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Tony Campos, Nat'l
Director of Publicity

Come to the National Convention in Chicago this June, we will have many resolutions and amendments presented. In this issue you will find two. Personally I am in favor of the one presented by the Chicago Council No. 288. They propose to have a subscription to LULAC News by every member of LULAC for \$1.50 in order to defray some of the expenses which it takes to put out a good issue of LULAC News. The other amendments deal with the changing of Latin to Loyal in the title League of United Latin American Citizens. I am against this amendment. Many of us are of Mexican descent and are proud to be identified as Latin Americans because we are proud of our heritage and are likewise proud to belong to a Latin American organization whether we were born in America or whether our parents came from Mexico.

There will be other resolutions and amendments presented at the National Convention. It is imperative that you make an extra effort to be there and decide what your organization shall be called and how we shall continue publishing the LULAC News.

Our National President Don Felix Tijerina has just returned from Chicago, and he tells me that the Convention Committee has certainly gone out of the way to plan many enjoyable activities for all the delegates and members that attend.

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Felix Tijerina Nat'l President of LULAC

A Message From the National President!

– the future of Latin America
is in the hands of LULAC –
– LULAC and only LULAC can
lead the way –

My LULAC friends. I have traveled far this year and I have seen and studied the plight of our Latin American people here in the United States and abroad and I have seen the need for our organization to continue expanding into every city where the Latin American people live. They want and need LULAC, Lets bring them into our fold and share with the toil and sweat that it takes to make LULAC grow.

If you have traveled or read the situation that exists at the present time in Mexico and our other Latin American countries, you will agree with me that LULAC has a job to do and that the future of Latin America is in the hands of LULAC and that LULAC and only LULAC can lead the way.

We have seen how Communism is trying to infiltrate into many of the Latin American Countries and how they have fought them off and kept them from our doors. We saw how our friend Judge Harold Medina also gave us a shining example of democracy in action. We have seen how our neighboring country of Mexico expelled quite a few this year. I believe that it is up to us here in the United States to teach our people the value of freedom and what it means to each one of us.

Freedom has different meaning in different parts of Latin America. For me it means many things. It means the right to choose and follow any religion that I wish. It means the opportunity to pick my friends and my associates. It also means the right to write and talk on any subject of my own choosing. It also means the opportunity to work with such a great organization as the League of United Latin American Citizens and to help those who need of my knowledge and experience. Most of all it means the opportunity and the honor to defend my country in peace and in war. The opportunity to pray and give thanks to our Lord the way that my mother taught me. And last but not least it means the opportunity to partake in the political life of my country. But never forget that with all of this freedom we have a great obligation to our beloved country to serve it every day with honor and dignity.

As members of LULAC, the Latin American countries will look up to us for the right kind of leadership and the much needed advice. They will follow our every step and will listen to our way of freedom. LULAC and only LULAC will be able to show them the way. We have a tremendous job ahead of us.

Keep up your good work and may God crown you with happiness. Lets all work together for a common goal of goodness and prosperity for LULAC. We shall meet in Chicago next month and there we shall bring forth many new projects and programs for the good and welfare of our League. God Bless You,

Felix Tijerina



Above we see Miss Anita Capetillo being crowned the Waco LULAC Queen for 1959 by our Nat'l President Don Felix Tijerina. The Waco LULAC Annual George Washington Birthday Ball proved highly successful since \$700.00 was raised by the Waco Council for their Scholarship Fund. Also in the picture we see the Miss Dora Almeida the 1958 Queen.



Speakers at the LULAC Anniversary Banquet of Galesburg, Illinois on February 21st, 1959. Left to right Miss Suzana Pavon, 2nd National Vice President, Father Francis Oman, Mayor Robert Cabeen, LULAC President John O. Lopez, Jesse Bessera, and Manuel Padilla.



Original Charter Members of the New York State Pioneer Council sends their Greetings to our National President Don Felix Tijerina.



Even the snow will not stop our Nat'l Organizer Val Hernandez from traveling in behalf of LULAC. L to R Henry Acosta of Chicago, Victor Gonzales of Roseland, Illinois, Joe Gradedo of N.Y., Val Hernandez of Cicero, Illinois, Francisco Rivera of N.Y. and Bob Rios of Chicago. They paused to view Niagara Falls.

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Our Nat'l Organizer Val Hernandez explains the aims and purposes of LULAC to the New York State LULAC members.

San Antonio, Texas . . . District Organizer Joe Lopez reports that a large representation from the Alamo City will travel to Chicago by train. A reorganizational meeting was recently held in Pearsall, Texas where the dynamic Johnny Solis from San Antonio made a very inspiring talk on LULAC.

Brownfield, Texas . . . Ernest Barton was elected President of the Brownfield LULAC Council. Other members that will serve as officers are Ed Gutierrez as Vice President, Amalio Garcia, Treasurer, Marcos Garcia, Secretary and Jesus Franco, Sgt. Arms. Dr. Armando Duran of Lubbock, Texas and the dynamic Tony Andrews both gave the outstanding points that LULAC is playing in the nation this year.

San Gabriel, California . . . The San Gabriel LULAC Council is working on "LULAC Toys for Joy" project making toys for the pre-school children of San Gabriel, they collected \$125.00 for the March of Dimes. A dance was held to raise funds for their annual Scholarship to be given to a student of San Gabriel High School. Miss Cecilia Gonzales is doing an excellent job as reporter for the council.



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Group Picture of the 30th Anniversary LULAC Dinner held in Galesburg, Illinois. A Gala Dance was held immediately after the oratory. Susana Pavon, LULAC 2nd Nat'l Vice President made a very good resume on the part the ladies are playing in LULAC around the nation.

El Paso, Texas . . . The District 4 LULAC Convention was held on May 15-17, 1959 at the Hilton Hotel in El Paso, Texas. The Convention was very constructive and was enjoyed by all of the delegates. A large El Paso Delegation will head for Chicago on the 24th of June. Dist. Gov. Paul Andow presided at the El Paso District Convention. William Flores was convention Chairman.

LULAC DISTRICT VIII TRAIN SPECIAL TO CHICAGO

WITH THE NATIONAL CONVENTION ALMOST HERE IT IS TIME THAT THE MEMBERS OF LULAC IN DISTRICT VIII MAKE THEIR RESERVATIONS ON THE SPECIAL CAR OF THE TRAIN GOING OUT OF HOUSTON TO CHICAGO. THE TENTATIVE SCHEDULE IS AS FOLLOWS:

LEAVE HOUSTON WEDNESDAY 24TH AT 4:15 PM
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PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE NATIONAL CONSTITUTION OF THE LEAGUE OF UNITED LATIN AMERICAN
CITIZENS . . . ADOPTED BY CHICAGO LULAC COUNCIL NO. 288, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Whereas, the LULAC NEWS monthly magazine is the best media for communicating with the individual members of our growing organization,

Whereas, the National Office is doing excellent work in publishing an issue of LULAC NEWS every month but is in need of funds so that each and every member of our organization can receive LULAC NEWS regularly, NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Article II, Section 5 (f) of our National Constitution be amended to read as follows:

"Receive a monthly copy of LULAC NEWS at the particular mailing address designated by the individual members upon payment to the National Office of \$1.50 per one year subscription to said LULAC NEWS."

S/S Tom Munoz, President
Chicago LULAC Council No. 288

S/S Manuel Reyes, Secretary
Chicago LULAC Council No. 288

Date Proposed Amendment was Adopted: April 17, 1959

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED TO THE NATIONAL OFFICE OF THE
LEAGUE OF UNITED LATIN AMERICAN CITIZENS TO BE PRESENTED AT THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY TO MEET IN
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS ON JUNE 26 - 29, 1959

Whereas, a group of civic minded citizens met in the year 1929, at a time when people of Spanish descent were not being accorded their legal rights as citizens of this country, and organized into an organization dedicated to establish Christian principles, Americanism and Inter-American understanding and goodwill, and named this organization The League of United Latin American Citizens -

And whereas, this organization through the tireless efforts of its leaders and members spread throughout the State of Texas as well as in other states of the union, and was successful in achieving great improvements in Inter-American understanding and goodwill, and is now recognized as one of the outstanding civic organizations in this country,

And whereas, the constitution of this organization has been amended to allow people of other than Spanish descent to join and become part of - this organization, but the name League of United Latin American Citizens has been retained, thus deterring good prospective members from joining,

And whereas, this organization which has so strongly and zealously fought against intra-racial segregation since its inception, is now bearing a name that implies that it is an organization open to membership and composed only of people of Spanish descent, segregating themselves in an organization that is in reality open to anyone for membership and that it stands against the principles of intra-racial segregation,

And whereas, our country is now being challenged in its position as the leader of the free world by a country where the principles of democracy are unknown, and where the rights and liberties of the individual do not - exist, and our country finds itself in a position of demanding the loyalty to its citizenship in order to preserve the liberties that we have so bravely fought for,

And whereas the word "Loyal" expresses the caliber of people of our organization, and whereas the words "Loyal American Citizens" are synonymous with the members of our organization,

Be it therefore resolved, that the constitution of the League of United Latin American Citizens be amended, so as to substitute the - word "Loyal" for the word "Latin" in our organization's name, and that our organization henceforth be called "The League of United Loyal - American Citizens".

Respectfully submitted this 25th day of April, 1959

McAllen Council No. 327
McAllen, Texas

S/S Arturo J. Garcia, President



Above we saw our National President Don Felix Tijerina and Felix Tijerina Jr. as they visit Chicago and the surrounding area during his recent trip to the Midwest LULAC Region. Our National President attended the Indiana LULAC Regional Convention on April 25, 1959.



Above we see our Nat'l Organizer giving the oath of office to the newly elected LULAC Regional Governor of New York the Hon. Francisco Rivera of Lackawanna, N. Y. An invitation was extended to our Nat'l President to attend the New York installation presently.

LULAC IN ACTION

Galesburg, Illinois . . . On Feb. 14, 1959, Mayor Robert Cabeen of Galesburg, Illinois proclaimed the week of Feb. 14th to the 21st, as LULAC Week in Galesburg. In the Proclamation, Mayor Cabeen noted the contributions made by LULAC to better relations of all Latin American Citizens in the city of Galesburg. A gala banquet climaxed LULAC in Galesburg.

Ft. Madison, Iowa . . . The LULAC State Convention of Iowa will be held on May 30th, 1959 at the Sacred Heart School in Ft. Madison, Iowa. Iowa LULAC Regional Governor Jesse Mosqueda will preside over the convention. Council No. 304 of Ft. Madison will host the many LULAC visitors from the State of Iowa.

St. Paul, Minnesota . . . LULAC Regional Governor George Galvin of St. Paul expresses his appreciation to the St. Paul LULAC membership for the successful Scholarship dance recently held at the Lux Hall in St. Paul. The St. Paul council is new in LULAC and especially in the State of Minnesota but they are looking at the future with confidence. A large delegation from Minnesota will attend the LULAC Nat'l Convention in Chicago this coming June. Two new LULAC Councils were recently organized, the Albert Lea Council and the St. Paul Ladies Council.

Austin, Texas . . . On April 23rd 1959, the House of Representatives by a vote of 118 to 27 approved House Bill No. 51 which provided for a pre-school program for non-English speaking children. This program which was endorsed by the Laredo LULAC Nat'l Convention and which has the support of many educators, will go a long way towards getting the small child from the non-English speaking home off on the right foot in his educational career.

Des Moines, Iowa . . . The Des Moines LULAC Councils have joined together in order to grant its first college scholarship award to some deserving student of Mexican descent. A very succesful dance was held on April 24, 1959 for this worthy project.

Chicago, Illinois . . . LULAC Regional Governor of Illinois, Honoratus Lopez has called a LULAC State Convention for Illinois for May 24, 1959. The Convention will take place at the Mirador Restaurant located at 810-12 West Roosevelt Road, Chicago, Illinois.

Beaumont, Texas . . . LULAC District Governor Robert Hernandez has called a District Convention for May in Beaumont, Texas. A large delegation from the Beaumont area will attend the Chicago LULAC Nat'l Convention in June.

San Antonio, Texas . . . LULAC Council No. 187 of San Antonio are planning a supper at the Mission County Park this coming summer. A delegation from Council No. 187 will attend the National Convention in Chicago.


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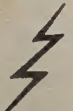
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Sparkling team of LULAC Ladies from Chicago's Council No. 300 who are breaking social precedents and adding luster to the LULAC Shield with their constant civic and social endeavors. Lately their membership drive has been a great success. L. to R. Tina Cereseres, Emma Quiroga, Sally Mendoza, Margaret Lugan, Mary Rios, Margaret Noceda and Tisha Bonilla.

Los Alamos, New Mexico . . . Our LULAC Hats are off to the Los Alamos LULAC Council No. 212 on their recent assistance given to a small girl in a local hospital who is sick with leukemia. Council No. 212 is furnishing a TV set for the little girl in her hospital room. They are also sponsoring a team in the Babe Ruth League composed of small fry. An Annual Bar-B-Que is in the making

FLASH 

 LULAC EDUCATIONAL FUND BILL WILL GO INTO EFFECT IMMEDIATELY -- A bill to provide a program of pre-school training for non-English speaking Texas children advanced to the governor Tuesday after winning approval of the House.

Sen. Abraham Kazen of Laredo, sponsor of the bill in the Senate, said many children were held back for several years because they couldn't keep up with their studies. Kazen said the program would cost \$750,000 but it would save the state "future millions in giving these children a chance to start school on even terms".

The House voted 114-14 concurrence to Senate amendments tacked on the measure Monday. The Senate approved the bill 26 to 1. Rep. Malcolm McGregor of El Paso was the author of the original bill.