



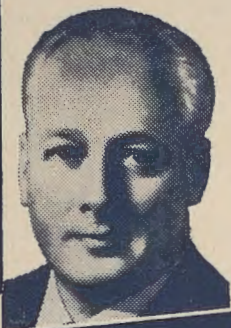
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Gary, Indiana and East Chicago Installation Banquet. Left to right: Oscar Laurel, Immediate Past National President; Congressman Madden and Alfred J. Hernandez, National Secretary.

Regional Governor, Angelo Machuca From Indiana Predicts . . . Lulac Will Cover The Midwest

Only less than a half year in the League and LULAC is recognized as the leading civic organization in these parts.

There is so much work to do and so much more that can be done that we are very busy growing to really get into a gigantic role in LULAC. Ever since the National President, the Honorable Felix Tijerina, came to the Midwest, this area has been growing by leaps and bounds. The City, County, and State officials have backed us up in every endeavor and are proud of the work that LULAC is doing.

At our installation banquet in Gary, Indiana, there were five states represented, all of which wanted to become LULACS.

We have already begun a Christmas Party for the needy and we are glad to report that no one single child, regardless of creed, color or race was turned away.

The Mayor of our City proclaimed LULAC WEEK as did the Mayor of Gary, Indiana,

and the Governor of the State. The proclamation was given wide publicity by all the newspapers.

At present, we are in favor of raffling a 1958 Ford Fairlane with all the trimmings. The proceeds will go toward buying part or the start of our LULAC Clubhouse. Any LULACs anywhere wishing to participate, please contact me. The raffle will go on for six months.

The Ladies councils are very active and are of tremendous help to us.

We are very proud to announce that Mr. Robert Vasquez, formerly from Laredo, Texas, is the new President of Council No. 290 of East Chicago, Indiana. Mr. Vasquez knows LULAC and is a representative of the AFL-CIO consisting of about 100,000 members. We feel that we have a great asset in the person of Robert Vasquez.

We are humble LULACs, but we also feel grateful that LULAC came to us to open the door to NEW HORIZONS.

Port Arthur Men's Council Not Silent

Port Arthur LULAC Council No. 217 has gained great recognition in this City for the example of faithful humanitarianism it has set. The civic activities of this Council are more and more noticed by our city fathers.

The project that is best appreciated by all is the Scholarship awarding. The entire community acknowledged the good that this project does.

This year this council was instrumental in raising over \$800.00 which was contributed to the March of Dimes.

Funds were raised through a Bingo game for a victim of muscular dystrophy. The victim, a daughter of one of the Lady LULACs. Added to the funds raised, was a donation from the members of both the Ladies' and Men's Councils.

Port Arthur is proud of being in LULAC, proud to be part of the community, proud to continue in LULAC work.

JUNIOR LULACs IN ACTION . . .

A National Drive for new Junior LULAC Councils for a sixty day period has been started by all Junior LULACs. It is the goal of the Juniors to have a Junior LULAC Council wherever there is a Senior LULAC Council.

The Junior LULACs are a great help to the Senior Councils. They participate in all of the civic projects that they are asked to do so. They help become more united and help LULAC become stronger in the Community. No LULAC council should let this opportunity go by to organize a Junior LULAC council in your Community if there isn't one there. The Juniors are the LULAC leaders of tomorrow. The newest Junior LULAC council in the League is the Lubbock Junior LULAC council. Welcome to the League.

Congratulations to David Lopez of Laredo who is the new Scholarship Fund Chairman. Also to Joe Romero, the new National Secretary.



FELIX TIJERINA SPEAKS . . .

The National President Message

"Ben Visualized the Possibilities of Better Opportunities"

On February 10, 1957, we paid tribute to one of the greatest leaders LULAC has ever had. The late Ben Garza was one of the founders of our League. Brother Garza had a vision for a greater America. He had a dream which through the years has been materializing. Ben visualized the possibilities of better opportunities and the need for more leaders to guide the destinies of the people of Latin-American descent. Slowly but surely LULAC has paved the way for many Latin Americans. LULAC has seen the need for good leaders and subsequently it has undertaken a great and potential Educational Program. This LULAC Educational Program guarantees a better tomorrow for our League and our Country.

Lets all remember that each and every member of our League has to do his part to make this a successful administration in order to put a feather in the cap of every LULACKER.

Congratulations are in order to all councils who have increased their membership. I can assure that the League has benefited from your efforts.

There are many cities in which councils should be organized or reactivated, but which no one has approached. I understand the financial situation which the Regional Governors as well as the District

Governors and Special Organizers find themselves in. I only hope that if we all push the Passive Membership Drive and make it a successful project, we might be able to give each of the above mentioned officers deserving financial assistance to further the expansion of the League. I believe the Regional Governors are primarily responsible to see that cities are approached by him or his District Governor in order to establish more councils. Lets all work hand in hand that our League might become stronger and recognized in every city and every state in the Nation.

I would like to remind all councils and officers that we have a deadline for submission of resolutions and constitutional amendments to the National Convention, and this deadline is 45 days prior to the Convention. May I suggest that much thought and effort be given to all resolutions and constitutional amendments in order to avoid last minute written resolutions which many times are mal-worded and misleading.

Lets remember 45 days before the National Convention or May 1st as deadline.

If we are to submit resolutions or amendments, let them be intended to serve the best interest of our beloved LULAC as a whole rather than individuals.

In reading our constitution we find many inadequacies which tend to slow our progress. Certain procedures should be changed to apply to the present era. Study your constitution and help us correct the inadequacies.

Once again we will have the honor at the National Convention of selecting the outstanding LULACs of the year. This is an honor bestowed upon two of the hardest working LULACKERS. If you find a truly good LULAC worker in your council or city, please submit a full report to the National Office. The next four months will provide all LULACKERS many opportunities to make a strong bid for the great honor.

To all of my Regional Governors, I would like to suggest that you instruct your District Governors to start arousing interest in every council in regards to the National Convention. We would like to have representation from every council in the League. Start making plans to charter busses, trains, or planes to take your district or state to the Convention in June. This is an opportunity seldom seen in LULAC. Those districts designated as such by the Regional Governors should be sure that a District Governor is elected. Remember that District Governors should have a well-defined district which should include at least one active council. You have four months in which to district your region and work up councils.

The month of March will mark the end of the third quarter, and some of our councils are still delinquent in dues for the first and second quarters. Payment of national dues is a prerequisite to qualifying delegates to the National Convention. Start making arrangements for those payments by quarters now and save your council the hardship of making one large lump sum in June.

Our constitution provides for payments to be made on or before the first day of the first month of each quarter, and all councils waiting until convention time to make payments run the risk of having themselves ruled ineligible to participate in the convention, **PREVIOUS PRACTICE NOTWITHSTANDING.**

May I extend to all councils who have loyally followed National Office recommendations of the observance of LULAC WEEK, my personal appreciation. Lets also cooperate with your National Director of Publicity so that the LULAC NEWS might be issued every month. There is plenty of work to be done for LULAC and you must help do it. God Bless You.

Felix Tijerina
LULAC National President

BEAUMONT REPORTS . . .

Big plans are in the making for an Easter Picnic by the Beaumont LULACs. Chairman Roy Gonzales, says it will have all the trimmings that a picnic can have.

The LULAC Club House in Beaumont has been added a juke box which will bring more revenue to the treasury. The Board of Directors of the LULAC Club House, Pete Ochoa, Savio Gussman, Tony Reyes, Jesse Rojas, Jim Rubio and Paul Cavazos are doing an excellent job of handling the affairs of the Club House.

Johnny Martinez, President of the Beaumont Council, is making plans to have the council represented at the National Convention.



The Hon. Felix Tijerina National President attending the 28th Anniversary of LULAC at Corpus Christi, Texas. From left to right, Felix Tijerina, Judge Fidencio Guerra, Sylvestre Mora, President Corpus Council; Mrs. Mora, Hon. Oscar Laurel, Imm. Past Pres.

EDNA LULACs REPORT . . .

A successful District Convention held in Edna was one of the highlights of events for this group of LULACs. Many of the surrounding councils that attended the convention went away with a satisfaction that left the hosts councils beaming.

The Edna LULAC Ladies went to the rescue of two families whose homes were destroyed by fire. The families received checks to help them in their hour of need. A bingo game will be held and all proceeds will go to one of the families.

The Edna LULACs were instrumental in making Christmas Day happy for many children and families.

Also this council has participated in the Jackson County Fair and each year it receives more and more recognition of being a champion among civic groups.



"We Are Almost There . . . But We Still Need Your Help"

The League of United Latin-American Citizens came into being on Feb. 17, 1929, at Corpus Christi, Texas. Twenty-eight years and six days later, Feb. 23, 1957, San Antonio LULAC met at Youngblood's Restaurant to honor the founders of the organization that was born to combat plagues of prejudicial attitude that for several generations was directed at a large segment of American citizens commonly referred to as Latin-Americans for purposes of differentiation of origin or extraction.

The San Antonio fete honoring the LULAC founders was in observance of National LULAC Week and our three local organizations did themselves proud in the event. A large representation from Ladies

Councils Nos. 187 and 282 was present as the San Antonio Men's Council No. 2 was happy to greet LULACs old and new.

Texas LULAC Governor Pete Tijerina gave a splendid from-the-heart LULAC talk. He mentioned that one of the speakers at the recent Lubbock State Convention had lauded LULAC's progress by saying that it has gone forward "because the founders had a gleam in their eyes, were cloaked in decency, and had an armor of courage."

Speakers at the Youngblood dinner included Adolph A. Garza, former local LULAC president; Alonso S. Perales, Raoul A. Cortez, and George de la Garza. Some 75 guests were present, and dignitaries attending were Dist. Judge Raymond Gerhardt, City Councilman Joe Olivares, former local LULAC Council president, and Andres Rivera of the Good Neighbor Commission. Bro. Adolph Cordova was chairman of the National LULAC Week dinner honoring past National Presidents.

Port Arthur Ladies In the News . . .

Civic work is the pass word to get inside this council. The Port Arthur Ladies are active at Christmas time in the community. The March of Dimes is one of the pet projects. A bingo game brought the funds that helped the March of Dimes in the community. Also a representation from this council was at the Beaumont County Fair. Under the direction of President, Mrs. Elvira Martinez, this council has made great gains in the community. Every member is active in some committee or other.

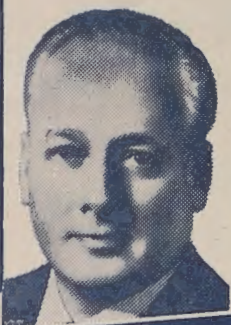
Plans have been made for a fund raising dance to be held on the 5th of May. Everyone is welcome.



Crowned "LULAC Queen for 1957" was Miss Alice Reyes from Ganado, Texas.



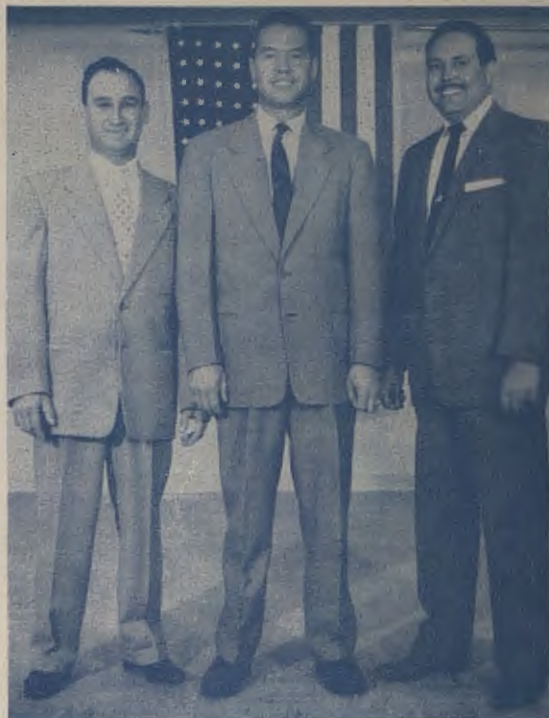
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THREE LULAC MUSKETEERS

Eugene E. Garcia, District Governor, District One; Gilbert E. Maes, President, Council 212; and Joseph W. Trujillo, Publicity Chairman.



Felix

Mexican Restaurants



The following persons were present at the graveside ceremonies on the occasion of the 28th anniversary of the founding of the League of United Latin American Citizens by the Honorable Ben Garza. From left to right: Andres Garcia, Corpus Christi; Emelio Karam, Corpus Christi; Alfred Hernandez, Houston; S. R. Mora, Jr., Corpus Christi; Tony Campos, Baytown; Lydia Garza, Corpus Christi; Joe Garza, Jr., Corpus Christi; Mrs. Ben Garza, Corpus Christi; Ben Garza, Jr., Corpus Christi; Felix Tijerina, Nat'l. Pres. Houston; John Hernandez, Corpus Christi; Mrs. Andres de Luna, Corpus Christi; E. E. Mireles, Corpus Christi; Andres de Luna, Jr., Corpus Christi; Ocas Laurel, Mrs. Oscar Laurel, Laredo, Texas; William Bonilla, Corpus Christi; Charles Phillips, Corpus Christi; Isidoro Flores, San Antonio, and Joe Garza, Corpus Christi.

PLACENTIA LULACs REPORTS...

The National Convention hosts are busy-busy-busy. The Convention Chairman, Danny Olivas, has so many appointments to keep that it is doubtful that he can keep them all. He promises a great convention. The civic work must go on, however, and at present a Basketball game has been organized to raise funds for charity.

The membership is solidly behind the Junior council which is also busy with their own projects. The Juniors work hand in hand with the council and vice versa.

With the LULAC National Convention coming to California many new members are joining the council.

Placentia invites and hopes every LULAC council will come to the Convention in June.



The El Paso LULAC councils celebrated the Annual LULAC WEEK with several colorful events.

Council No. 132 had a very successful dance at the Hilton Hotel on February 16th.

Council No. 8 held their Annual Hall of Fame Banquet on February 10th with a well rounded program that went this way—cocktails from 7:30 to 8:00 p.m. with musical entertainment. The prayer, dinner and then the Mayor proclaiming LULAC WEEK. Addresses by the Honorable J. C. Machuca and the Honorable Tomas A. Garza.

On February 14th, Council No. 298 (Montoya) had installation of officers and banquet.

Ladies LULAC Council No. 9 had a civic program and party dance on February 13th. Refreshments were served.

To round out the week, a Golf Tournament was held on Sunday, February 17th.

BUENA PARK LULAC REPORTS

The Buena Park LULAC Council No. 269 is proud to report that it now has its own Blood Bank. All of the credit goes to the membership, but honorable mention goes to Co-chairmen of the project, Nash Garcia and Manuel Urearte.


A Scholarship Fund is the next project on the agenda for this fast growing council. Already the council is active in a Christmas Basket Drive, Red Cross activities and Community Chest Drives. Buena Park LULACs are glad to report that a Junior LULAC Council is active in this community. The Juniors are active with the Senior council in all activities.

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LULAC COUNCIL 232 SCHOLARSHIP

Rosella Borrego, outstanding student in the Los Alamos High School, is presented a \$250.00 Scholarship by Mrs. Mabel Salazar, Chairman of the Scholarship Committee of the Ladies Council 232. Mrs. Roselia R. Trujillo, President, looks on.

New Mexico Regional Convention

Santa Fe, New Mexico will be the site of the Regional Convention on April 27th and 28th, such was the information from Regional Governor, J. J. Molinar.

Plans are now being made to make this Convention "far above the ordinary." Speakers of national repute are being contacted to assure the best for the banquet speeches. The De Vargas Hotel will be the Convention headquarters.

Ever interested in making perfect with anything he does, Governor Molinar is in constant contact with the host council in Santa Fe with suggestions and advice. A great successful convention is anticipated by the Governor who urges all LULAC councils in the state to be present.

Los Alamos Council No. 212 is making plans to have a full delegation. Although this council continues to keep busy with the civic projects it has, it also continues to be part of the national picture by contributing its support to the National Offices.

The Los Alamos Council No. 212 participated in the Polio Drive with \$176.16. The Community Chest has asked for three members from this council to be candidates for the Community Chest Board.

Members from this council participated on the Legislature Branch. Of course much praise goes to the "LULAC Man of the Year" and our own Representative on the Legislative Branch, Joseph W. Trupillo.



Seated is Mayor Walter M. Jeorse of East Chicago, Indiana, left to right, standing is Mrs. James Dent Councilman at large of East Chicago; Regional Governor for Indiana Angelo Machaca; Director of Publicity Fred Flores; Legislative Committee Chairman Jack Lopez, and LULAC Council No. 290 President Robert Vasquez.



CALIFORNIA HERE WE COME . . .

FLASH!!

Houston Council No. 60
Drafts Felix Tijerina
for 2nd. term as
National President
of LULAC

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Harlingen Ladies LULAC Council No. 279 Volunteer Service Workers—Seated left to right: Mrs. Alfonso de la Garza, Miss Mary Gutierrez, and Miss Florinda Gloria. Standing left to right: Mrs. Jose O. Graza, Mrs. D. R. Flores, Mrs. Alfredo Elizalde, and Mrs. Liborio Canales.

Minutes of The Texas Regional Convention

The League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) opened their 28th Anniversary Texas Regional Convention at 10:30 A.M., Saturday, February 16, 1957, with the Hon. Pete Tijerina, Regional Governor, presiding, in the East Ballroom of the Lubbock Hotel in Lubbock, Texas. The official prayer was led by the Rev. Patrick O'Brien, S.A.C. Chaplain, followed by the Honorable Manuel Torres' leading the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and by the assembly's singing in unison "The Eyes of Texas," accompanied by Miss Margot Rodriguez at the piano and led by Alfred Hernandez. The welcoming address by S. S. Forrest, Jr., Mayor of the City of Lubbock, was followed by a response by the Honorable Manuel Lopez of San Antonio.

The Honorable Alfred Hernandez, National Secretary introduced the National officers and guests.

Luciano Santoscoy, First National Vice President, was introduced and talked to the assembly in view of the fact that LULAC's good works and contributions to those in need are going unnoticed by the general public and stressed the fact our Public Relations Committee must sell to the public the works of LULAC.

The Honorable Pete Tijerina called the roll of District Governors and Delegates and appointed the following committees and committee chairmen:

Temporary Legal Advisor,
Paul Andow, El Paso.

Resolutions Committee, Chairman Joe Moreno, Austin; Manuel Gonzales, Waco; Lupe Esquivel, Bryan; E. B. Leon, El Paso; A. G. Ramirez, Lubbock,

and Arnold Quintero, Houston.

Credentials Committee, Chairman Moses Hernandez, New Braunfels; Roy Velasquez, Austin; Edmundo Mediano, El Paso; Luciano Santoscoy, Ex-officio and acting advisor.

Rules Committee, Chairman Manuel Lopez, San Antonio; Julian Hernandez, De Harris; Lionel Galindo, Lubbock, and Janie Calderon, Edna.

A report was given by the Honorable Felix Tijerina relating his recent work for LULAC and calling attention to the recent growth of LULAC; the problem of the lack of education of the Latin American People, both and through the barrier of language which is so important scholastically.

The Honorable William J. Gillespie, County Attorney of Lubbock County, Texas, addressed the assembly expressing the need of God and truth, and assured LULAC members that Lubbock was incapable of segregating Latin American children in public schools.

The Regional Governor concluded the morning session and announced the recess for lunch.

The afternoon session was called to order at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, February 16, 1957, by the Honorable Pete Tijerina who announced the first speaker of the afternoon, the Honorable George E. Gilkerson, District Attorney of the 72nd Judicial District of Texas. Mr. Gilkerson began by welcoming the LULAC delegates and then began his talk with the seven elements affecting the need in the future for a greater enforcement of the laws. The speech centralized around a demonstration relating that in order to get "Some-

where," one must have a gleam in his eye, must wear a cloak of decency and must possess a badge of courage; and if LULAC possesses these qualifications, it will recognize opportunity and make the most of it. Mr. Gilkerson's speech was answered by Alfred Hernandez.

Mr. Manuel Lopez reported on the findings of the Rules Committee of this convention. There being only one request, Mr. Lopez recommended that the tabling of motions and resolutions be waived, and that each motion or resolution be either rejected or accepted, and made a motion therefor. The motion was seconded by Waco delegate, Manuel Gonzales. Felix Salazar of Houston, raised a question as to the actual meaning of the motion, which was clarified by Mr. Lopez. Isidoro Flores of San Antonio shortly affirmed the motion. A verbal vote was held, and the motion carried.

The Regional Governor opened the reports of the various districts by recognizing Joe Moreno, District Governor of Houston, District 7, who in turn introduced Mr. Obledo of San Antonio and ex-president of the University of Texas Council, who introduced the new president and the members present. At this point the Honorable Pete Tijerina recommended to the Resolutions Committee that they find a ways and means of waiving the dues of students in universities and colleges.

Harlingen, District No. 13, reported the installation of a new council at Weslaco.

El Paso Districts Nos. 8, 132, 9, 267, 265, reported new councils, Nos. 298 and 167.

Reports from Judge Allred in

the Driscoll case were distributed throughout the assembly to, if possible, be duplicated and mailed to every member of LULAC. A recommendation was made that a committee be formed to contact the Commissioner of Education in Austin concerning this matter.

The Texas City problem was brought up for discussion, but the convention members were informed that it had been disposed of satisfactorily to LULAC.

Lubbock, District No. 1, reportedly had organized three new councils, and Mr. A. G. Ramirez was recognized at this point.

The Regional Governor announced to the assembly that all correspondence and memorandum were available for inspection by members who might be interested.

The Resolution Committee was asked to retire and to be ready to report their findings and conclusions when the convention reconvenes on Sunday, February 17, 1957.

Discussion was held regarding whether Dr. Edgar, Commissioner of Education in Austin, had ever been contacted. After discussion by Mr. Hernandez and Mr. Tijerina, it was determined that Dr. Edgar had not been contacted but should be.

Fernando Cortez, National President of the Junior LULAC's was recognized and addressed the Senior LULACs asking the to help to sponsor a Junior LULAC to correspond with their individual District or town. Mr. Cortez related that this organization helped stop frequent

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trouble-making. The activities of the Junior LULAC were related, and Mr. Cortez presented the Charter to the President of the Junior LULAC of Lubbock.

The meeting was then adjourned until 7:00 p.m., February 16, 1957, for preparation for the Semi-Formal banquet and ball which was held in the East Ballroom of the Lubbock Hotel.

The Rev. Patrick O'Brien, S.A.C. Chaplain, opened with the invocation. The Honorable Pete Tijerina presided and introduced the National Officers and distinguished guests, and introduced the principal speaker, the Honorable Dr. A. Duran, President of the Lubbock Council, who welcomed the delegates throughout the State to Lubbock. He noted the works of LULAC in forwarding American citizenship and education, pointing to the growing numbers of Latin-American youths in Texas colleges and universities.

Work being done by LULAC was emphasized further by the keynote address to the banquet made by Speaker of the House of Representatives, Austin, Texas, the Honorable Waggoner Carr, who singled out for special praise the work being done by LULAC in the education in the English language of Latin-American children near school age to make their school work easier. "LULACs are setting a good example for Texas," the House Speaker said, "they are doing things for themselves, standing on their own feet and not asking the government to do their work for them." He called on the organization to contribute further to the state's welfare by considering the individual problems of water, the school population, the prison and reform school populations. Mr. Carr also had kind words to say for Mr. Oscar Laurel, who accompanied him to Lubbock for the banquet and who had introduced him.

The evening concluded with

dancing and refreshments.

The final session of the League of United Latin American citizens was called to order by the Honorable Pete Tijerina at 9:45 a.m., Sunday February 17, 1957, in the District Courtroom of the Old Courthouse at Lubbock, Texas. The meeting was opened with the official prayer by Mario Obledo, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag led by Miss Edith Estrello, National Committee on Citizenship.

Scheduled speaker at this time, the Honorable Dudley Brummett, County Judge of Lubbock County, Texas, was unable to attend the meeting.

The Rules Committee, Manuel Lopez as chairman, requested three recommendations: that a delegate be present in order to vote; to limit speeches in favor of candidates during an election to only two speeches per candidate, each speech not to exceed 3 minutes; that no more than two speeches for and two speeches against, 3 minutes each, be allowed on any resolution. Leo Cardenas of the University of Texas, moved that the report of the Rules Committee be accepted, seconded by Mr. Estrello of the Edna Council. There was no discussion, and the motion was carried by verbal vote. This was followed by the roll call of the delegates, each answering as to how many delegates were present.

The Honorable Pete Tijerina thanked the Lubbock Council for the splendid convention arrangements.

The Chairman read to the assembly a telegram congratulating the members of the convention from Montoya Council president; another reflecting the same from Alfredo Garza of Laredo.

The Regional Governor turned over his report to the National President, Felix Tijerina.

Mr. Santoscoy related to the assembly that he had received

a telephone call from Frank Pinedo, Past National President of Austin, expressing regrets for his absence.

The Honorable Pete Tijerina asked that Oscar Laurel, State Representative in Austin, come to the rostrum to preside over the election of a new Regional Governor, with Richard Morales and Fidel Elizondo, both guests at the convention, to assist him. Mr. Laurel began with a small "booster" speech and offered his services to any of the members at any time.

Before the election began, Alvin No. 262 delegate advised assembly that he had seen J. C. Martinez, who was unable to attend the convention, and that Mr. Martinez had given him a tape recording to bring to the convention; however, no tape recorder was available to relate Mr. Martinez' message. Alvin delegate also relayed Mr. Martinez' warm regards to the convention delegates and members.

Mr. Laurel called for nominations from the floor. Manuel Lopez nominated the Honorable Pete Tijerina for another term of office. Mario Obledo spoke in behalf of Mr. Tijerina touching on the Batesville problem and ended his speech with a short prayer. Also, Alfred Hernandez of Houston and Tony Campos of Baytown made speeches in favor of the candidate. The motion was made by Manuel Lopez that the nominations cease. This motion was seconded by Moses Hernandez, and carried. Paul Andow moved that Pete Tijerina be elected by acclamation. The motion was seconded by Arnold Quintero, and Pete Tijerina was elected to serve another term as Regional Governor.

The Regional Governor introduced the National President, Felix Tijerina, who, in turn congratulated the Regional Governor on the new election result and commented on his past and expected future works for LULAC. The President also commented on Mr. Obledo's speech; asked for backing and

support of all members in order to make a stronger president. Mr. Tijerina also mentioned the fact that members should route their problems through the proper channels when seeking help; council president, District Governor, Regional Governor, and up to the National President. The last point stressed was that the members should assist every officer whom they elect.

Alfred Hernandez concluded his activities with a speech urging members to "love the organization" and to think of LULAC as whole, and not as individual members.

In closing Lionel Galindo of Lubbock led in LULAC prayer.

The motion was made by Moses Hernandez that the meeting adjourn and was seconded by Mr. Salazar. The convention then adjourned.

LETTER from LAUREL

Honorable Felix Tijerina
National President of Lulac
904 Westheimer
Houston, Texas

Dear Don Felix:

Let me express to you my sincere appreciation and that of the entire membership of Lulac Council No. 12 for taking time out from your busy schedule and honoring us with your visit as well as that of your charming wife on the occasion of the installation of officers last Saturday night.

Let me assure you once again that it is my sincere belief that you are doing a wonderful job as National President of Lulac, and as the basis of such remark I have in mind your ambitious program for the continued expansion of the League, as well as its participation in the many activities which are so vital to our continued existence. I have reference, of course, to your wonderful plan to initiate the teaching of English to pre-school

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Profile on a Man In Action

LULAC has been blessed with a very dynamic representative in Roswell, New Mexico. At the present time this young man holds the office of Regional Governor of the State of New Mexico in LULAC. He is the handsome and very capable Jesus J. Molinar.

One of the best liked individuals in LULAC and particularly in his state, Jesus Molinar has often been referred to as a very modest man. The untiring work that he has done in LULAC for the past year has been outstanding in every respect. For he is the type that is synonymous with efficiency and perfectness.

The Honorable Governor, Jesus J. Molinar, aside from being one of the most resourceful figures in LULAC, also is very active as a member of the State Health Board. He is considered a very distinguished lecturer in geophysics, mathematics and Latin America. Mr. Molinar at the present time is secretary to the Roswell Geological Society.

An ex-Colonel and linguist of note, this energetic LULAC has lived in 23 of our United States. Ever active in the betterment of the community, he is very interested in politics, civic projects and his profession.

Mr. Molinar holds a Master of Sciences degree which he obtained in four instead of the regular five years. He is employed by the Atlantic Refining Company, A geophysicist with that company for some time, his boss has been quoted as saying the following about Mr. Molinar: "J. J. is honest and conscientious, hard-headed in his political and personal beliefs, but well read and well able to present and support his arguments. Champion of the underdog, and woe be to those who try to push him or his friends around. He is held in high regard by everyone, and recognized as a strong support-

er and outstanding example of the Latin American group here in the Southwest. He is civic minded and an able worker in civic affairs."

J. J. Molinar, with all his duties and responsibilities, finds time to teach Spanish at the Ave Maria Center in Roswell as a public service. He is also publicity chairman for the Better Government Club, of which he is a very active member.

He is directing a play at St. John's Parish. "The Passion Play" will be presented April 14, 15 and 16 and the entire proceeds will go to help liquidate the debt of the Ave Maria Center.

It seems that everyone around the Governor gets to feel his greatness, his potential, his kindness and his command for respect.

His deep interest in youth is well known, for he is forever thinking of ideas of improving the mind and body of our youth. Just recently he made an extensive report on an investigation made at the Springer Reform School. The developments and accomplishments made at the school were of such major proportions that through the work of this great person, all the improvements point toward eventually getting the young men at the school to become first class citizens.

His sister, who is devoted to him, was quoted as saying this about Mr. Molinar. "My little brother is a man. He has made himself . . . all by himself. He has made a lot of mistakes, but they don't faze him . . . he just goes on to make bigger ones."

Ability, plus conscientiousness, plus honesty, plus modesty, plus a big heart—that is our LULAC Regional Governor from the State of New Mexico—Jesus J. Molinar.



Laredo LULAC Council No. 12 installed new officers for the ensuing year.

They are: Richard G. Morales, President; Carlos Costillon, Vice-President; Honore Ligarde, Second Vice-President; Ramon Garce, Secretary; Manuel de Llano, Treasurer; Rodolfo Centeno, Sgt.-at-Arms; Porfirio Flores, Chaplain, and Manuel Gutierrez, Trustee.

A 1000 member Council and a new Council-owned building is the goal set by the new Laredo LULAC president. He predicts the best year in the history of the local Council.

During the business session Morales appointed all his committees for the year.

Armando D. Gutierrez was named chairman of the Noche Mexicana for next year with Carlos Ferdin as co-chairman. Roberto M. Benavides was named head of the New Year's Eve Ball Committee. Felix Garcia is chairman of the budget committee with Alfredo Barrera as member.

Other committee chairmen are Manuel Maizumi of the civic and social committee; Francisco J. Flores of the youth day committee; Antonio Moreno of the Lulac Local annual booklet; Arturo Gutierrez and Raul Laurel Jr., co-chairmen of the sports committee; Nicolas Mireles of the sick and welfare committee, and Porfirio L. Flores of the education committee.

Also Joe Cantu and Arnulfo Zamora Jr., of the ways and means committee; Tony Garcia of the planning committee; Emilio Chito Davila and N. D. Hacher Jr., of the revision of the constitution committee; Carlos de Los Santos, Thanksgiving Day committee; Claude Peña, Fall Fiesta committee; Armando Peña, Delegation Fund committee; Morales as chairman of the House and Grievance committee, and Alfredo D. Garza of the advisory board.

Morales named Judge Carlos I. Palacios and Felix Martin as co-chairmen of the membership committee and Raul Elizondo and N. D. Hacher Jr., as chairmen of the building committee and said he felt confident the goals set forth will be met.

LAREDO MINUTES

Second Vice-President Honore Ligarde opened the regular weekly meeting of Lulac Council No. 12 (Laredo) at 8:35 p.m. Ligarde called on Felix Martin to read the official Lulac Prayer, which he did with difficulty because of the bad lighting and small type. Ramiro Barrera, member of Explorer Post 81, led the members in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Deviating from the regular order of business, Vice-President Ligarde said the Scouts and their advisor, Homero L. Martinez, had to leave early, so he called on Francisco Flores, chairman of the youth committee. Flores introduced Dan Withoff, representing the Gulf Coast Scout Council. Withoff presented the charter to the Council. Flores then called on Enrique Mendez, institutional representative for the Council, who presented the charter to Advisor Martinez and presented the cards to the Scout members and Scout officials. Cards were presented to George Diaz, Rodolfo Centeno, Manuel Barrera, Homero L. Martinez, Enrique Mendez, Francisco Flores, Ramon Longoria Jr., Gerardo Gonzalez, Alberto Gonzalez, Rodolfo Flores, Ramiro Barrera, Emilio Aldape, Antonio Villarreal, John Pete Montalvo, Fortunato Aldape, and Leonel Menchaca.

Post Advisor Martinez made a short talk. George Diaz, chairman of the committee, told the Post to ask the Council for anything they needed. Introduced was Ramon Longoria Sr., father of one of the Explorer Scouts.

The vice-president called on

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the secretary for the roll call of officers. Only officer absent was St.-at-Arms Rodolfo Centeno. After the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting applications for new members were read by Vice-President Carlos Castillon. Membership team captain Felix Martin presented nine applications. Judge Carlos Palacios, the other team captain, said he was not prepared to present new applications, but named a group of members of his committee. Named were Manuel Gutierrez, Carlos Castillon, Manuel Maizumi, Manuel Vela, V. Cantu, George Diaz, Dan Withoff, Antonio Ramirez, Tomas Rodriguez, Conrado Centeno, Dr. Longoria, Juan G. Villarreal, Felix Garcia, Raul Laurel, Matias de Llano, Porfirio Flores, and Francisco J. Cantu.

Felix Martin said he needed only Chito Davila and Pepe Moreno on his team.

Applications that received first reading were those of Adolfo Moreno Perez, Antonio Cabello, M. S. Rordiguez, Isacuro Gutierrez, Antonio Vela, Ramiro Garcia, Reynaldo Homer Rodriguez, Gabriel Ernest Jr., Ramiro Jose Ramirez, Alfredo Chavarria. All were accompanied by \$15.00 fees, except M. S. Rodriguez, Reynaldo Rodriguez, Ernest, and Ramirez, who enclosed \$7.50 fees.

Claude B. Peña was voted in as a reinstated member. Reynaldo Montes Jr., and Leopoldo Rordiguez Jr., were voted new members.

Vice-President Ligarde called for committee reports. The Ways and Means Committee report was made by Arnulfo Zamora, chairman. He said the committee wants to wait on the installation of a 5-ton air-conditioning unit, that costs \$500, until it knows where the money will come from. He reported that the committee had decided that the year book be compiled by a professional which would guarantee the Council a profit of at least \$1,000. Zamora asked that the Council vote on the committee recommendations.

Castillon moved and Morales seconded on the motion to accept the recommendation and the motion passed.

The planning committee did not have a report yet.

The membership committee had already made its report earlier under new applications.

Chito Davila of the Revision of Constitution committee asked that the group meet next week.

The report on the Building committee was made by Raul Elizondo, who said that it was waiting for further investigation on a site for a new building. He asked that the 11-man committee meet at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, March 28. He suggested that nothing be done to the present building until the council hears from the building committee.

The House and Grievance committee report was made by Arnulfo Zamora Sr. He reported a talk with Mrs. Muller, the owner of the present building. Mrs. Muller agreed on several repairs of the building, and was surprised when informed that the Council was planning its own building. Asked about the Council's option to buy the house, Mrs. Muller said it was agreeable if they could come to terms, and that she was willing to let the Council have the building with no down payment. She didn't say how much she wanted.

Felix Garcia made the report for the Budget committee. He said that it took \$3,600 to operate last year. Estimated that it would take \$5,000 for this year. He asked, however, that he needed an estimate on membership for the year before embarking fully on the budget plans. He asked the team captains for an estimate. Judge Palacios said that would not be available until about a month.

Manuel Mauzimu made the Civic and Social committee report. He said that the Lulac Council had joined with the Kiwanis in the Heart Fund Drive. He offered Harry Galves to cooperate with the Cancer

Fund Drive. Raul Laurel Jr., said a program was due in about two days. Maizumi also reported, as suggested by Alfredo Garza, that Lulac's cooperation in the Crippled Children Clinic was very good.

Francisco Flores reported for the Youth committee. He said \$100 was needed from the Council right away to help send two boys to the National Scout Jamboree. He said an unidentified person had put in \$50 so all the committee needed to provide would be \$100. He asked the Council to provide the money with the understanding that later after Lent season the committee would replace it to the Council treasury. A motion, made by Flores and seconded by Elizondo, passed to that effect.

President Richard Morales told the membership that Felix Tijerina was planning to run again for National President and Morales wanted to know if the Council would support him. Alfredo Garza urged his support, calling his program progressive. Vice-President Ligarde asked for a motion. Morales made it, seconded by Davila, it passed. A second motion by Morales and seconded by Zamora made it unanimous. Morales then moved to have the Council campaign for the 1958 convention site, Zamora seconded and it passed.

Alfredo Garza and Rodolfo Centeno were named co-chairmen of a convention committee.

Garza was then called upon to present the program for the night, which was a cancer talk by Harry Galves, vice-president of the Cancer Society.

Before the program started Morales asked for a motion to Elizondo made it and everybody seconded, it passed, Acting Sgt.-at-Arms Junios Vasquez, after the program, announced that 43 members were present. The raffle was won by Arnulfo Zamora.

Letter from Laurel

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children through the radio and television media. I realize, of course, that your activities as a highly active National President of the League has taxed to a great degree your business activities but I feel sure that you will feel fully gratified of having made such sacrifice after our League begins to realize the many potentialities which such program has to our people. It is a matter of common knowledge as well that you have made considerable financial sacrifice on behalf of the League and I feel sure that all the Lulacs everywhere appreciate your unselfishness and willingness to help people less fortunate, financially and otherwise, than yourself, and possibly many of us.

I am seriously urging you at this time to give considerable thought to the idea of running for another year. While I feel that this will not sound too attractive at the present time, I feel sure that you realize that a lot of the well-thinking and well-meaning members of our organization not only expect but demand that you do so for the sake of the continued growth and progress of our League.

I feel that one of the biggest factors in deciding whether to run again will be your continued absence from your home and many other important factors. However, please rest assured of my personal desire that you do so and that if you feel that you want to continue your wonderful program and see it through to completion, I shall be most happy to give you my unequivocal endorsement and full personal support for whatever it may be worth.

With warm personal regards, I remain,

Yours for a greater LULAC,
OSCAR M. LAUREL
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