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FRONT COVER -- The 1956 convention of the League of United Latin American Citizens has been fortunate in securing as main speaker of the banquet Judge Harold R. Medina, federal circuit judge of New York City. Judge Medina needs no introduction to Lulacs. He became known internationally during the trial of 11 Communist leaders. A biographical sketch of Judge Medina appears in today's issue of Lulac News.

# Editorial

We would like to point out the importance of attendance at the 27th annual national convention of Lulac.

There should not be any reason why an attendance of 90 percent of the councils in the organization, if not a perfect 100 percent, should not be achieved at the national convention which will be held in El Paso in June. In the past conventions there has been an attendance of about 60 percent of the councils. This is good, but it could be better.

The coming convention will be one of the most important in the history of the organization. After 27 years of activity there have been many accomplishments. More will come.

The councils that attend this year's convention will be part of history in the making because they are the ones that will decide the trend that Lulac policy will take in the years to come.

One of the most important things that will be decided at this convention will be the slate of officers that will lead the organization for the coming year. It is important who leads an organization because the progressiveness or lack of it in the leaders is reflected on the whole League.

Besides this, each council that attends the convention will get an opportunity to meet with other council members to discuss their problems in person. There will be seminars and discussion groups. There, of course, will be the usual amount of social functions which are also all-important in developing better relations between council members.

Delegates and members that attend the convention at El Paso will have an opportunity to meet, with fellow Lulacs from Texas, California, New Mexico, Arizona, Colorado and from wherever nook and corner of the U. S. they come from.

It has been announced that among the important seminars that will be conducted will be on narcotics and dope addiction, specially in reference to youth problems; federal and state fair employment practices programs; governmet participation in both local, state, and federal level. There will also be problems of interest to the councils such as "How the Problem of Finances can be Solved."

There will also be discussions on legislation pertaining to transportation of migrating groups, a very serious problem in most every state in the union.

Another important problem that will come under discussion will be that of budget and monetary problems of the League.

In short, it is important that every council attend the national convention because it is the place where members bring their problems for open dicussion and select the policies that will in the end provide solutions for those problems.

# VAINGLORY

By GEORGE J. GARZA, PH. D. Past Lulac National President Guatemala, C. A.

(WRITER'S NOTE: The Epistle quoted below and an editorial written by the writer in August, 1953 and reprinted in the July, 1955 issue of Lulac News provided the thought in this article. It is hoped that the principle contained in this thought may remain impressed in the minds of those who would profess to labor individually or collectively in behalf of the whole).

"Let us not be desirous of vainglory, provoking one another, envying one another . . .

Bear one another's burdens, and so you will fulfill the laws of Christ (the principles of Lulac as well). For if anyone thinks himself to be something, whereas he is nothing, he deceives himself. But let everyone test his own work, and so he will have glory in himself only, and not in comparison with another . . . For what a man sows, that he will also reap."

It is but an innate trait of human nature that one should feel a deep sense of satisfaction in a job well done. It is beyond human reason to expect a person to overlook or ignore with exaggerated modesty the overt approval and praise of the public which his unselfish labors have merited. The desire for recognition and approval is one of the greatest motivating factors in a human being. The fact that there exists individual differences in the intensity and scope of desire for recognition does not preclude the existence. of that desire in individuals. This trait is healthy and beneficial in so far as it provides an incentive for the individual to strive for that which is worthwhile and meritorious. However, the danger point is reached when that desire for recognition is carried into the realm of vaingloriousness.

Vainglory is defined as "excessive pride in one's own performances and attainments, as shown in undue elation and boasting; a vounting of oneself." This point of vaingloriousness is most often reached by those who have done the least and whose efforts are widely spaced. It is a personal recognition of their short-comings which cause individuals to resort to vainglory to make up through boasting and self adulation for the meagerness of their work. Even then this would be permissible if these persons would be content to confine the feigned scope and influences of their efforts to themselvs. Unfortunately, such is not the case. These

vainglory worshippers foist upon the people their spurous accomplishments which are based on trivial efforts, but embellished by wild imaginations.

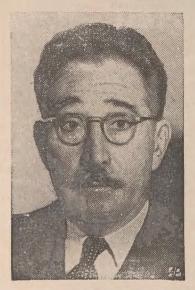
It is quite easy to ascertain those who fall into the group of vainglory seekers. A definite mark of identification for the type is the excessive use of the personal pronouns "I" and "My". Their ego-centric natures will not permit them to envision anything in terms of cooperation and teamwork. Any reference to their efforts or relationships is in terms of "I did this", "I control that", "My work", and "My area or my group". In their minds they have taken their meager efforts and translated them into monumental accomplishments and accepted the friendship and cooperation of the people as indications of their far-flung influence and control over their fellowmen.

A vainglory advocate is not interested or cognizant of the means employed to reach his goal, nor is he concerned for the ramifications of his pursuit. He is only concerned with the ends, which bring about his own personal glory; which satisfy the yearnings of his selfish and egotistical personality. In his own mind, and based on erroneous data, he has built himself into something which he is not. He seeks glory in himself whereas glory comes from without, and not in comparison with others.

It is a must that these vainglory seekers be identified for what they are before they are able to pull the wool over the eyes of sincere well-meaning persons; before the baring of their false veneer brings skepticism to trusting souls. It must be made clear that vainglory brings jealousy, provocations where none should occur, changes in personalities, deviations from lofty principles, betrayal of oaths, irrationality, and merciless tugs of war for power and control.

It is very easy to look back upon the history of Lulac and to discover the difference between the work of vainglory seekers and the true Lulacs. What are the evident traces of progressive work of the former? What accomplishments have they left to posterity? They flashed across the Lulac horizon like meteors giving out a false light that loomed radiant and then left the organization in total darkness. They reached their false pinacle of glory but in their path they left chaos, disruption, disillusionment and amptiness. They sacrificed their principles and the confidence of those who would follow them for a moment of glory that was fleeting and is no more. "Let us not be desirous of vainglory . . . but let everyone test his own work . . . for what a man sows, that he will also reap."

# - Judge Harold Medina



JUDGE HAROLD MEDINA

HAROLD R. MEDINA wos born in Brooklyn, New York, February 16, 1888, attended Public School No. 44 in Brooklyn, Holbrook Military Academy in Ossining, took highest honors in French on his graduation Phi Beta Kappa from Princeton in 1909 and won the Ordronneaux Prize for highest standing in his class on graduation from Columbia Law School in 1912. He now holds the honorary degrees of Doctor of Laws, Doctor of Letters, Doctor of Education, Doctor of Humane Letters and Doctor of Civil Law from various universities, and is a Fellow of The American Academy of Arts and Scien-

There never had been a Lawyer on either side of his parents' families and the struggle to get a foothold in the profession in the early days consisted in working about 14 hours a day at all sorts of miscellaneous jobs. While he was a clerk in one of the large New York law offices, he was writing articles and definitions of legal terms for the new International Encyclopedia, preparing a new edition of a well-known lawyers' manual, and he started his famous course of lectures preparing students to take the New York Bar examination.On top of all this he accepted a call from Harlan F. Stene, then Dean of Columbia Law

# A Biographical Sketch . . .

School and later Chief Justice of the United States, to teach in Columbia Law School on a part-time basis.

His natural tendency toward independence and self reliance led him to start his own small law office in 1918 and by the time he went on the bench in 1947, the law firm of Medina and Sherpick had grown to substancial proportions, with many partners and associates and a large group of stenographers and miscellaneous assistants.

At Columbia Law School, where he was Associate Professor of Law, his principal subjects were Pleading and Practice and Federal Jurisdiction and Procedure, although he occasionally took over, when other professors were ill, and taught Common Law Pleading, Wills and Administration, Domestic Relations and Evidence.

Always principally engaged in court work, his professional experience until in his 40's was largely in the fields of preparing briefs and making arguments in appellate courts. In 1932, however, when he was engaged in his first big criminal trial, the prosecution of the officers of the Bank of United States, it was found that he had some talent for jury trials and a very considerable part of his time in the next 10 or 15 years was devoted to that particular type of tria! work. The continuous, roundthe-clock sort of work required for jury trials made it necessary for him to give up both his teaching at Columbia Law School and his bar examination class which, in the intervening years, had contributed to the legal training of a very substantial proportion of those admitted to the Ear in the State of New York.

When to his surprise and without any political support whatever, Judge Medina was made a United State District Judge on July 1, 1947, by President Truman, it was almost exclusively due to the pressure brought to bear by the various that associations and his elevation to the bench was acclaimed by editorials in The New York Times and the New York Herald-Tribune entitled: "A Judgs Worth Waiting For," and "Superb Selection."

Two of the cases tried by Judge Medina as a District Judge, attracted wide attention. In 1949 he presided over the trial of the 11 Communist leaders and the efforts of the defendants and their adherents to break up the trial and demonstrate that the American judicial process was unequal to the task of trying Communists accused of conspiring to advocate the overthrow of the government by force and violence, made the case one of historic and international interest. To a very considerable portion of the American public today, Judge Medina is known as the "patient judge", as the result of his handling of the Communist leaders' trial. Immediately after that, he entered upon the trial of what is sometimes described as the longest antitrust case in American jurisprudence, a civil antitrust action against the 17 leading investment banking houses for allegel violation of the Sherman Act. In October 1953 Judge Medina filed a 400-odd page opinion dismissin; the charges and containing what is often referred to as the best history of the investment banking business ever written. From his decision in that case the government took no appeal.

Having been promoted to the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit in June 195, the judge was unable to take his place on the court for some 21, years during which he was concluding the trial of the case against the investment bankers; but fina-

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# .. LAND OF CONTRASTS ..

By Jacob I. Rodriguez

RE: Albert Q. Maisel's "THE MEXICANS AMONG US."

Quote the sub-head: "Earliest settlers of our Southwest, their forebears enriched our life and language. TODAY, Mexican Americans are overcoming decades of prejudice to prove their ability to contribute uniquely to their country." (Capitals and underscoring ours.)

This article of Mr. Maisel, in the March issue of Reader's Digest, forcibly reminded us that this America of ours is truly a Land of Contrasts, historically, racially, geographically, idealistically.

The people of SPAIN, under Cristobal Colon (Christopher Columbus to you) discovered the NEW WORLD... and wished on it the name of NEW SPAIN... the people of Spain conquered and colonized it... the missionaries of Spain spread over it its religion, language, civilization and culture... the people of Spain gave it even its name AMERICA, after Americo Vespuchio, who, literally, "put it on the map."

We have daubbed it The Land of Contrasts . . . .

Land of Contrasts: The thirteen original American Colonies, later liberated from England by George Washington, could have been tucked away, and lost, in any li'l ol' corner of NEW SPAIN, a vast territorial empire spread from the extreme tip of South America to the Rocky Mountains of North America. The largest extension of this empire, in North America, was liberated, still later, by Father Miguel Hidalgo y Costilla.

Father Hidalgo's forebears before him (and his descendants after him) according to Mr. Maisel's own words "... lived in the borderlands (the lands along both sides of the Rio Grande) since 1598 ... almost a quarter century "before the Pilgrims sailed for the New World ..."

If during that period, prior to the consumation of the Independence of Mexico, September 27, 1821, when the name "MEXICO" was officially adopted by the, then, nascent Republic, you would have called any of the citizens of New Spain "Mexicans", they would have probably been highly insulted. The only people known then by that racial cognomen were the Mejica Indians, who were known as "ME JICAS", not Mexicans, and from whom the name was plagiarized. The Mejicas were the companion tribe of the Aztecs. (Pronunciation: MEH-HEE-KAS.)

At eleven o'clock on that fateful night of September 15, 1810, when Father Hidalgo gave out with his famous and immortal "grito" - it was not a "VIVA MEXICO!" as it is uttered now but "CHILDREN OF AMERICA, arise . . .!" because, from his very soul, there roared forth the ancient battlecry of Spain - not of Mexico which did not come into existence until eleven stormy, desperate, bitter years after his betrayal, capture and death.

Thus, we can say with the 19th Century Poet Laureatte of Mexico, Juan de Dios Peza: "Y el grito inmortal de Covadonga siglos mas tarde resonó en Dolores." (And the immortal cry of Covadonga centuries later resounded in Dolores.)

Yet - today - in 1956 . . . exactly 464 years after our forbears discovered and claimed the New World; after 358 years of living in these same "borderlands"; after being part and parcel of these United States for 110 years; in this, our very own country, which exclusively appropriated for itself the name AMERICA and gave its citizens the right to call themselves AMERICANS; the present day descendats of the SPANISH discoverers, conquerors and colonizers of the New World (the "Earliest settlers of our Southwest . . Americans (who) are evercoming decades of prejudice to prove their ability to contribute uniquely to their country:) we are, still, in Mr. Maisel's own words "The Mexicans Among Us."

Land of Contrasts: It is axiomatic that any white European can immigrate to this country, naturalize himself and call himself an American: A local Spanish-American lawyer was once asked by a local Judge: "Why do some Mexicans resent being called 'Mexicans"? The lawyer answered: "Judge, I am going to give you a bit of background and answer your question asking you a question.

"As far as I know all my people have been native born citizens of this country. But let us take only those I know, and remember about. My great-grandfather was a native of New Mexico when that State was still a territory of the United States. My grand-father and my father were native born Texans; so am I and my Children. Five generations of native born citizens of the United States. Now, do you think my children ought to be called 'Mexicans'?

All the Judge could do was to stare at him and scratch his head. He immediately realized that the Americanism of any family, under like circumstances, could never be questioned nor challenged. Any family that is - except one with a Spanish surname.

Land of Contrasts: During World War II, an oil company of Texas, in order to justify and support a discriminatory wage differential, classified its employees: "Whites, Mexicans and Negroes." For the same type of work, the Mexican was paid 10% less than the "white". In turn the Negro was paid 10% less than the Mexican.

On the office board Spanishnamed persons were classified thus:

"CLASSIFICATION - MEXICAN: Any national of the United States of Spanish name or Mexican parentage; any national of Mexico; any national of any other Latin American country or of Spain."

In other, and plainer words - and we have, to this good day, a transcript of the records of the wartime Texas FEPC to prove it - as far as this company was concerned, at that time, any person with a Spanish surname, regardless of nationality, was just "another Mexican."

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# In The Ring . . .

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# Convention PROCLAMATION



Greetings:

By virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and By-Laws of the League of United Latin-American Citizens, I hereby issue a call for a National Convention of the League to be held in the City of El Paso, Texas, on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, June 21, 22, 23, 1956 for the purpose of transacting the official business of the League and other such matters as may be properly presented to the National Convention.

As to delegates, Article III, Section 1, page 11 of the Constitution provides as follows:

A minimum of two delegates and two alternates duly elected and accredited from each active council which shall not have less than ten nor more than twenty-five active members in good standing, and one additional delegate, and an alternate for every additional twenty-five members until a maximum of nine delegates and alternates for a 200 membership has been reached. Each council may add another delegate and alternate for each additional fifty members beyond 200.

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

Oscar M. Laurel
National President



IN MEMORY OF FOUNDER -- National President Oscar M. Laurel places a wreath at the grave of Ben Garza, founder and first president of the League of United Latin American Citizens. The ceremony was part of the regional convention official business at Corpus Christi, Texas February 17.

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# Bryan, Texas

The Bryan, Texas, Ladies Lulac Council No. 263 once again return to the spotlight this month, something has come natural for these ladies since their council was organized.

On April 28, the ladies staged a most successful dance, according to reports from Minnie Ramirez, secretary.

Minnie was recently appointed council secretary when the elected secretary resigned the post. Minnie is 18 years old.

The entire membership of the League and the entire National Office staff joins Lulac News in expressing deep regret over the loss of a most taithful Lulac member, Mrs. Isabel Garcia, of Bryan, Texas.

According to reports from Minnie Ramirez, Bryan Ladies Council 265 Mrs. Garcia passed away on March 18, 1956. She was one of the council's most loyal members.

The Bryan Ladies donated \$50 for the funeral services and laid a \$25 wreath at Mrs. Garcia's grave.

# Levelland, Texas

A shower of praise was dumped on the Levelland, Texas, Lulac Council, for the council's excellent job done in the city's poll tax campaign.

Levelland Latins, under the drive sponsored by the Levelland Council paid a total of 118 poll taxes, setting the example for the citizenry.

Responsible for most of the success were Lulacs Catarino Estrada, Juan Costilla, Council president, and Suniga Abel.

## Pecos. Texas

Pecos, Texas, Council 160 held a grand, Big String Jubilee Dance on May 5, with a well-known band providing the music, according to reports from Jimmy D. Urquidi, secretary.

New coucil officers will be elected some time this month, Urquidi reports. The council also hopes to purchase a land tract in which to develop a baseball park.

Pecos officers include Urbano Morales, president; Urquidi, secretary; Johnnie Vuelbas, treasurer; D. V. Vigil, assistant treasurer; and Frank Rodriguez, chaplain.

# Houston TEXAS

Officers of the Houston, Texas, Ladies Council No. 22 were listed by Miss Oralia Vela, secretary, in a recent report.

The officers include Miss Adele Villarreal, president; Miss Josephine Lopez, vice-pres.; Miss Oralia Vela, secretary; Miss Marcella Sosa, treasurer; Miss Mary Ruth Meyer, assistant secretary; Miss E.ida Flores, assistant treasurer; Miss Virginia Ochoa, parliamentarian; Miss Betty Silva, Chaplain; Miss Julia Rodriguez, sergeant-at arms; Miss Susie Gonzalez, radio reporter. Mrs. Carmen Cortez is the Junior council supervisor.

The Houston Juniors request that all future correspondence be directed to Miss Oralia Vela, secretary, 5511 H. M. C. - Apt. 2, Houston, Texas.

The Houston Ladies Council No. 22 scheduled its annual Shamrock May Dance for May 19, according to Miss Adele Villarreal, council president.

Miss Hilda Vasquez was reportedly in charge of all the arrangements.

Miss Villarreal and Miss Vasquez represented the council at the regional convention at the Corpus Christi, Texas, regional convention. Alternate delegates were Miss Marcella Sosa and Miss Josephine Lopez.

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# LULAC IN ACTION



PRESENTATION -- Left to right, Mrs. Johnny Gallegos and Henry Millones, directors of the Junior Group, present Junior Charter to Junior President Joe Ulate. Seated, Mrs. Gonzales and Mrs. Harry Contreras.



LITTLEFIELD CHARTER -- District Gov. A. G. Ramirez presents charter to President Brigido Mungaray of Littlefield Council No. 272.



ANNIVERSARY DINNER -- Mesa, Arizona Council highlighted national Lulac Week with an anniversary dinner. Both the junior and senior councils met.

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# Junior Lulacs In Basketball Tournament

The second annual District 8 Junior Lulac Basketball Tournament was held March 25 at the Rusk Settlement in Houston, Texas, with six Texas Junior groups represented.

Cities competing were Austin, Baytown, Port Arthur, Shreveport, Bryan and Houston, Texas. The tourney was sponsored by the Houston Juniors.

The tournament was directed by Alex Borrego, Houston Junior president, assisted by Houston Juniors Miss Mary Arredondo and Miss Irene Fuentes.

Trophies and other awards were donated by the Houston Ladies Council 22, La Rose Cleaners, Palmer Taylor Shop, and Arnold Quintero. Quintero made the awards.



LITTLEFIELD OFFICERS -- District Governor A. G. Ramirez poses with officers of the Littlefield Ladies Lulac Council.

Austin, Texas, won first place in the tourney, with Port Arthur taking second and Houston, third. Each received trophies from Mrs. Cortez. The Sportsmanship Award was won by Freeport, Texas. The Outstanding Player Award was presented to Ralph Caballero of the Austin Juniors.

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PRESIDENT REGISTERS -- Oscar M. Laurel, national president, was the first to register at the New Mexico Regional Convention. Looking on are Arcenio A. Gonzales, regional governor; Joseph W. Trujillo, I-P regional governor and Robert Bennett, president of the Las Vegas Council. The registration committee was made up of Junior Lulacs from Las Vegas. They are Mary Ann Maestas, Gloria Esquibel, and Irene Bustos.



BIG WELCOME -- Hand Shaking was the usual New Mexico regional convention action. Here Jesus Molinar, newly elected regional governor of New Mexico, shakes hands with G. G. Lopez of Santa Fe, while A. A. Martinez of Las Vegas looks on.



POST BANQUET -- Conversing after the banquet are Arcenio A. Gonzales, Aurora C. Gonzales, Tibo Chavez, Oscar M. Laurel and Phillip Gonzales.



SPEAKER -- Gonzales and Laurel listen carefully as Tibo Chavez, principal speaker of the banquet, speaks on Human Relations. Approximately 200 attended banquet. Chavez is former Lt. Gov. of New Mexico.



LULAC AWARDS -- Lulac Awards went to Walter Vivian, editor of the Las Vegas Daily Optic and Ernie Thwaites, owner of radio Station KFUN for their efforts in helping Lulac in their public relations. Left to right, Vivian, Arcenio A. Gonzales, Oscar M. Laurel, Tibo Chavez, principal speaker, and Thwaites.



MESA CHARTER PRESENTED -- First National Vice-President Alfred Gonzales presents Junior Lulac charter to Council President, Harry Contreras. Seated, Mrs. Lydia Matta, second national vice-president, and Mrs. Alfred Gonzales.

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# Minutes of the Supreme Council Meeting

Held in the City of Carlsbad, New Mexico, March 24, 25, 1956

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such as the Police force, teachers in the public school system, etc. and getting more our people in the professions. By way of illustration, he stated that in the City of Denver there are only five Spanish name attorneys, one doctor and one dentist, and one Ph. D. He mentioned the activities of the Latin American Conference and the anti-discrimination committee, and stated that the progress being made in Colorado in the betterment of conditions has been due to the combined efforts of several Latin American organizations; ,he also mentioned that a meeting of the Latin American Conference will be held on May 19th, under the sponsorship of the Denver Council, and invited Pres. Laurel to attend as main speaker for the occasion. A federation of these Latin American organizations will be created at that meeting.

Bro. Lopez then went on to tell of the main projects of the Colorado Lulacs, the most important being the compilation and printing in mimeographed form, a list of the Scholarships available in the various colleges and institutions of the States of Arizona, California, Colorado, Utah and New Mexico. One copy of this pamplhet will be mailed to every School in Colorado. In addition, the Denver Council has also prepared and distributed a "Stay-in-School" pamphlet. Copies of both pamphlets were presented by Bro. Lopez to the meeting.

Pres. Laurel praised highly the work being done by the Denver Council, and thanked Bro. Lopez for his splendid report, and requested him to convey to the Colorado Councils our appreciation and thanks. Pres. Laurel informed Bro. Lopez that he was glad to accept the invitation for the meeting to be held May 19th.

Bro. Arnulfo Zamora commented that he had received a letter and a copy of the list of scholarships and that in his opinion the compilation of this list was one of

the biggest pieces of work done in the League.

At this juncture, Pres. Laurel declared a 5-minute recess.

The meeting reconvened at 5:45 P. M.

Bro. Arcenio Gonzales, Reg. Gov. for New Mexico, presented his report. After thanking the Carlsbad Council for being host to the meeting, he stressed the importance of bringing about better human relations. In conection with the observance of Lulac Week, he contacted about ten newspapers and 7 or 8 of these newspapers published material submitted to them. He then stated that one of the first things undertaken by the Regional Office was the establishment of a Regional fund, as it was felt that the only way to continue our work is by having adequate finances in order to explain to all the people the aims, purposes and objectives of the League. He stated that the regional Office had undertaken the raffle of a car and has issued 11,500 tickets to be sold at \$1.00 each, to start the Regional Fund.

Bro. Gonzales further stated that he had attended a meeting at Taos, with about 60 people in attendance; he stated that the Taos Council has acquired an 8 acre tract of land from the City of Taos and is making plans for their building which will be probably completed by the end of Summer. This is the first Council in New Mexico to own its building.

Bro. Gonzales announced that a new District Governor had been appointed - Olanes, Jr. He also announced that the New Mexico Regional Convention will be held in Lis Vegas on April 28th and 29th and invited all members of the Supreme Council to attend.

After reiterating the importance of adequate finances in order to properly carry out our work, he stated that the New Mexico Region has its problems too, and stated that the New Mexico Councils may

introduce a resolution at the coming Natl. Convention to change the Motto of the League ("One for all and all for One") for the reason that the Motto tends to isolate us as a group.

Bro. Gonzales also reported that he had written Field Enterprises, Inc., requesting that Lulac be included in their list of organizations in its encyclopoedia. He also displayed a banner designed for use by the League and stated that this matter will be brought before the Natl. Convention. He also stated that the Regional Sec. for New Mexico had been elected Supt. of Schools in Las Vegas, and for that reason could not give us as much time to the organization as before.

Bro. Claude Fernandez of Carlsbad having returned to the meeting after a brief absence, Bro. Gonzales thanked him and the members of the Carlsbad Council for their hospitality.

Bro. Gonzales also reported that a new Council will be established in Springer, New Mexico, before the convention, and stated that the charter for the Belen Council, recently organized, had been received, bringing the total number of Councils in New Mexico to 21.

After thanking Brother Gonzales for his splendid report and the activities of the New Mexico Councils, Pres. Laurel called on Bro. Tony Campos, of Lubbock, Texas, Chairman of the Nat'l. Com. on Labor and Employment.

Bro Tony Campos reported that he believed the biggest problem facing us is migratory labor, particularly as it affects school attendance, and that efforts should be made to stop this migration of our people; he elaborated on the effect of the prevailing wage scale by Bracero agreement, and laws relating to transportation, sanitation, health, etc.

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# New Ladies Council Officially Installed at Littlefield, Texas

A new ladies council was officially installed at Littlefield, Texas, with impressive ceremonies held March 28.

The Hon. A. G. Ramirez, Lulac District Governor, Texas District No. 1, presided at the installation. The affair took place at the "El Fenix" restaurant, owned by Mr. and Mrs. Brigido Mungaray.

Governor Ramirez presented the newly-organized council with the official Lulac Charter, establishing the Littlefield Ladies Lulac Council. The charter was signed by the National President, Oscar M. Laurel, and the National Secretary, Francisco J. Flores, both of Laredo, Texas.

The Littlefield Ladies officers are Mrs. Brigido Mungaray, president; Mrs. Santos Valverde, vice-president; Mrs. Merced Mendez, secretary; Mrs. Felix Ortiz, treasurer; Mrs. Lupe Soliz, sergeant-at-arms; and Mrs. Patricia Gonzalez, chaplain.

Other members of the council include Miss Eloisa Gonzalez, Mrs. Florentina Rangel, Mrs Benito Escobedo and Mrs. Benita S. Cristan.

Also present at the installation were Dr. Armando Duran C., Tony Campos, prominent Lulac from Lubbock, Texas, Leonel Galindo, Fermin Perez, Dan Erevia and Joe Ramirez.

### Henry Arechiga Named District Governor For The Waco Area

Henry Arechiga, a member of the new Waco, Texas, Council, has been named District Governor for the Waco area, it was announced this month by the Hon. Felix Tijerina, Regional Governor of Texas.

Arechiga is one of the few Wacoans who spearheaded moves that led to the creation of a council in Waco a few months ago.

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In making his study and making plans to cope with the problem, he reported that he has had an interview with Gov. Shivers of Texas and with members of the Legislative Council, and on April 6th will meet with five or six members of the Texas representatives to discuss the problem at which time he will present a memorandum which he had prepared and which he read to the meeting. A copy of the memorandum is attached as a part of these minutes.

After thanking Bro. Tony Campos for his report, Pres. Laurel then called on Bro. Rudy Cruz, of San Antonio, Special Organizer, who commented on the report given by Bro. Campos, stating that he had had some experience with the matter of transportation of workers, and expressing the opinion that he believed the migration of native labor can be stopped only by the passage of legislation with regard to transportation, thereby increasing the cost of importing braceros, which would result in the payment of better wages to native labor.

A general discussion of the labor problem followed, in which Bro. Lino M. Lopez suggested that we should have more co-ordination with other organizations working on the same problem, such as the Bishop's Committee and the G.I. Forum, which is sponsoring a bill now pending in the Legis. and Bro. Cruz suggested that the Transportation people be also contacted. Pres. Laurel then suggested to Bro. Tony Campos that he endeavor to contact the organizations mentioned.

Pres. Laurel then called on the District Governors present for brief reports or comments:

Bro. J. C. Machuca, of El Paso, Dist. Gov. of Dist. No. 4, reported that two councils have been organized in his district since July, 1955, Fabens and Canutillo, and that he was working on two other prospective councils, but that he wanted to be very sure that the persons in those communities were really interested in Lulac and would keep the council active, as

he did not believe in organizing a council unless it would stick.

Bro. A. G. Ramirez, of Lubbock, Dist. Gov. of Dist. No.1, reported that two councils have been organized in his District this year. Levelland and Littlefield, and that he is now working on Orth, Plainview, Springfield, Sweetwater and Brownsfield, and hopes to have some of these organized before the June Natl. Convention. Bro. Ramirez then reported on the activities of the Councils in his district, particu arly with reference to Poll Tax drives; he also mentioned the fact that the Littlefield Council had increased its membership from 13 to

Pres. Laurel then recognized Bro. Molinar, Pres. of the Rosswell N. M. Council, who commented on the migratory labor question.

Pres. Laurel then called on Bro. Isidoro F'ores of San Antonio, Imm. Past Natl. Chap'ain, who offered several good suggestions which he felt would accelerate the expansion of the League.

Pres. Laurel then called on Bro. Claude Fernandez of Carlsbad, who stated that the Mayor of Carlsbad had been scheduled to address our meeting that morning, but that since our meeting had been postponed to 2 o'clock in the afternoon, the mayor had been unable to be present as he had to be at the dedication of an addition to the local hospital. Bro Fernandez then made several announcements with reference to dinner that evening, church services for Sunday morning, and invited all present to attend a dance being given by the nurses who were having their convention in Carlsbad at the time. He then thanked the Natl. Pres. and the Dir. of Publicity for their work, and stated that the meeting of the Supreme Council in Carlsbad had created considerable interest in the membreship of the local council. He then introduced Bro. Julio Juarez of the Carlsbad Council.

The meeting then was recessed until Sunday morning, March 25th, at 10 a.m.

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### Judge Harold Medina

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ly, in the Fall of 1953, he took his seat on the court of appeals.

In the intervening years Judge Medina has received many medals and awards, largely based upon his conduct of the trial of the Communist leaders and his writings and addresses, the best known of which are "The Judge and His God" and "The Spiritual Quality of Justice", both of which are included in his latest book, "Judge Medina Speaks", which was published under the auspices of the Section of Judicial Administration of the American Bar Association in recognition of the judge's leadership in improving the administration of justice as Chairman of the Section. He was chosen "Man of the Year" in 1949 by the Associated Press newsmen

During his career as a lawyer and teacher he published a considerable number of case books and text books chiefly devoted to matters of procedure. "Judge Medina Speaks" contains a selection of his public addresses made at various times during the past thirty years, which cover a wide range of subjects from "Why Study Latin" and the "Pursuit of Happiness" to a series of Bar Association speeches on the subject of improving the administration of justice, which were made by him as Chairman of the Section of Judicial Administration of the American Bar Association, to which the royalties of the book have been donated.

Shortly after the conclusion of the trial Wilfred Funk, Inc. of New York City, published a biography by Hawthorne Daniel, entitled "Judge Medina", which has gone through two editions.

He is a Charter Trustee of Princeton University and a life trustee of Teachers' College, Columbia University.

The most important event of his career, however, was his marriage to Ethel Forde Hillyer, of East Orange, New Jersey on June 6, 1911. They have two sons, Harold R. Medina, Jr. and Standish Forde Medina, both lawyers, and six grandchildren, four boys and two girls.

### Land Of Contrasts

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That reminds us of the words attributed to the French-Negro liberator of South America: "In South America it takes one drop of white blood to make you white. In North America it takes one drop of black (or "foreign") blood to make you colored."

Land of Contrasts: We boast and brag that we are a God-fearing CHRISTIAN Nation. Yet - in the same breath, an exalted leader of a religious sect - the pastor of the largest protestant church in the country, if you please - can rant and rave that those who believe in, and propound, the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man are "dead from the neck up" and are guilty of "blasphemy."

According to this racist CHRIST Himself must have been "dead from the neck up" when He set down as His greatest commandment".. love thy neighbor as thyself." And God the Father must have been guilty of "blasphemy" when He said that He had made man in His own likeness and in His own image, "of the same flesh and of the same blood."

Land of Contrasts: We boast and brag that this country is the world's leading DEMOCRACY, ". . . One Nation, under God, with liberty and justice for all." Yet - not only our common, ordinary, citizens incite to, tolerate and practice mob rule against our fellow-citizens on account of race, color or creed; but even the Governors and the Attorney Generals, (to say nothing of the Representatives and Senators) of some of our States, incite the unwary to revolt against the very Supreme Court of the Nation. All because of the unpardonable sin of trying to defend and uphold the basic, fundamental, democratic principles they profess to believe in; that our Constitution and our very national life is predicated upon.

Land of Contrasts: We profess to revere and abide by the principles set forth on our Declaration of Independence by our Immortal Great. Yet - we can neither accept nor apply to our fellow-citizens, what they fought for: The principle that "... all men are created equal."

We call ourselves Jeffersonian DEMOCRATS, possibly because we would like to be like Jeffferson; the kind of a "democrat" that could afford to own - SLAVES.

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We call ourselves Lincoln REP-UBLICANS. Yet - we overlook and forget that under his leadership we fought a cruel and bloody civil war to test, as he stated it at Gettysburg, whether a Nation dedicated to the proposition that "all men are created equal . . . could long endure." And that he paid with his life for his convictions.

Land of Contrasts: Eating with some El Paso LULACS, in Juarez, not very long ago, we heard this story that very well sums up the feelings and failings of some of our fellow-citizens:

It seems that a group of Negro natives of Chihuahua, that could not speak a word of English, fell in with a bunch of American negroes in a honky-tonk in El Paso.

They could not understand each other, of course, until they got themselves an interpreter. In the course of the conversation the interpreter told the El Paso Negroes what the others had said:

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