizona, Brother Laurel reported that Brother Gallegos and Mrs. Matta have promised to coordinate further expansion work in the state of Arizona.

On behalf of L. M. Lopez, Regional Governor for Colorado, the presiding chairman, Brother Laurel, reported that the Denver, Colorado Council is very active and doing a splendid job, particularly in their publication of a LULAC NEWS-LETTER. With Brother Ray Gomez as President of the Denver Council, Brother Laurel told the meeting, the Council is doing much to spread the work of Lulac in that area. Brother Laurel expressed the hope that Regional Governor Lopez be present at the next meeting of the Supreme Council. Brother Laurel added that in the very near future, according to Brother Lopez, Lulac will expand to the state of Wyoming with possibly the organization of two new councils. A more exact report on expansion in the Colorado-Wyoming area, according to word received by the presiding officer from Brother Lopez, will be presented at the Next Supreme Council meeting.

The presiding chairman announced that Albert Armendariz, past National President, had been appointed to head work in connection with the expansion of the League. Brother Laurel disclosed that since the June 12 National Convention in Galveston, Texas, five new councils had been organized. The new

councils organized are Fabens, which was actually organized under the past administration but installed under the present administration; Canutillo Council. Bryan Ladies Council, Buena Park Senior and Junior Councils. In addition, Brother Laurel expressed that by the end of the year five more councils should flourish in California.

Brother Laurel then said that in connection with the work being done in the Lubbock area and the installation of the Levelland Council, all honor was due Brother Tony Campos for his outstanding contribution to the League in working for the expansion of the same. Brother Laurel declared that Brother Campos had been appointed as chairman of Committee on Labor.

Brother Tony Campos: Brother Campos cited Brother A. G. Ramirez, District Governor Texas District No. 1, as an instrumental factor in the awarding of Lulac scholarships to Spanish-named high school graduates in Lubbock and Levelland area. Brother Campos added the District Governor had taken a big part in the recently-staged membership drive. He reported that the district attorney in Lubbock County attended a meeting of the Council, whose president is Brother Leonel Galindo, and the DA was simply astounded by the work being done by the Council in that city. Brother Campos spoke of a "Back to School" drive launched in Lubbock under the auspices of the Lubbock Council, stating that it proved of great help in getting the kids back to school. Brother Campos, a past chairman of the committee on employment, reporting on his work as chairman of the committee on labor, said that he had gladly accepted the position bestowed upon him by the National President recently. He spoke of the present migratory labor movement in Texas, and the State is to take steps to foster, promote and improve the working condition of these men. He declared that he has done some traveling throughout Arkansas, Texas and parts of Louisiana in connection with MEXICAN labor in these United States, which is a pet subject of his office. He cited the need for more education among our people "to enrich the life of the individual." He urged full support of back to school and scholarship movements. Adding to his labor report, Brother Campos said that the Texas legislature will soon name a committee which will more than likely include Lulacs to handle the situation. He added that he will appoint a committee to assist him in handling the numerous labor problems in an effort to assure all children a much better life. He said that labor affects many of our children and cited the need for leadership in tackling the problems facing us in this regard. He assured

the Supreme Council that he will do his utmost in carrying out his duties and offered his full cooperation to the National Office in anything.

### DISCRIMINATION CITED

Isodoro Flores, Immediate Past National Chaplain, reporting for Brother Pete Tijerina of San Antonio, praised the work and high principles of the National President, Oscar M. Laurel. Brother Flores conveyed a sincere and warm message of good wishes to the Supreme Council from Brother Tijerina, who was unable to attend. According to Brother Tijerina, Brother Flores said that the New Braunfels Council has a fine leader in the person of Brother Moses Hernandez. Brother Flores said that recently the New Braunfels Council assisted with food, clothing and money some 50 Latin Americans who were involved in a truck accident. In a letter read by Brother Flores, Brother Tijerina urged the Supreme Council to recognize the work done by the New Braunfels Council. Brother Flores, according to Brother Tijerina, reported that Comfort, Texas was in need of Lulac, and urged the Supreme Council to inquire with S. M. Rios in that city in regard with discrimination there. Brother Flores, reading from Brother Tijerina's letter, reported that discrimination at Castroville had even spread to the Church, the Home of God. He said that he had made ten trips to New Braunfels and five to Castroville to look into the problem. According to Brother Tijerina, Brother Flores said that in Guadalupe County discrimination against Latins is a terrific problem, the thing including refusal of service at eating places. He reported Lulac movement in Floresville considerably slow; he added that a new ladies council was in the making in San Antonio. He too offered his full cooperation in anything, stating that the Lulac organization in San Antonio is one which bears watching.

Brother Flores told the membership drives in San Antonio had increased the membership from 35%-40% than last year at this same time. He said that the councils are planning on a Poll Tax campaign. He said that City Councilman Joe Olivares has accepted the chairmanship to head the drive to urge all Lulacs, families and friends to secure their poll taxes.

Brother Laurel thanked Brother Flores for a fine report, commending him for his contributions to the League. Brother Flores responded with "Lulac is first with me, never last."

The presiding chairman then told the Supreme Council members of his appointments made as National President.



Brother Hernandez, National Legal Advisor, declared that the National President has the authority to appoint, with the approval of the Supreme Council. The presiding chairman then proceeded to name the members constituting the Supreme Council, those elected and those appointed. He placed them for ratification by the Supreme Council.

Brother Felix Tijerina moved and Dr. Licon seconded a motion to confirm the appointments collectively. Appointed by the National President on June 25, 1955, and approved by the Supreme Council are: Alvin G. Padilla, National Chaplain; Alfred J. Hernandez, National Legal Advisor; Arnulfo Zamora, National Director of Publicity; Francisco J. Flores, National Secretary; Felix Garcia, Jr., National Treasurer; Howard Ruhlman, Business Manager LULAC NEWS; and Odilon Arambula, Executive Secretary.

The latter two officers, Executive Secretary and Business Manager, were confirmed after Dr. Licon moved and Brother Felix Tijerina, Regional Governor for Texas of Houston, seconded the motion. Both were unanimously approved by Supreme Council vote.

The presiding chairman then presented the Supreme Council with a letter from Vincent Gongora, secretary of the Galveston Council, addressed to Frank Rodriguez, of Pecos, which read as follows:

"In accordance with Section 1, Article 11 of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Lulac, Lulac Council 151 wishes to submit for the consideration of the Supreme Council our nominations to honorary membership of Armando Gonzalez and Reynaldo Gonzales.

"These two men have been of great service to this group, especially in connection with our baseball team which has been instrumental in increasing the membership of this group by at least fifty per cent.

"Favorable action on this request would be appreciated. We wish you much success in your meeting. Fraternally yours, (Signed) Vincent Gongora, Sec."

Zamora seconded to accept these two men as honorary members.

The National Legal Advisor stated that the Supreme Council was deviating from the Constitution in bestowing such an honor to such fine men. He declared then honorary membership is set aside for only those very outstanding individuals who have done something which bears great merit. He said that in the case of the two Galveston men, there was no doubt that they were doing a fine thing in helping to increase membership; but if

the Supreme Council were to accept them as honorary members, then many others would be honorary members since in the League today there are thousands who are contributing in some way to increase the membership of their respective councils.

At this point, Dr. Licon proposed that the applications made for the two men from Galveston for honorary membership be postponed until further information on them be secured, as to why they cannot be active members and as to their other accomplishments. Dr. Licon moved to table the motion. It was seconded by Brother Alvin G. Padilla. The Supreme Council voted to table the motion originally made by Brother Padilla and which had been seconded by Brother Zamora.

The presiding chairman then asked the National Legal Advisor to further explain in written form the Constitution section referring to honorary membership. His more clear interpretation of this provision in the Constitution would be sent to all councils in the League.

The National Legal Advisor, referring to the section in the constitution dealing with participating membership, explained that if there is any special reason why a person cannot be affiliated with a council, those persons should be granted a participating membership. The presiding chairman then reported on the Buena Park, California Council roster and their dues, stating that dues were not sent for two of their members. Benito Porras and Nellie Porras. Brother Laurel reported that both members were seeking membership in the Buena Park Council as participating members. He said that the National Secretary Francisco J. Flores inquired into the situation and learned that both members are not U. S. citizens, but had filed their declaration of intension.

Following this brief report, Brother Zamora moved and Dr. Licon seconded the motion to approve of them as participating members. The Buena Park Council was to be advised of the decision at the Supreme Council meeting.

On the controversial subject of the age limit for Junior Lulacs, a problem discussed during the first session of the Supreme Council meeting on Saturday, Brother Laurel said that under the constitution 18 year olds are no longer a part of the activities of Junior Lulac. The previous constitution allowed them to continue with the Juniors until the age of 21. The presiding officer asked for a clarification on the matter and turned the problem to the National Legal Advisor.

Brother Hernandez said that the age limit situation, he feared, might cause a breakdown of Junior Lulac throughout the League. He said

that during the 1955 National Convention of Junior Lulacs, he wrote an opinion to the Juniors on the age limit. Brother Hernandez added that the Juniors felt their membership in the organization should continue until their 21st birthday.

Discussion on the matter followed. Brother Arcenio A. Gonzalez, Regional Governor for New Mexico, said that a teenager of 18 years is not mature enough to join an organization of older members. He recommended that the constitution be amended at the next National Convention to reinstate the age limit for Juniors in the Junior Lulacs to 21 years.

Brother Zamora said that 18 year olds are eligible to fight and die for their country and therefore are eligible to sit at meetings and other functions with older men. He cited the need for young blood in the senior organization and hoped that this touchy problem would be solved once and for all.

Brother Hernandez, reporting on the Junior Lulac Convention in San Antonio, said that the seniors have a grave responsibility to the Juniors. He said that the seniors should be greatly concerned with the activities of the Juniors, particularly at the National gatherings since the Juniors were out of hand during the latest National Convention. He pointed out that this was something to think about and cope with, if the League is to retain its charter. He urged support of the 18 year old age limit.

District Governor of New Mexico Pete Franco expressed his great interest in Junior Lulacs. He proposed a new organization for those young men and women between the age of 18 and 21. This, he said, will avoid any problem since the age limit is set at 18 for the Juniors and a Junior cannot join the seniors until he is 21. Brother Franco expressed his love for the Juniors, citing the many good things done by them in the state of New Mexico.

Brother Alfred L. Gonzales, first National Vice-President, expressed that the age limit set for the Juniors will lead to the ruin of a fine Junior Lulac program throughout the League.

Brother Felix Tijerina, Regional Governor for Texas, said the Juniors' behavior at the 1955 National Convention was due to lack of supervision. He said that supervision is what the Juniors need to keep them out of any trouble and admitted San Antonio's failure to provide adequate supervision at the time. He urged the Supreme Council to set a good example for the Juniors and urged all councils to supervise all Junior activity in their towns.

Brother Alvin G. Padilla, Nation-



al Chaplain, told the group that in San Antonio clean-cut boys and girls comprise the membership in Junior Lulac. He said that the behavior of some boys and girls at the National Convention may have been shameful, but that it was hard to supervise in San Antonio due to lack of cooperation in the area of Lulac activities. He also said that the age limit problem is something to consider very seriously and it should be settled for good.

Brother Laurel expressed the League's obligation to the Juniors and said that everything should be done to satisfy their wishes, especially in connection with the troublesome age limit imposed on them.

Brother Arcenio Gonzales moved and Dr. Licon seconded to have the National President appoint a committee to investigate the Junior Lulacs age limit problem and for this committee to present its recommendations at the 1956 National Convention at El Paso, Texas. The Supreme Council voted unanimously on this motion.

The presiding chairman appointed Alfred J. Hernandez, the National Legal Advisor, to act as chairman of the committee. Others appointed to the committee are Pete Franco, Felix Tijerina, Isidoro Flores, Danny Olivas, Mrs. Emily R. Vasquez, Mrs. Manuel Galindo, of Las Vegas, Tommy Sandoval, Junior Lulac National President, Mrs. Manuel Matta and Joe Briones of Carlsbad, New Mexico.

Brother Laurel informed the group that the Houston Ladies Council had submitted four names to a last year Supreme Council meeting, but the past administration, somehow, never got to it. As unfinished business the names of Mrs. Felix Tijerina, Mrs. Emily R. Vasquez, Mrs. R. E. (Bob) Smith, and Mrs. Johnny Herrera were brought up before the Supreme Council for consideration. Dr. Licon moved and Brother Felix Tijerina seconded a motion to act on these applications, those made by Houston and Galveston, until further information can be obtained regarding the applicants as to their contributions to the League. It was unanimously adopted.

Brother Laurel then emphasized that the Houston and Galveston councils should realize that the action taken by the Supreme Council is by no means a rejection to their applications. The Supreme Council simply wants more information on each individual, and the information should be furnished by the respective councils.

Ben Gallegos, President Ft. Stockton Council, made an inquiry as to the legality of having women join men in one mixed council.

Dr. Licon expressed that joint meetings were okayed under the constitution but it does not provide for mixed councils. He said that at the meets the council could have alternation of officers, one time the male presiding and another the female president. Brother Laurel declared that the constitution does not prohibit the mixed membership in councils, citing several instances in California where some mixed councils exist. He then asked the Legal Advisor if there was any legal objection in the matter of mixed councils.

Brother Hernandez, referring to the constitution, answered that it was perfectly legal to have mixed councils, but that in joining a men & ladies council, it would be necessary to cancel one of the charters and operate under one charter. Brother Arcenio Gonzales added that joint meetings were fine and that from a public relations standpoint it was better to have two councils. However, he said that it was up to the individual councils to decide on the matter.

Brother Arcenio Gonzales recommended to the Supreme Council to inform the world books, or encyclopedia publishers, of the Lulac organization. He said that the organization is not mentioned in such books and we should let them know we exist.

Brother Laurel appointed Brother Gonzales to look into the matter.

Brother Tijerina, talking on fund-raising projects, suggested to the Supreme Council to consider a contest to select a Lulac National Queen, with each council putting up a candidate at one penny a vote. The winner would receive a brand new 1956 Ford automobile, plus \$200 for a trip to Monterrey and Mexico City. He said that each council would have to put up a candidate. He said that he himself will furnish the Automobile! He added that the thing would involve a big coronation ceremony, a big dance and celebrities to preside at the coronation. This, he said would be a nice way to help the National Office financially and thus enable it to get out of a rough position. Brother Tijerina added that such a project could be successful since at Edna, Texas, such a contest at a penny a vote netted \$1,500. Each candidate would solicit votes at one penny each. Brother Tijerina urged the Supreme Council to back the National Office, stating that the organization is just too big for one or two or three men to carry the load. He urged the cooperation of everyone in helping to bring the League up to par. Brother Padilla moved to accept the proposition made by Brother Tijerina. The motion was seconded by Dr. Licon and the assembly passed it unanimously.

Brother Tijerina added that after the money has been raised, it will go to the district and regional offices also, to be spent for the good and welfare of the League, for promotion. He said that the funds would be earmarked for expansion work, in helping the district and regional governors conduct their activities properly.

This was followed by a proposal by Brother Pete Franco to give Brother Tijerina a big hand for his generous offer. The Supreme Council members and delegates present stood and gave Brother Tijerina a standing ovation.

Dr. Licon proposed that all information and rules regarding the queen contest be assembled and passed out to all the councils in the League. The presiding chairman did not call for a vote on this matter; he said it would be done.

Brother Padilla suggested that some kind of consolation prize be made available for the council sponsoring the winning lady, and also consolation prizes for the other contestants.

Brother Franco then stood and declared that he will provide the information as to how to conduct the contest.

Still on the subject of fund-raising projects, Brother Laurel told the Supreme Council of the offer made to Lulac by the Galveston-Houston Brewery, Inc., distributors of the Southern Select Beer. Brother Laurel read the contract to the Supreme Council members. It was discussed at length. Brother Howard Ruhlman, Business Manager of LULAC NEWS, said that it will be detrimental to the League if the organization was to endorse such an item. Brother Arcenio A. Gonzales then moved and Dr. Licon seconded a motion to reject the offer. Brother Tony Campos added that the Lubbock area is dry country and it would be of no help to them.

The offer was unanimously rejected by the Supreme Council.

Brother Zamora declared that it was okay for the organization to advertise beer in LULAC NEWS.

Brother Padilla declared that the organization should not argue to advertise beer in the magazine, but argue against it.

Brothers Laurel, Ruhlman, and Licon, all three, voiced their opinions that if a beer advertisement was paid, it was fine and dandy. Brother Franco suggested that LULAC NEWS be mailed in bulk bundles to avoid postage expense. Brother Laurel said that the National Office was already committed to mailing the magazine individually.

(Cont. on page 12)





## Placentia, Calif.

The Placentia Council No. 174 heard a report on the Olympic Fund Drive during their August 15 meeting and a report was given on the convention in Texas during the August 29 meeting.

A letter from Bill Schroeder, head of Helms Olympic Foundation was read at the first meeting. Other business included sponsorship of one Junior Lulac delegate to the National Convention.

At the second meeting, called to order by President Rudy Rodriguez, Lupe Tovar and Edmundo Ponce reported on the convention. Regional Governor reported on the Olympic Fund banquet.



Twenty-seven members were present at July 12 meeting of Council No. 90 of Denver. Dave Mendez, one of the students sent to Colorado State Columbine School, gave a brief report on what he and other students did during the short schooling which was held at Regis College this year.

Lawrence Griego reported on the August 6, dance.

Members of the Council voted in favor of the executive committee having meetings before the regular council meeting. Raymond Gomez suggested that more of the members be present at these meetings.

Guests at the meetings were Evangeline Chavez, Mr. and Mrs. Chuy Ruiz, and Phillip Gomez, recently discharged from the Air Force.

Raymond Gomez won the \$6.50 in the pot. Manuel Gomez suggested that the National dues be paid beginning July 1.

Dr. Bustamante, Lino Lopez and Manuel Gomez were named to read the by-laws at the next meeting.

## El Campo, Texas

During a special meeting Sept. 11, it was reported that a Fiesta gave the Council a net profit of \$585.25. The meeting was for the purpose of paying for the scholarships given to Genaro Cardenas and Joe Munoz, who will attend Southwestern Business University and University of Texas, respectively.

Conrado Cardenas, treasurer, reported that the Council has \$1,891.55 in the treasury.

Brother Munoz received a check for \$200 and a loan of \$500 to continue his studies at the University of Texas. Interest on the note is 6.5%.

The "area meeting" which is to be held in the future was discussed. The meeting will include councils from Houston to Corpus Christi. El Campo Council No. 170 was named guest council by the National President.

November 11, 1955 was named as the tentative date for the area meeting. A committee of three members will select the site.

## Fabens, Texas

The Fabens Council No. 265 voted a \$300 scholarship for a deserving Fabens High School or neighboring town senior during their Sept. 20 meeting at which time twenty-one members were present.

The Board of Directors with the aid of the local superintendent will select the candidate for the scholarship and it is subject to approval by two-thirds of the members of the council.

The Fabens Council also has scheduled two dances; one for Nov. 12 and another for December 25.

New members initiated at the Sept. 6 meeting were Manuel Caudillo, M. J. Orozco and A. Ornelas.

During the Aug. 16 meeting, seven new members were initiated by the Fabens Council. They were: Santos Vasquez, Francisco Hurtado, Rosalio Galavaiz, Bernardo Chacon, David Sanchez, Frank Estrada, and Alex Villalobos.



The Ladies Council No. 232 of Los Alamos heard Lt. Jesse Rose of the Los Alamos Police Department and Wendell Mangis of AEC speak on the Family YMCA currently being organized in Los Alamos.

The Council is striving to obtain a 100 per cent enrollment in this organization.

Other business of the council included plans to sell \$250 worth of tickets on a car to obtain funds for the New Mexico Lulacs.

The Toastmistress Club of Los Alamos extended an invitation to all Council members to attend an informal gathering in the near future.



Reports of offices and committees and disposing of a charity case was the feature of the Houston Ladies Council No. 22 September 8.

Mrs. Emma Laing and Miss Esther Contreras were introduced as visitors and later the application of Miss Contreras was ready and accepted.

Miss Adele Villareal reported that the picnic of Sept. 4 was a success. A report on the Neptune Holiday was made. Miss Flores reported on a banquet of Sept. 1.

A report was made on the presentation Dance. It was announced that candidates for the Rey Feo contest have been getting a lot of publicity.

A man from Corpus Christi who claimed he was separated from his wife wanted aid in caring for his seven children. It was arranged to have the Council pay for maid service for two weeks, provided it would not be over \$20 a week. The man needed someone to stay with the children five days a week.





**FIRST TICKET BOUGHT** ---- Tony Campos, fourth from left, buys the first ticket on a give-away program to raise funds for the Council Scholarship fund. Shown here, left to right, are Vice-President Saul O. Sanchez, Treasurer Gilberto Rosas, Carlos Quirino, Campos, Rudy Baex, and Juan Costilla, president of the Levelland Council.



**NEW LULAC COUNCIL** — The Levelland, Texas Council No. 268, which was organized May 22, 1955 is among the new councils in the organization. Shown here are, left to right, front, Sec. Abel Suniga, Juan Castillo, president; and District Governor Ramirez. Members are Jose Saenz, A. Coronado, Geraldo Loa, O. Deleon, J. Flores, J. Escaldon, A. Zamora, L. Castro, and S. H. Sandoval.

#### SUPREME COUNCIL MINUTES

(Continued from page 10)

to avoid any one person from going around delivering them. It simplified matters by having the magazine mailed to each individual at his doorstep or mail box.

Brother Laurel told the Supreme Council members and delegates that he was highly-interested in Pecos and Ft. Stockton. He said that the National Office is looking forward to being of service to the Lulacs in that area. He extended his gratitude for a fine reception, and on

behalf of the Supreme Council, he thanked the host councils for the use of the meeting facilities.

Brother Alfred Gonzales, Second National Vice-President, inquired about hospitalization insurance, stating that it was badly needed in the state of New Mexico. Brother Laurel explained that the insurance problem is being investigated. Brother Tony Campos told the members of the Supreme Council to consider Lubbock as site of the next Supreme Council meeting.

Brother Laurel told the meeting of future area meetings at which

**LUBBOCK** --- District Attorney Travis Shelton of Lubbock told Lulac Council No. 263 during a special program recently that he was 100 percent for Lulacs.

Explaining that the organization helps citizens learn and comply with their obligations to their country and their community, District Attorney Shelton also added that he "never dreamed such an organization as Lulac existed".

He said that it was the first time that he had ever met with a group of Latin Americans in Lubbock.



**LUBBOCK D.A. SPEAKS TO COUNCIL**  
Lubbock Lulac Council No. 263 heard District Attorney Travis Shelton speak during a meeting recently. The District Attorney said that he never dreamed such an organization as Lulacs existed, and he was with it 100 percent. Shown here, left to right, are Secretary Jose Jimenez, President Leonel Galindo, Dist. Attorney Shelton, and Treasurer Gilbert Rosas.

**LEVELLAND** --- One of the most ambitious of the new Lulac Councils in the national organization is Levelland, Texas Council No. 268, which was organized May 22, 1955.

The Lubbock Council presented the Levelland Council with its charter on August 28, 1955.

Abel Zuniga, secretary of the council, reports that the new council is "sailing high". In a letter to National Director of Publicity A. Zamora, Zuniga sends regards to all councils via Lulac News.



time panel discussions will be held to tackle the many problems of the League in that particular area. He said that November 11-12 is the tentative date for an area meeting at El Campo, Texas. He said that the meetings will shift to other areas, pointing out that his aim was to contact the small councils.

With no further business to transact at the time, the presiding chairman, Brother Oscar M. Laurel, the National President from Laredo, adjourned the first Supreme Council meeting under the new administration at 1:45 p. m.



# 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 collected 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.



CONGRATULATIONS TO

National President

OSCAR M. LAUREL

AND TO ALL

Lulac National Officers

ZAPATA COUNTY

J. M. BRAVO, COUNTY JUDGE



Salazar, Felix Jr.  
8406 Leander  
Houston, Tex.

BULK RATE  
U. S. POSTAGE  
**PAID**  
LAREDO, TEXAS  
PERMIT No. 19

---

---

*A Timely Reminder . . . .*

BROTHER LULACS

YOUR PRIVILEGE AND DUTY AS CITIZENS

PAY YOUR

POLL TAX

NOW!

---

---