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Dedication

This issue of LULAC NEWS is dedicated to that wonderful concept of education that was initiated at the recent Supreme Council meeting—the program of teaching 400 basic English words to pre-education Latin-American children, a program developed by our honorable Felix Tijerina, National President, and now acclaimed one of the most inspirational projects ever attempted by Lulac.

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FRONT COVER

The Spring Supreme Council Meeting held in September at the Shamrock Hilton in Houston featured an address by the Honorable Price Daniel, Governor of Texas. The photo shows the following dignitaries congratulating Gov. Daniel for his expressed support of Lulac's Educational Program recently unveiled: (l to r) Representative Kika de la Garza of McAllen; Judge Albert Trevino of San Antonio; Judge Fidencio Guerra; Senator Abraham Kazen of Laredo; Gov. Daniel; Fred Nahas; and Representative Oscar Laurel, Laredo.

Editorial

The recent unveiling of the Lulac Educational Program, proposed by our Honorable President Felix Tijerina, during the Supreme Council meeting held at the Shamrock Hilton Hotel in Houston has significant importance in the historical annals of Lulac. For one, it brought into light the impetus that Lulac tags on education—the molding stage of our future citizens. It also highlighted the wonderful leadership that the league has in its membership. Our National Officers, President Tijerina, Secretary Alfred J. Hernandez, Coordinator Tony Campos, and others have performed beyond their call of duty to bring about a challenge such as the educational program. In addition, such able leaders as Past Pres. Oscar Laurel, Legal Advisor Felix Salazar, and others proved that they were ready, willing, and able to wholeheartedly support the program as laid out during the meeting.

The banquet, which set the atmosphere for the introduction of a great Lulac milestone, had as guests such distinguished people as Governor Price Daniel of Texas; Mr. Robert "Bob" Smith, former chairman of the Good Neighbor Commission and a successful rancher and businessman; Senator Abraham Kazen, whose courageous stand against Senate action on segregation was another accomplishment in his already handsome career; District Judge Fidencio Guerra, formerly Gov. Daniel's aide when the latter served as Attorney General; Dr. J. W. Edgar, head of the Texas Education Agency; Representatives Laurel and de la Garza, well-known leaders from South Texas; Judge Trevino of San Antonio; and many other outstanding men. The banquet and business meeting were very well planned and carried out, and much of the credit should be given to the national officers for their wonderful work. It was through this devoted effort that many of the honored guests, including Gov. Daniel, pledged their support for this Lulac endeavor.

Congratulations for our National President Felix Tijerina are in order, for he was one of 24 citizens throughout the State of Texas appointed by Gov. Daniel to the Hale-Aiken Committee to study the public school system of the state. This honor was bestowed upon Mr. Tijerina at the banquet.

It is the sincere opinion of the editor that this program will undoubtedly unfold a new era for Lulac—a bigger challenge that can only be successful when and if the entire membership of Lulac extends its cooperation and support. This can also be stated, "In Unity There Are Successful Accomplishments".

A LULAC DREAM

A PROGRAM OF EDUCATION

DESIGNED TO COMBAT THE LANGUAGE BARRIER OF OUR
PRE-EDUCATIONAL AGE CHILDREN

By David Lopez
Managing Editor
LULAC NEWS

A \$146,000 program to give Latin American children educational opportunities equal to those enjoyed by students who speak English as their native tongue was launched by National President Felix Tijerina at the first Supreme Council meeting of his administration September 14 and 15 in the Shamrock Hotel, Houston, Texas.

Texas Governor Price Daniel, guest speaker at a banquet the evening of the 14th, expressed his support of the plan to teach pre-school children 400 basic words of English and stated that the program will help the Latin American people to "render even greater service to the nation in the future."

The basic idea for what may become the most far-reaching project in the League's history was born in a small town near Houston, Ganado, Texas, where 18-year-old Isabela Verver, realizing the tremendous handicap imposed upon Spanish-speaking children first entering school, is already putting the basic principle to work.

Miss Verver, a student teacher, observed that Latin American chil-

dren, who often enter school without a working knowledge of English, are bewildered and scared because they cannot understand their teacher. By the time they acquire an adequate vocabulary, they are behind those students who have English as a natural heritage.

In a 15-minute film, "Forgotten Minds," narrated by Alfred Hernandez, national executive secretary, the plan was outlined as calling for teaching the children 400 basic English words before they enroll in regular public school classes.

Teaching could be done by high school girls or through radio or television programs.

Preliminary plans for schools to be established in or near the 50 Texas cities which have LULAC councils. Classes would be patterned after those Miss Verver is conducting in the small town of Ganado.

For the present the plan will be put into execution only in Texas where migrant workers and Latin American non-citizens present a serious problem because of their inability to teach their children basic English.

National President Tijerina used his own experience as an example

of what a language barrier can mean to a Latin American.

Taught to read and write Spanish by his widowed mother, Mr. Tijerina had to work in the cotton fields early in his youth.

At age 13 he came to Houston and took a job in a restaurant at \$9.00 a week in order to sustain his mother and three school-age sisters.

By attending night classes he had to learn to write a few words of English so he could go from busboy to waiter. He got along as waiter knowing hardly more than "Thank you; come and see us again."

During the past six months he has hired a tutor to teach him English Grammar and he is at the 8th grade level. "With God's help, I hope to graduate from high school," he says.

Great expense will be involved in the program, Mr. Tijerina explained. Radio time for a single school costs \$61.25 per week; teachers, \$1,500 per year.

"This is certainly not an overnight job; it will take many years," the national president affirmed, "but it will help ourselves and our people."

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Gathered after the Lulac Banquet at the Shamrock Hilton Hotel in Houston to discuss the Lulac Educational Program are (l. to r.) the Governor of Texas, the Honorable Price Daniel; Fred Nahas, Master of Ceremonies; National President Felix Tijerina; Mrs. Tijerina; and Mr. Robert "Bob" Smith.

Message From The National President



FELIX TIJERINA

"Poor Education Among Our People of Mexican Descent is a Problem"

On September 14, 1957, LULAC presented to the Supreme Council at a banquet in the Castillian Room of the Shamrock Hilton Hotel in Houston, Texas, a narrative film which explained the need for a pre-school educational program for the children of Mexican descent.

Many outstanding dignitaries as well as Lulackers from all over the nation attended this history-making event. Among the many honored guests at the banquet was the Honorable Price Daniel, Governor of Texas, who honored me by an appointment to a state-wide committee to study the state's educational system.

In the very near future, many of the Texas television stations will present this most important film to the general public. As you well know, this project has been one of my ambitions and one of my most cherished dreams. I certainly hope that it might become a reality in the very near future with God's help.

LULAC has done much for our people and yet more has to be done in order to better the conditions that exist among the people of Mexican and Latin American descent. LULAC must explore ways and means to render assistance to the cause of better education among Latin American citizens.

We are a people with common bonds of language and, to a great extent, religion. LULAC has found that the problem existing is no longer a Latin-American problem. It is an American problem, and even more so, a LULAC problem.

The League will have to face this language barrier which has, to a certain extent, lowered the standards of many of the Latin-American citizens to second-rate citizenship. This language barrier can be overcome only by people who believe in the future of our youth and who are willing, if it should be necessary, to sacrifice time, money, and personal pride.

Many times we read of the poor conditions that exist in many of the Latin-American sections of a city or town. This is happening wherever our people migrate and establish themselves. This is due to their low earning power. Yes, low earning power will make for poor housing, bad health, and consequently poor education, which make for poor citizens.

The problem can be reduced basically by providing a better education for the Latin-Americans, and hence providing better job opportunities. At the present time, approximately 35 per cent of the children of school age in Texas are of Latin-American origin. There is no doubt, then, that this situation deserves serious thinking and immediate action.

According to this year's report of the Texas Education Agency, one out of every twelve students who start school, with Spanish surnames, finishes or graduates from high school.

In the 1955-56 school year, one out of every ten students with Spanish surnames dropped out of school, the highest rate being at the age of sixteen, or the age when they become ready to work.

Whatever little LULAC can do will affect a large portion of our country indirectly. Let's not deny the existence of this serious problem. Let's not fool ourselves anymore. Let's admit our own shortcomings. We as LULACS are failing to help our less fortunate. We are failing to carry the burden of civic responsibilities.

Our Educational Program is a new task for LULAC. It is a challenge for all of us who believe in LULAC. It is also a challenge for those self-styled leaders who brag of their doings. They must also dedicate themselves to this great task. LULAC in the past has had many good leaders, yet some of them have become listless and inactive, but yet assume sullen poses and keep living on their past glory without realizing that they are making fools of themselves and that they are failing in their responsibilities to those they profess to represent.

Believe me, our communities, our country, our own Latin-American will never progress or advance unless each and everyone of us does his part.

It is about time that every Latin-American citizen became civic minded and assumed his responsibilities because only by working together unselfishly, in good harmony, with respect for one another, believing in our LULAC Code, and with God's guidance, we will help raise our people to the position to which they are entitled in this great country we call America.

God Bless You,
Felix Tijerina

Minutes of the First Supreme Council Meeting For 1957

MEETING HELD AT THE SHAMROCK HILTON HOTEL, HOUSTON, TEXAS, ON
SEPTEMBER 14th AND 15th, 1957.

The meeting was called to order by the National President, the Hon. Felix Tijerina. The National Chaplain, David Adame, led the assembly in the prayer of the League and then the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Roll call of officers followed and the following were present, constituting a quorum:

Felix Tijerina, National President; Oscar M. Laurel, Immediate Past Nat'l Pres.; Joe O'Campo, 1st Nat'l Vice-Pres.; Mrs. Angelo (Mary) Machuca, 2nd Nat'l Vice-Pres.; Daniel Sandoval, Nat'l Treasurer; David Adame, Nat'l Chaplain; Paul Garza, Jr., Nat'l Director of Publicity; Anne Alvarez, Nat'l Director of Youth Activities; Alfred J. Hernandez, National Executive Secretary; Mrs. M. J. Cortez, Nat'l Secretary; Tony Campos, Nat'l Coordinator; Hector Godinez, California Regional Governor; Charles Toribio, Illinois Regional Governor; Bob Vasquez, Indiana Regional Governor; Pete Tijerina, Texas Regional Governor; (came in Sunday, Sept. 15) Felix Salazar, Jr., Nat'l Legal Advisor.

In addition to the above mentioned officers, the following were present at one or both of the business sessions:

Rafael Moreno, Houston Council No. 60, Chairman of Committee on Expansion; Honore Ligarde, Laredo Council No. 12, guest; Estela Martinez, Houston, Texas, Jr. Lulac National Treasurer; Roy Coronado, Houston, Texas, Jr. Lulac National Director of Publicity; Vickie Corez, Houston Texas, Jr. Lulac Member; Toby Hernandez, Houston, Council No. 60, guest; Mr. and Mrs. Isidro Flores, San Antonio Council No. 2, guests; Sammy Alderete, Houston Council No. 60, guest; Miss Hilda Vasquez, Miss Virginia Ochoa, and Miss Oralia Vela, Houston Ladies Council; Benito Esparza, National Jr. Lulac President, Laredo; David Lopez, Laredo, National Jr. Lulac Secretary; Ben Castillo, National Jr. Lulac Assistant Secretary.

Oscar Laurel was asked to give a few remarks of welcome. He expressed the gratitude of our Na-

tional President to all who attended the meeting and regretted that those absent were unable to be at the meeting. He pointed out that the league has expanded into new areas of this country, and to attend a meeting of this nature would create a great expense. He pointed out the importance of the meeting and announced the banquet to launch the pre-education program to be held that evening.

Correspondence was read. A letter from Matt Sandoval, Regional Governor of New Mexico was read first. Oscar Laurel moved that the matter be turned over to the legal advisor to take necessary action to work out the problem cited in the letter and to issue a legal opinion on the matter. Bob Vasquez seconded and motion carried. Letter from the Fullerton, Calif., Council, was taken up next. The Fullerton Council demanded immediate action on constitutions and Lulac pins for their members. An explanation followed by the Regional Governor from California, Hector Godinez. A discussion on the shortage of pins followed. It was announced by the National Coordinator that the Lulac Pins had arrived the day before and needed only to be picked up at the post office. The letter from Fullerton was turned over to Tony Campos, National Coordinator, to send the pins and other material as requested but only to those members who had joined since the constitution was amended to include the provision that all new members be provided with a constitution and a pin. A letter from the Placentia, California council on the same problem of pins was read. The National President discussed the problem of having to supply constitutions, pins, and other material to members and councils brought into the league during previous administrations, and due to their shortage of funds, had been unable to comply with the pre-requisite. He stated that the national office lost 90 cents each time a new member is initiated into the league due to the fact that the cost of required material to be supplied each new member is \$1.90 and

the initiation fee is only \$1.00. A further elaboration on the problem by our National President followed. In the case of the California councils, the Regional Governor was asked to submit to Tony Campos the names of those members not having pins and who were initiated since the constitutional provision was put into effect. The matter was then turned over to Tony Campos for immediate action, and seconded by Felix Salazar, Jr., the motion carried after a further discussion.

A letter from Stanton, California, on the same problem of pins was referred again to Tony Campos. Next a letter from Benito Esparza, Nat'l Jr. Lulac President, was read wherein he requested 15 minutes of the business session to present to the Supreme Council their request for permission to disregard the provision of the age limit, and to be allowed to remain in Jr. Lulac as in the past. Request was granted by the National President.

A letter from Benjamin Navarro, Regional Governor of Wisconsin, was read wherein he regretted his absence from the Supreme Council meeting and stated that his reason was that he had to attend the installation of four councils in Wisconsin, namely ladies council in Milwaukee, Kenosha, and Racine, and a Jr. council in Racine. He added that he would be sending for the charters in a very near future. The State of Wisconsin was given a vote of applause and the Regional Governors of Illinois and Indiana and the Second Nat'l. Vice-President were told to express the Supreme Council's congratulations and best wishes to Mr. Navarro for his fine work in Wisconsin. A letter from the Placentia, Calif., council asking for monetary assistance from the national president and the national office for their regional and district officers was read. Tony Campos pointed out that this request was turned down by the national assembly when the constitutional amendment providing for such assistance was not approved. O'Campo expressed his embarrassment and the legal advisor suggested that the

treasurer send a copy of the treasurer's report as to the actual finances of the national treasury at the time of the convention which were before expenses for a national convention were deducted. H. Godinez stated that they had the correct information as to the treasurer's report. The matter was referred to the national coordinator and the national treasurer.

A letter from Orange, Calif., requesting pins for some new members was referred to the national coordinator by the president.

Another letter from the national president of Junior Lulac was read in which he advised that he would be here later in the day than the time he had previously written.

Having established a more complete list of the problems to be discussed by this body. The next order of business was the ratification of the national president's appointments:

APPOINTMENT OF:

Carmen Cortez, National Secretary, approved on motion of Bob Vasquez, seconded by Hector Godinez carried.

Daniel Sandoval, National Treasurer, approved on motion of Mary Machuca, seconded by O. Laurel, carried.

Felix Salazar, Jr., National Legal Advisor and National Chairman Committee on Legislation, approved on motion of Joe O'Campo seconded by Al Hernandez, carried.

Dave Adame, National Chaplain, approved on motion of C. Cortez, O. Laurel seconded, which carried.

Paul Garza, Jr., National Director of Publicity, approved on motion of O'Campo, Machuca seconded, carried.

Alfred J. Hernandez, Executive Secy., approved on motion of Felix Salazar, H. Godinez seconded, carried.

Tony Campos, National Coordinator, approved on motion by M. Machuca, Anne Alvarez seconded, motion carried.

Val Hernandez National Organizer, approved on motion by Oscar Laurel, Bob Vasquez seconded motion carried.

Angelo Machuca, Special Organizer for the Midwest, approved on motion of Felix Salazar, Oscar Laurel seconded, motion carried.

Arnulfo Zamora, National Histo-

rian for a term of 5 years, as per constitutional amendment, approved upon motion of Bob Vasquez, C. Cortez seconded, motion carried.

Miss Isabel Verver, Chairman Committee on Citizenship, approved on motion by H. Godinez, seconded by Salazar, which carried.

Rafael S. Moreno, Chairman Committee on Expansion, approved on motion of Dan Sandoval, Bob Vasquez seconded, motion carrying.

Pascual H. Villarreal, Chairman Committee on Labor, approved on motion of M. Machuca, H. Godinez seconded, motion carried.

Carlos Castillon, Chairman Committee on Legislation for Texas, approved on motion of F. Salazar, Dan Sandoval seconded, motion carried.

Al J. Hernandez moved that we save time on approving the remainder of the appointments which were of committee chairmen, that they be approved or ratified in one motion, seconded by Laurel, carried. The following appointments were ratified on motion by Al J. Hernandez seconded by Paul Garza, Jr., which carried.

David Cerda - Chairman, Committee on Legislation, Illinois.

Emil Garcia - Chairman Committee on Legislation, Wisconsin.

John Paul Segovia - Chairman, Committee on Legislation, Indiana.

Danny Olivas - Chairman Committee on Legislation, California.

Alfred Sanchez - Chairman, Committee on Legislation, Iowa.

Jesus J. Molinar - Chairman, Committee on Legislation, New Mexico.

Max C. Duran - Chairman, Committee on Legislation, Arizona.

Dr. Ernest Bustamante - Chairman Committee on Legislation, Colorado.

Miss Virginia Ochoa of the Houston Ladies Council requested permission to bring up a problem in San Marcos, which the Supreme Council might be in a position to help. She was advised that she could bring up the problem in Sunday's meeting.

Reports from the First National Vice-President, Joe O'Campo, and the Second National Vice-President, Mrs. Mary Machuca, were heard by the council. A report by the National Treasurer, Daniel Sandoval, followed. Paul Garza, Jr., National Director of Publicity, reported on

his work on LULAC NEWS and explained his 5-point program. He pleaded for the League's cooperation to carry out his work. The National Legal Advisor followed with his report, and offered his services to the League. Alfred J. Hernandez very modestly reported on his work as Executive Secretary. Tony Campos and David Adame also gave their reports. A motion to recess or adjourn until Sunday morning at 9:30 A. M. was made by Oscar Laurel, seconded by Al J. Hernandez, which carried. An announcement was made on the Ladies Annual Charity Ball sponsored by the Houston Ladies Council, which was to be held immediately following the Lulac Pre-Educational Banquet. The National President announced that all the out of town National Officers would be his guests at the ball, for which he was graciously thanked. Meeting adjourned till Sunday Morning.

Sunday, Sept. 15, 1957

District Governor Domingo Capetillo was introduced as he had to leave immediately and he reported that a new council was organized in Temple, Tex., and he handed a list of the members to the National Secretary whereupon he was advised that as soon as the Chapter application fees and dues are received, a charter will be issued. Julian Mendoza, District Governor from Weslaco, Texas, requested a list of all the Active Councils in Texas which he heard listed in last night's banquet. A letter was from Weslaco asking for cooperation in the raffle of a choice of a Philco refrigerator, 36 in. gas range, automatic washer, Philco console TV set or a one ton Air Conditioner to raise funds for a scholarship fund which they have established. He was advised that the Supreme Council as a body could not purchase tickets, but that individually member who wished could get tickets. Mr. Mendoza reported that all the councils were being sent tickets to buy or help sell for this project.

Judge Albert Trevino, Mr. Riojas, Arnold Quintero, District Governor of Houston, and District Governor Capetillo were formally presented to the Assembly. Roll call was read and quorum established.

Reports were heard from the following - attached.

Ann Alvarez, National Director

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Santa Fe, New Mexico

The Lulac Council No. 33 of Santa Fe recently purchased a tract of land located on St. Michael's Drive. Initial plans are to build a club house in the very near future. Other accomplishments of this council include a civic drive in the City of Santa Fe to collect toys for the needy families, a project held in conjunction with the Social Agencies Organization of the city. The drive took place October 26, 1957, with Johnny Anaya, Mariano Romero, and the council president, G. G. Lopez, heading the drive. Also planned is a joint meeting of both councils in Santa Fe on November 4, 1957, in order to work out a program of activities for the coming year and to improve relations between councils.

Another project initiated by this very active council is a dinner honoring the New Mexico Regional Governor, Matt Sandoval of Las Vegas, N. M., for his excellent work in Lulac. This dinner was held on October 19, at the La Jolla de Santa Fe.

Lulac Timmy Solano Elected Grand Knight



TIMMY SOLANO



A program on Civil Defense highlighted a recent meeting of Council No. 212 at Los Alamos. Louis Lucero, program chairman, presented Mr. Bill Bowling, of the Civil Defense Administration, who gave a very interesting talk. At the same meeting, it was announced that Jasper Cisneros' team is leading in the membership campaign.

The council approved the sponsorship of a team in the P A L League, a city basketball league. They voted for the council's sponsorship by agreeing to pay the necessary bills that the team would encounter.

Among other business discussed was the matter to send news items to the Santa Fe offices of the newspaper rather than to the Los Alamos offices due to lack of cooperation from the latter.

The LULAC NEWS staff would like to go on record as congratulating the Secretary of this Council, Hector C. Hinojosa, for submitting minutes of their regular meeting regularly and giving complete information as to the meeting.

On August 11, 1957 at Chama, New Mexico, a northern New Mexico lumber town, Brother Timmy Solano, Jr., Lulac District Governor for New Mexico, was elected Grand Knight of the Chama Knights of Columbus Council No. 4445. Brother Solano is an active LULAC officer and we are sure he will be an asset in his newly elected post.

Solano is a teacher-coach in the Chama High School system, having taught eight years in other cities in New Mexico. Congratulations - Brother Solano, - keep up the good work.

How about a Chama LULAC Council there, Brother Solano?

LOS ALAMOS LADIES

A recent meeting of the Lulac Ladies Council No. 232 unveiled several projects that the group is presently undertaking:

- (1) Participation in the Fire Prevention parade after accepting the invitation from the Fire Prevention Bureau. Bernie Royball will be the chairman of this event.
- (2) Benefit Dance on November 23 with Don Lesman and his Orchestra, with Cesy Duran doing the leg work.
- (3) Harvest Dance planned for the near future, this project being in progress with Pita Montoya contracting prospective orchestra.
- (4) Plans for a picnic for all the council members, initiated by Frances Maes and Margaret Lucero.
- (5) A report was heard on the successful Aug. 9th benefit dance from Pita Ortega.

Wow! This council is active, for all we can say. Congratulations and best wishes for continued success in your undertakings.



Lulac Council No. 2 in San Antonio has undertaken to publish a monthly Lulac Bulletin. The news items carried by this Bulletin are in our opinion, very well presented and the men instrumental for this deserve a pat on the back.

Fabens, Texas

A recent meeting of the Fabens council resulted in the following officers being elected:

Rogelio Sanchez, President
Manuel Provencio, Vice-President
Frank Rodriguez, Secretary
Joe V. Flores, Treasurer
Alex Villalobos, Guard
Leo Valdez, Chaplain
J. M. Carbajal, Trustee
Pete Munoz, Trustee
Santos Vasquez, Trustee

Congratulations to the new officers and best wishes for a good Lulac Year . . . Ed.

The "Asian Flu" Epidemic

By FRANCISCO LICON, M. D.
National Director of Health

Much has been written, but little said medicinewise, concerning the so called "Asian Flu epidemic" in this country. On the one hand there are alarms of how vast, widespread, and contagious the disease is; and on the other, there are statements from presumably leading medical authorities tending to talk down and discount the whole situation. To the man in general medical practice this is confusing. To the lay-person, I am sure it can be nothing short of devastating.

"Asian Flu" or any other type of virus infection cannot be definitively diagnosed short of rather involved studies in a virology laboratory. The time it takes to run laboratory tests, at least two weeks, is such that the patient should be fully recovered from the illness long before the diagnosis is established.

The tests cannot be run in just any laboratory. Usually the only facilities available for such tests cannot be found except in a State Medical Laboratory or a well-endowed virology laboratory associated with some large medical school.

The practicing physician, therefore, must depend entirely on clinical signs and symptoms that he can observe at the time he sees the patient. The signs and symptoms are the same as for severe upper respiratory infections of all types. In other words, a cold is a cold.

Coming down to brass tacks, is there or is there not an epidemic in progress? and if so, what should be done about it by individuals — patients as well as physicians?

In my personal practice I can unequivocally state that there is and has been a tremendous increase in the incidence of acute upper respiratory infections within the past two months. There have been a variety of diseases based on an original cause, but all similar in regards to the effects on the patient.

Principal features have been a high fever, a general ill-feeling, cough and running nose, and poor appetite. To me, the distinguishing factor has been that the same mal-

ady attacks whole families at a time. This is perhaps the one clinical observation that one might use to characterize "Asian Flu." As stated before, however, no definite diagnosis can be given without laboratory studies. At this time of the year there is always an increase in the incidence of acute upper respiratory infections.

The increase this year, nevertheless, has been two or three fold what it was in the past. In fact, the last time that I can remember seeing so many victims of acute upper respiratory infections was in the winter of 1952-53. So, without going over-board to say there is an epidemic, I do say that there are more sick people now than there were at this same time last year—many more and much more sick.

What about the vaccine? Here again I am going to hedge. We have had the polyvalent flu vaccine for some time. This, however, offers no protection against the "Asian Flu" strain. The vaccine against "Asian Flu" is monovalent—it protects only against that particular virus strain, and no other.

The "Asian Flu" vaccine supply has been limited. That is perhaps just as well. I am not actually push-

ing it, or urging anybody to get it. To my patients I give no guarantees and I do caution that protection is far from complete and limited to just one of several different disease agents.

To conclude, here is my advice:

1. If there is a definite increase in acute upper respiratory infections in your particular locality, it is worthwhile to give yourself the added protection of the "Asian Flu" vaccine. After all, one does not get quite ill. The illness lasts one or two weeks and causes extreme weakness and susceptibility to other more severe infections such as pneumonia.

2. If you do get vaccinated, do not expect too much. By all means exert all cautions. Particularly pay attention to bulletins from your local public health officials. Avoid getting chilled, avoid crowds if there is a near-epidemic; avoid getting wet, and avoid exhaustion from work or play. Get plenty of sleep and see your physician if a cold persists more than 24 hours. Observe regular meal time and eat a good variety of foods. Do not hurry through meals. In short, live sensibly, and you will live longer and happier.

A PROGRAM OF EDUCATION

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Although expensive, the plan is closer to reality than many would think. The film, which was produced at a cost of \$2,500, was donated. In the Texas Capitol, such agencies as the Texas State Teachers Association, Texas Employment Commission, Department of Health, Department of Welfare, and Department of Public Safety have given full endorsement.

The League of United Latin American Citizens will soon be in a position to awaken what the national president described as a "sleeping giant"—the uneducated Latin American people who possess the potential to become one of the outstanding groups of American citizens.

Fred Nahas, president of Radio Station KXYZ, was master of ceremonies at the banquet attended by several heads of state agencies,

prominent Houston businessmen and philanthropists, and press and radio representatives.

In his address, Governor Daniel expressed his admiration for the Latin American people who "fought side by side with Anglos in the Texas War for Independence."

The governor was the first to appoint a Latin American to an important state post. As attorney general he named Fidencio Garcia as his assistant. Two members of the Texas Good Neighbor Commission, Dr. Jose Rodarte of the State Board of Medical Examiners, and many legislators are Latin Americans, the governor pointed out.

At the banquet Governor Daniel announced the reappointment of Dr. Rodarte, the appointment of Mr. Tijerina to a commission to study educational problems in Texas, and Dr. Jose T. Sepulveda of San Antonio.

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MINUTES

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of Youth Activities, reported that in order to be able to function more effectively, the following offices have been created in the Junior set up:

In the state of California she has appointed Danny Olivas as state superintendent; Richard Moya, as State Supt. for Texas; in Illinois, Mr. Gil Hernandez; in Indiana, Vera Carrillo; in Iowa, Salvador Bernal; in Wisconsin, Joseph Castro. She has not heard from New Mexico, and Colorado. She added that the first Junior Council in Chicago had been organized in South Chicago and they are in the process of organizing in the West side as well as in Racine, Sterling, E. Chicago, and Ft. Madison. She added that California was in the process of reactivating Stanton, Buena Park and possibly Corona. She recommended that the Junior Age limit be allowed to remain the same as in the past.

Regional Governor Pete Tijerina was at this time recognized to give his report due to the fact that he had to leave immediately. In summary he reported that his office is being besieged by requests for pins which he understood had been discussed by the Supreme Council. He reported the installation of the Marlin and Pearsall councils and that the Marlin had held its banquet in the Falls Hotel, which was the first time Latins had ever used the facilities and that it had been very well attended. He added that Domingo Capetillo is working like a house afire and pretty soon he expected the roster of Temple, Texas. Navasota has applied for a council and he added that he wanted to go on record as recommending Domingo Capetillo as his candidate for the Outstanding Lulac of the Year. He reported that Navasota is in the Bryan district and that the District Governor there has resigned. He recommended having tri-district meetings and that there would be one of these in Austin where Bryan, Waco and Dallas would attend. He requested aid in the amount of about \$600.00 to aid Governor Capetillo in getting Dallas. He further reported that A. Quintero is planning a tri-district meeting. Another is being planned in the Pecos, Lubbock, and Ft. Stockton area. He requested the cooperation of Corpus Christi to hold a tri-district meet-

ing. He recommended the appointments of William Bonilla of Corpus Christi, Isidro Flores of San Antonio, and Willie of El Paso as special organizers in Texas. He suggested that the appointment of the Legislative Committee Chairmen be appointed by the Regional Governors instead of by the National President as has been done in the past. He proposed a constitutional amendment to this effect at our next national convention. He pointed out that something be done with regard to the property of Lulac at Del Rio which someone else is using, such property belonging to the League and which problem was brought up at the last regional convention in Lubbock. He suggested that Bro. Joe Moreno be allowed to continue trying to organize the College Councils even though the amendments as to dues did not pass at the Convention. He added that the League needs these young people to spread the work of Lulac to their respective localities. He requested that the Treasurer and the Secretary grant the Harlingen Council request for Constitutions and pins which they had paid for during the last administration.

Robert Vasquez then gave his report. He reported that the second installation on October 26th and the E. Chicago Council was planning their Annual Christmas party on Nov. 23rd by the Ladies Council. Gary Council are soon holding elections. In expansion of the League, district 1 will have Hammond; District 2, Black Oak, Indiana. Contact has been made with Detroit which he hoped to have in the League by the end of the year. The special organizer is trying to organize Keysport, Indiana, and he hoped that at the next Supreme Meeting he could be able to report that these have been organized as well as in Pennsylvania.

Mr. Machuca added to Vasquez' report that the men are in the process of supplying milk to schools and the Ladies Councils have helped with the T.B. Hospital.

Hector Godinez reported for California. A Los Angeles Council will be installed about the first week of October in the Statler Hotel, East Los Angeles, as well as Corona are to be installed later. Within a short time Councils at Barstow, San Bernardino, and Casa Blanca will be in the League.

Charles Toribio gave his report on the activities of the Illinois area. He reported that they were striving to work in a group in cooperation with Val Hernandez, Father Kemper of Ft. Madison, Susana Pavon, president of the ladies of Ft. Madison, Bob Rocha, District Governor of Des Moines; Jesse Mosqueda, and Benjamin Navarro, which in effect were forming a circle and that before long they hoped to report the organization of Detroit, Toledo, Ohio, through the hard work of Father Kern of 1040 Porter Street, Detroit, Michigan. In Toledo, Ohio, the contact has been Jose Martinez, as well as that of Saginaw, Mich. He had hoped that the roster and application for South Chicago had already been received by the National office so he could take the charter back but that he believed that this application would be forthcoming Monday or Tuesday. Bro. Mosqueda is installing a council at Mason City, Iowa on Sept. 22, on Sept. 26, he has a meeting with personnel from Nebraska. He announces that Father Lopez, whom we met at the national convention, has been appointed to the Bishop's Committee at Sacred Heart and that in Father Leo Mann we are progressing the League. Father Lopez is working in the packing area along with Efram Rincon, his contact. They have a contact at Springfield, and Roseland, as well as at Ashland. Milwaukee and New York has been approached. Bob Alaniz is working in the area of Joliet, Ill.

The National President called on Oscar Laurel to give a resumé of the film viewed last night at the Banquet. Felix Tijerina announced that three television stations wanted to show the film as a public service and that probably, by Wednesday or Thursday, arrangements could be made. Oscar Laurel inquired if it were possible to get copies of the film to be shown in other areas of the state or the League. He was advised by the President that this would be looked into.

Laurel gave a summary of the film in which it was brought out that in the state of Texas there is a great need for the children of pre-school age to be taught English. This is so that they may be prepared to start their education on an equal basis as other students.

The film centered on a school student teacher who, on her own time is teaching the 400 basic words of English to those children and at the same time, giving adult instruction to the parents so that they may be better to understand the problems of their children. The National President was so impressed with this young lady's endeavors that he secured the services of Bill Taylor and Jack Zilker to make a narrative film of this experimental school which was done at no expense to the League. The President, with the cooperation of the National Coordinator, Tony Campos, as well as the work and research of the past National Secretary, now the Executive Secretary of the League, Alfred J. Hernandez, had been working for a year on the preparation of this film. The film was narrated beautifully by Alfred J. Hernandez. It showed the people at their work in cotton fields; it showed the teacher giving instructions to these children of Latin-American extraction. All the prominent people present at the Banquet were impressed, including the main speaker and most honored guest, The Governor of Texas, The Honorable Price Daniel. He offered his full cooperation. The Board of Education represented by Dr. J. W. Edgar had also commended and put their facilities at our command. This program will need the cooperation of all the individual councils and individuals.

Felix Salazar moved that due to the fact that the narrative film shown last night had cost Lulac not a single penny and that the League was getting the credit for same, that Bill Taylor and Jack Zilker be presented with a special award of merit as well as with Honorary Membership in the League for the outstanding contribution to the League. Paul Garza, Jr., seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Felix Salazar moved that although many words of praise and commendation had been heard with regard to this educational program launched by the President at last night's most successful banquet, this Supreme Council go on record as endorsing the program wholeheartedly and that the whole League be so advised by spreading this on the minutes of this meeting. Seconded by Daniel Sandoval, motion carried unanimously.

Know your staff

A young man with a wealth of experience in magazine editing and technical writing assumed the duties of National Director of Publicity on August 1, 1957, the date that he was appointed by the Honorable Felix Tijerina, National President. Paul Garza, Jr. has been in Lulac for a short time, but during that time he has demonstrated his desire to be of service to the league, and has been exceptionally active in Laredo Lulac Council No. 12.

Garza attended Laredo Public Schools graduating from Martin High School in 1951; he later graduated from Texas A & M College with a degree in Civil Engineering. During his tenure at Martin High School, he served as Sports Editor of the High School Journal, Sports Editor of the school yearbook, and wrote several articles for the local paper. At the Laredo Junior College, which he attended for one semester, he served as Sports Editor of the yearbook and the school paper. While attending Texas A & M, he worked his way up from a reporter to Associate Editor of the *Texas A & M Engineer*, a magazine put out by the Engineering School at the college. He also served as reporter for the Laredo Club at the school, and featured Sunday articles on the hometown paper about boys attending A & M.

Presently, Paul Garza is City Planning and Traffic Engineer for the City Planning Commission of Laredo, and before that, had served as Traffic Engineer with the City of Waco, Texas. He is associated with Southwestern City Planning and Engineering Consultants; he holds membership in the American Institute of Planners; Institute of



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Traffic Engineers; American Society of Civil Engineers; Texas Society of Professional Engineers; and the American Society of Planning Officials; he is a registered Scoutmaster with the Boy Scouts of America, serving as leader for a Boy Scout troop sponsored by local Council No. 12; he is a member of the Knights of Columbus; Optimist Club; and the Laredo Chamber of Commerce; his hobby is sports, and he takes an active part in local semi-pro baseball, currently being the top pitcher in the Winter Baseball league.

Paul Garza, Jr. is married to the former Maria Magdalena Mendez of Laredo, and they are the proud parents of Mary Helen, 3, and Paul Michael, 1½.

The key to the successful start of this young man may lie in his favorite saying: "Do unto others as you want done unto you".

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you want done unto you".
nio to a special commission that will study the problems of aged citizens in Texas.

"In the future I know we will have many more Latin Americans in important governmental posts and the program which you initiate here tonight will help your people render even greater service in the future. I wish you every success," the governor concluded.

Governor Daniel, whose great grandfathers were Mexican citizens before the Texas Revolution, is an honorary member of the San Antonio (Texas) Council.

When the educational program is launched in Texas it will help 20 per cent of the population as one of every five Texans is of Latin American extraction.

OLD BUSINESS On the matter of pins, it was announced that the National Office would send out as many pins as it was able to and that another order would be filed immediately.

Oscar Laurel moved that a resolution be drawn up putting this Supreme Council on record as recommending a constitutional amendment at the next National Convention that Article VIII, Section One, Sub-section B, be amended to raise the initiation dues from one dollar to two dollars so that the cost of furnishing constitutions, membership cards, Lulac codes and pins, as provided in the constitution be covered. Salazar seconded, motion carried.

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