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# David Adame Heads Lulac In Texas

**Rudy Hettler,  
Irene Escobar  
Outstanding Lulacs**

David Adame of Houston is new Texas State Director for LULAC. The Bayou city man was elected at the annual State convention of the organization held in Beaumont Feb. 1-2.

Tony Cruz and Paul Garza, Laredo, Texas, who entered the race Saturday, lost to Adame when Councils in the Coastal area voted in a solid block.

However, the San Antonio delegation did not go home empty handed. Zoning director for the City of San Antonio was presented as Texas LULAC Man of the Year.

Rudy Hettler of San Antonio was presented as Texas LULAC Man of the Year.

Tom Guardia was named State Legal Advisor.

Chosen as the Woman of the Year was Mrs. Irene Escobar of El Paso.

Elected as Deputy State Director, a new post, was Héctor de la Peña of Corpus Christi. Both he and the new Director



DAVID ADAME

will take office in June.

The delegates chose Lubbock for the 1965 State Convention. Laredo's bid was turned down.

The JUNIOR LULAC also has a new Director, Mary Louise Garcia, Galveston, Texas. She is to take office in June.

A resolution urging the Department of Public Safety to discontinue using of the word Mexican in applications and forms was unanimously adopted. The present State Director was instructed to send a copy to the

Director of the Law Revision Agency and members of the League.

Delegates were informed that Governor Connally has signed a Proclamation designating the periods of February 16-22 as LULAC week in Texas, urging all citizens to join made by the members was accepted to the convention by 33 other LULACs.

In their welcoming address both Mayor Jack Moore of Beaumont and Lloyd Hayes of Ft. Arthur complimented LULACs for Education and Scholarship Programs.

## Jim Phipps Named In Indiana

Gary, Ind. — State Director, Edward Modesto, has announced the appointment of Bro. James Phipps of Council 349 as Deputy State Director. The general meeting of Indiana Lulac officers met at the Gary Airport Clubhouse on December 14, 1963.

## Official Proclamation

To all National, State and District Officers and all Councils of the League of United Latin American Citizens.

### OFFICIAL PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the League of United Latin American Citizens, better known as LULAC, is celebrating its 35th year; and

WHEREAS, the fondest dream of our founding fathers was for this organization to dedicate itself to the field of education for better citizenship responsibility; and

WHEREAS, our beloved organization has strived to make this dream a reality as a testimonial to our founding fathers; and

WHEREAS, February 17, 1964, marks the 35th anniversary of LULAC: now, therefore be it

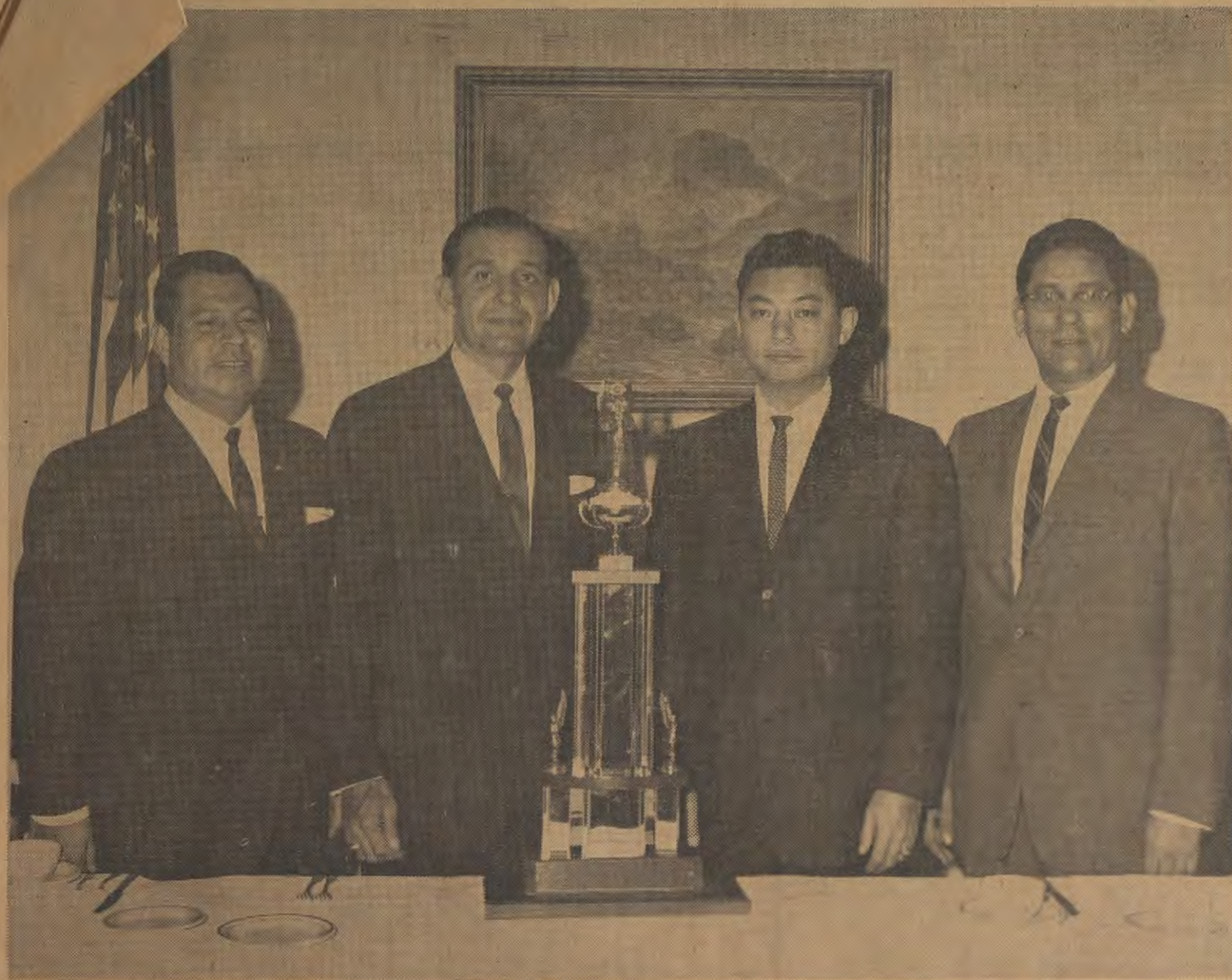
RESOLVED, by the authority vested in me by the Constitution of the League of United Latin American Citizens, I do hereby designate the week of February 16-22, 1964, as National LULAC Week, and urge all members to participate therein; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the theme for National LULAC Week shall be; EDUCATION . . . the guardian genius of a democracy.

WHEREOF, I hereby affix my signature this 17th day of January, 1964.

Paul Andow  
National President





Posing with the Raymond L. Telles Revolving Memorial trophy to be presented to the Council with the best educational program are, from left, National Director of Education, Joe Mares, Ambassador Telles, National President Paul Andow and El Paso District Director Edmundo Moreno.

## Letter From Ray Telles Praises Lulac Education

Please accept my most sincere congratulations on the occasion of the 35th. Anniversary of LULAC. I also offer you my personal gratitude, as a citizen of this great country of ours, for the many outstanding civic contributions by our fine members of LULAC in the many communities throughout the country. I have in mind, particularly, the fine work and excellent results attained in your School of 400 in Texas, the lunch program, the scholarship program, and the many other activities.

I am highly and sincerely impressed with the selection of the theme "EDUCATION" in celebration of National LULAC Week. In this connection, I would like to direct a few comments to my fellow-LULACS. In my opinion, education is certainly the guardian genius of a democracy, and you could not have selected a more important theme, since never in the history of our country has the subject of Education been so important.

Education is important to us, not only as individual citizens, but certainly essential to the continued progress and future of our country. I believe that we should consider Education as one of the most important factors in our lives; and we are indeed fortunate in that our country provides outstanding educational facilities. Let each of us grab a tight hold of this opportunity and do something worthwhile with it.

We often speak about OUR AMERICAN WAY OF LIFE, and what it means. I would say, first of all, that our American Way of Life does not necessarily mean that we will never have hard times, or that success or accomplishment will be handed to us on a silver platter, and it doesn't mean that we will enjoy luxuries forever; but it does mean, that as Americans, we will always have the opportunity, if we are willing to prepare ourselves, to work hard and to sacrifice. Yes, it is not easy, and we must struggle hard, but we must raise our standards and become competent citizens, in a country where incompetency becomes a menace to society.

The question is — will we build a future for ourselves, unsurpassed even in our wildest dreams? Will we take the path that gives us the success we seek? Do we have the essential courage, determination, enthusiasm, spiritual conviction, but most important the necessary EDUCATION? Yes sir, there is room at the top — will we be there? This is entirely up to each and every one of us. Look into America's future, and you can set your hopes high.

Let us be prepared so that when opportunity knocks at our door, we can take advantage of it. Let us make EDUCATION not just "our theme," but "our goal."

With best personal regards and good wishes to all of our LULACS, and may God Bless all of you. Sincerely, RAYMOND L. TELLES Ambassador of the United States of America.



Mr. Ray Botello, right, from San Antonio Council No. 2, chairman of Scholarship Fund Inc. presenting a check to Dr. Moody President of San Antonio College for \$2,040. This payment covers one semester at the college for 23 who were awarded scholarships from the proceeds of La Feria de Las Flores.

## L.A. Times Publisher Lauds Education Program

Jan. 19, 1964

Mr. Paul Andow, National President

League of United Latin American Citizens

215 Caples Building

El Paso, Texas

Dear Mr. Andow:

I am happy to add my voice to the hundreds of others you must be hearing in support of the educational aims outlined in

your letter of January 3.

School dropouts are indeed a major problem of our modern society. Until we can convince all our citizens of the vital importance of a complete education, the evils of unemployment and poverty cannot be overcome.

I wish you every success in your campaign.

Sincerely  
Otis Chandler

## San Antonio Feriade Flores Helps Pupils

San Antonio — Every year Council 2 has increased the number of scholarships it awards. In 1963 a record number of 23 scholarships with a value of \$6,900 were awarded to deserving high school students. This fund is sustained by an annual Feria de las Flores which attracts city wide participation.

All the civic organizations send queens and a queen of the Feria is selected. At the same time local businessmen vie for the title of Rey Feo. While the Feria is one of the most festive occasions, it also creates the sustaining fund for the scholarship project.

All the funds derived from the Feria are administered by the Council 2. LULAC Educational Fund Inc., Board of Directors. As the chairman of this group, Bro. Roy Botello has performed an excellent job and Council 2 is justly proud of his efforts as well as all the people who plan and work that LULAC might reap a better future for our youth.

Davenport, Iowa — Six area families were unexpectedly visited before Christmas by a group of Latin Americans. No, the men didn't want anything, as a matter of fact, they had something to give to their less fortunate friends.

### MOLINE PARTY

Moline, Ill. — A Christmas Lulac party was held on December 15, 1963 at Moline Viking Hall by Moline Lulac Council 356. Steak and tamales were served along with other foods donated by members. Guests at the party were District Director No. 4 of Illinois, Mrs. George Meléndez and Sterling Lulac Council 382 president, Ambrose Vargas. From across the mighty Mississippi River from the Davenport, Iowa Council No. 10 was Bro. John Terronez who was the successful "Piñata Breaker" of the party! Thanksgiving and Christmas food baskets were donated by Moline Lulacs and distributed by Pres. Joe Reyna.



# Our Spanish Heritage



## Fray Junipero Serra Founded California

By HERB PORRAS

In the last article we discussed the fine work volunteers are doing under the Peace Corps. In California, in the 17th Century, the Spaniards as they spread through the New World possessed a missionary group with the same zeal and dedication as the Peace Corps. While the latter is interested in conquering literacy, disease, and poverty, the Spanish spiritual conquistadors were interested in doing away with the illiteracy, disease and poverty of souls. In Junipero Serra we have an example of all the fine qualities of the Peace Corps during the 17th Century.

Who was Junipero Serra? California recognizes that he was the true founder of that state. Junipero Serra, after obtaining a professorship in Spain, decided that his destination was the New World. Leaving his family, friends and country, he sailed to Mexico with his friend (afterwards his biographer, Francisco Porras Palou). Fray Serra remained in Mexico for 20 years before being sent to California when the Franciscan missionaries displaced the Jesuits after the latter's expulsion from California.

It was Junipero Serra who established a chain of missions at a distance so every third day the travelers could go from one mission to another and be able to find a place to sleep and find a safe and peaceful territory.

The Franciscan, Junipero Serra as Superior of the missions, established the following missions in Lower California: San Diego de Alcalá in 1769; San Gabriel, the Arc Angel close to Los Angeles which was established 10 years later; San Luis Obispo in 1772 and San Juan Capistrano in 1776; San Francisco, one of the richest missions in California, near the Southern end of San Francisco Bay in 1777; then Santa Clara and Santa Bárbara in 1776-1777.

It was also Junipero Serra who persuaded the Spanish officials in Mexico to maintain the missions in

California after the Viceroy decided to withdraw the Spanish outposts from the West Coast.

It must be remembered that the Russians were active in the North. The Russians had sent the Danish Vieto Bering to find a passage to the North between the Pacific and the Atlantic. In his first trip he discovered the Bering Straits that bear his name, that connect not the Atlantic, but the Antarctic Sea.

Later there were Russian explorations towards the South. By 1765 the exploration by the Russians of the Alaskan Coast gave forewarning of the danger of the intrusion to the Spanish domain. Maintaining missions by the Franciscans stopped the penetrations and annexation of part, if not all, of the Californian Pacific Coast.

Bucareli, one of the most distinguished of the 62 viceroys who ruled Mexico (1771-1779) has told us himself that the "preservation of Northern California was due to Junipero."

The work that was done with the Indians also stands out since the Spanish authorities believed that the Indians were a beast of burden and were illiterate and knew nothing about agriculture or stock raising, which made them an "out group" to the Spanish.

Junipero Serra thought differently. He refused to see any real evil in the Indians. If they killed and ate a Spanish Cavalry-man's horse it was the horse's fault because he had strayed into their huts. Not even when they murdered Father Luis Huame and made a stew of his flesh or threatened Junipero's own life, as they did five times, would he allow punitive action to be taken against them.

Although Mexico in 1822 overthrew the rule of Spain and secular-

ized the missions, the seed of Christian civilization and economic development had reached to such an extent that when California was occupied by gold-seeking settlers from the East they found land of irrigated fields, cultured vine yards and settlements of peaceful Christian Indians, the fields covered with cattle and population composed of carpenters, plowers, etc.

It is also remembered that at that time over four thousand converts were productively employed in the missions.

The American people have paid Junipero Serra the honor that was due to him. In 1927, President Coolidge, on the advice of Congress, assembled in the Capital in Washington memorials to the fathers and founders of the American nation. Each state in the union was asked to name its two most celebrated heroes and California nominated Thomas Starr King and Junipero Serra.

We are indeed indebted to these missionaries, who, instead of searching for gold and silver were setting up outposts of learning and civilization in the New World and were responsible for converting the Indians to Christianity.

## Hats Off

HATS OFF AND THANKS TO District Director Lionel Galindo of Lubbock, Texas, and to Miss Maria Mier our Midwest Editor.

Director Galindo and his assistants went out and collected nine paid ads for our December Kennedy memorial issue.

Miss Mier solicited and col-



Five generations of Lulackers. From left, Henry Valencia III, age 2, Henry Valencia Jr., 21, Mrs. Viola Yrigoyen, 83. Brother Jerry Yrigoyen is past treasurer of Council 132 in El Paso. The other in the picture are from Anaheim, Calif., and got together at the Lulac National Convention last summer.

lected six ads for a total of \$90.00. We hope State and District Directors may follow your example. Many thanks to both of you. plè. What's the excuse?

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## Chicago Lulac Council 300

CHICAGO, ILL.

Wants you to know that we are on the "go" and are wishing the best of luck to all

Lulac's for the year 1964.

Mrs. Margaret Lujan

and all members of this Council.



# News Of Fabulous Midwest

By MARIA MIER, MIDWEST EDITOR



At the National Supreme Council meeting in Des Moines, Iowa, front row, from left, National President Paul Andow; Mayor Charles F. Iles of Des Moines, and Roderick G. Lumadue, State Director of Iowa. Back row, from left, P. F. Cribaro, Des Moines City Manager; Mrs. Paul Andow, Mrs. Sal Berroterán, National secretary and C. Rocha Jr., Iowa State Director.

## Miss Mexico Of Midwest Contest

East Chicago, Ind.—Dear Brother and Sister Lulackers:

Council 349 is launching its drive for contestants for the Miss Mexico of the Midwest Beauty Pageant to be held on June 6, 1964 at the Gary Hotel, Gary, Indiana.

This beauty pageant has become one of the hi-lites in the Midwest with all its brilliant and colorful pageantry of Old Mexico, and your cooperation will contribute tremendously to the success of this coming year's since this pageant was initiated in 1961.

Of special interest to your council will be the fact that we are offering a beautiful trophy to the council that submits the most contestants to participate throughout the whole pageant. If we have more than 32 contestants (and we have had) we will have to hold Semi-Finals in April or May. We will keep you posted regarding this. However, last year when we started this special stimulant to the councils we did not receive the cooperation that we expected, we sincerely hope that this year you will give your council a break, the young ladies in your area, and us! Who knows your council may walk away with all the honors, you may also have submitted the winner of the contest!

The winner will receive a round trip ticket for two (2) to Mexico City via CMA Air Lines, a beautiful trophy, and crown, plus other beautiful gifts. The first runner up will also receive a trophy, a charm course, and other prizes, and the second runner-up will also receive a trophy and other gifts. We suggest that you appoint or select one of your more active members to be in charge of this committee of obtaining contestants. It will be up to her or him to distribute the applications and see that they are properly filled and return them completed all together so that your council can receive the credit.

If you have a queen that has been selected at some function your council has had in the past, and you wish your council to be represented by you as our guest, send us her name and address, and we will contact her for information regarding her attire that evening. Remember, visiting queens are NOT contestants, they are our guests only and will participate in the parade of visiting queens and guests, whose



Miss Maria Mier Midwest Editor of LULAC NEWS making presentation to Paul Andow, Lulac National President of replica of DEERE Tractor offered by Deering Tractor Co. of Moline, Ill., at Lulac National Supreme Council meeting, Des Moines, Iowa, Nov. 29 to December 1, 1963.

name and the organizations they represent will appear in our program book.

As the main speaker we guarantee that you will not be disappointed. In the past we have had eminent notables both in Lulac, and from various corners of this country. We are also expecting our National President, Paul Andow to be with us this evening. There will be a delectable banquet, beautiful contestants, Mariachis, and also a band for dancing. We guarantee a good time to one and all! We will be looking forward to receiving your list of contestants soon. The deadline for submitting the applications will be February, 1964.

Yours for a better LULAC,  
Robert Vázquez, President  
Alfonso F. Martinez, Social Chairman

## Merry Xmas, Davenport, Ia.

Davenport, Iowa — LULAC Council 10 sponsored its Annual Christmas Dance. The theme for the Dance was "El Baile De Noche Buena" in conjunction with the birth of Our Lord.

Highlight of the evening was the breaking of two giant piñatas. The dance was held at the Ships Wheel, East Moline, Ill. Music was provided by Los Reales from Davenport, Iowa.

Proceeds from the dance went to the Scholarship Fund which the Davenport, Ia., Council awards every year. Each year



TERRY SERNA



VAL HERNANDEZ

## Memorial To Val

A friend to many, an inspiration to many more, Val Hernández will always be respectfully fondly and sincerely remembered.

Val died at the age of 40 while at work on November 26, 1960.

He coordinated the assistance of Spanish-speaking interpreters for the Pan-American games in Chicago in August 1959.

City officials called upon him to assist in improving social conditions among the Spanish-speaking in Chicago.

He fought with the 1st Marine Division in the Pacific area during World War II.

When Lulac came to Chicago, Val was among the first to join. He was named State Director and later Lulac National Organizer, a post he held for 3 years.

He was highly instrumental in bringing Lulac to the States of Iowa, Indiana, Minnesota, Michigan, New Jersey and Wisconsin.

Unity and cooperation were words frequently used by Val when helping the Mexican-Americans, for furthering the work of our beloved League.

If you never met him, you truly missed something, if you did you were indeed privileged for Val, was all raza all man and all Lulac!

God bless you, Cuate!

By TERRY SERNA

Dedicado a la imborrable memoria  
de VAL HERNANDEZ  
Por TERRY SERNA  
MI AMIGO

Hoy que la blanca navideña ha caído,  
en plena juventud tu ya te has ido,  
mejor fue para tí marcharte ahora,  
así quiso Jesús que así fuera tu aurora.

Los que me miran dicen: "Porqué ella no llora?"  
Pero es que infinito nacer luego morir—  
Por qué voy a llorar, porqué voy a gemir,  
si has dejado este valle de pena y de sufrir?

De mí sólo te oculta una inmensa neblina  
y mis gratos recuerdos levantan la cortina.  
Así es que yo revivo mi cuate y buen amigo  
lo leal que fuiste siempre con todos y conmigo.

Así es que en tu retiro te llevarás contigo,  
mi sonrisa y recuerdos y mis mil pensamientos  
y tu dejas conmigo  
Un tesoro sin límite—  
La estrechez de tu mano, tu amistosa sonrisa  
y un muy grato recuerdo de que fuiste MI AMIGO.

Council No. 10 awards a \$300 scholarship to an individual of Latin-American extraction wishing to further his or her education by attending College or any accredited Business or Technical School.

Final selection of the scholarship winner is completed by two College professors from the local area. Applicants are screened and rated in numerical order according to their scholastic record and financial needs.

Paul Rasso, who is attending Moline Institute of Commerce, was awarded the LULAC Scholarship by Council No. 10 in 1963.

Don't forget National Supreme Council Meeting, El Paso, April 10-12.



National President Paul Andow shakes hands with Chicago Mayor Richard F. Daley on Dec. 2 during meeting of National Supreme Council in Des Moines, Iowa. President Andow visited Illinois, Indiana and Iowa on the trip.



Gov. Otto Kerner crowns the 1963 Baile Blanco y Negro Queen, Miss Minerva Méndez, sponsored by East Chicago Council 349, left to right are pages: Theresa Luján and Cindy Torres; little lady-in-waiting: Mary Ann Trejo. At right are Navy Midshipman, Harold R. Nelson and Princess Maria Alvarez. Mrs. M. Luján, chairman, and Council members: Mrs. R. Trejo, Mrs. F. Avila, Humberto Martínez, Richard Avila, and Frank Avila, Jr., are to be commended on presenting an outstanding social event in Chicago. Among the dignitaries were Captain and Mrs. Rowe; Ramon Alcaron, Consul General of Chile; Mr. and Mrs. Luis Moya, Mexican Chamber of Commerce; Mr. and Mrs. Ernesto Quiroga, Sr. Editor of "Las Noticias"; Representatives were seen from: Chicago Bar Association; Chamber of Commerce; Pan American Council; and Lulacs from Councils 288, 300, 313, 326, 356, and 382, along with surrounding Lulac states.



Season's Greetings from officers Lulac Council 349 of Indiana: Mrs. Phipps, Mrs. A. Serna, Mrs. Sally Martínez, and Mrs. Ana Vázquez. Alfonso Martínez, Robert Vázquez, others are not identified.



# Editorials

## Remember De Zavala

The San Jacinto Ordnance Depot on the Houston Ship Channel has been declared surplus by the Federal Government and will be sold. It comprises 4500 acres, 142 of which will be given to the State or to Harris County for a historical park if— But let's begin at the beginning.

The site is the location of the home and grave of Lorenzo De Zavala, the first vice-president of the Republic of Texas, and of the graves of several others who held important offices in the Texas Republic. It is therefore historically important.

De Zavala was a man of great stature both in Mexico and in Texas. He was born in Yucatán and educated in Europe. He became one of the most versatile men of his time. A scholar and an educator, he wrote books on history and travel and is credited with having started and put into operation the first system of free primary schools west of the Alleghenies.

As a doctor he served rich and poor alike during the terrible cholera epidemic that occurred in Mexico when he was a young man. He was a consistent advocate of freedom. In the early 1820's he worked for Mexican independence from Spain and served the new Republic as a member of the Chamber of Deputies, finance minister, and governor of the State of Mexico.

When Santa Anna violated the Mexican constitution and made himself a dictator, De Zavala was minister to France. He resigned his position and bought a home on the bank of Buffalo Bayou, the present Ship Channel. He became a leader in the movement for Texas independence. He was a signer of the Declaration of Independence and one of the framers of the Texas Constitution, and it was his translation of these documents that made them intelligible to the Spanish-speaking majority in Texas.

It was his design that was chosen for the flag of the new Republic. His son served as interpreter to General Sam Houston during the Battle of San Jacinto, and his home across the bayou was used as hospital for wounded soldiers after the battle.

A suitable memorial to him and indirectly to the many Mexicans who fought side by side with the Americans to achieve Texas' independence will be assured if the House of Representatives concurs in Mr. Yarborough's Senate-passed Bill to convey 142 acres to the state or the county for a historic park. These 142 acres will also help fill the ever-increasing need for a recreational areas in a region of high population density.

Making this site a park will preserve a very beautiful forested tract and will insure that this plot of ground directly across the Ship Channel from the San Jacinto Battleground and the Battleship Texas will not be used for purposes that might make even the battleground park unsuitable for recreation.

The Senate Bill was passed several months ago. It seems that the only chance of getting House concurrence is for the local representative to introduce a corresponding House bill, and this Mr. Albert Thomas has so far failed to do. If you want to see this historic area made available for park purposes without cost to the State or County, write Mr. Thomas and ask him to introduce the De Zavala Bill in the House. Address him: Albert Thomas, House of Representatives, Washington 25, D. C.

(From Texas Conservation Council, 730 East Friar Tuck Lane, Houston, Texas).

## Shame, Shame!

It could have been a red-letter day in Texas. November 9, 1963 could have been the day when political freedom became a reality.

Instead the proposed amendment to repeal the poll tax as a requirement for voting was defeated.

There were many reasons. The wording of the amendment was confusing to many, who could not understand that you had to vote for the amendment to get rid of the poll tax. There was an overabundance of right-wing sentiment in favor of keeping the tax.

But most of all there was apathy. Not even in the Latin precincts, where repeal of the poll tax was so important, did the voters go to the polls in large numbers.

It proves the old saying that Democracy is a system whereby the people get the exact kind of government they deserve.

So we're stuck with the poll tax. After the Lulac News campaign against the tax, a campaign that turned into a lost cause, we only hope that all members of Lulac in Texas will abide by the rules and by-laws of the organization and buy their tax, thereby becoming qualified to vote and exercise their rights and responsibilities as citizens.

It sure wouldn't hurt any if you remind your neighbors to pay the abominable \$1.75 fee either.



MR. AND MRS. ALEXANDER J. T. PARRA

## Doctor's Message

Brother and Sister LULAC's, as you know, LULAC in the past has initiated many individual activities or projects throughout the nation which have had complete acceptance from their respective communities. These projects have been many and varied stemming from attempting to remove the poll tax as a prerequisite to voting in Texas, to sponsoring health projects which we as Latin Americans should definitely consider.

Therefore, my plea to you as fellow Americans is that we should initiate and sponsor more health programs within our LULAC Councils throughout the nation. These can be in the form of helping the Tuberculosis Associations, blood donating drives (to help others, or a blood bank for the LULAC members and families), helping during Mental Health Week, Save Your Vision Week or other "weeks" which are observed or many other areas where it may be applied, particularly to a local health problem.

In the San Antonio area, for instance, we initiated 2 years ago a campaign to seek out the persons exposed and carriers of Tuberculosis coordinately with the Bexar County TB Association. This project has helped to seek out the persons whom upon contact could pass the germ to another person.

One of the important steps to take upon initiating such a project would be to get the assurance that these persons who are carriers of such a disease would get the proper medical treatment once they are found. It would certainly be of no value to find the carriers of a disease and then not follow up with medical attention. Therefore, as National Health Director I would like to see this started as a LULAC National project, because TB, unfortunately, has a high incidence rate in the low income groups and these are the people we want to help and be of service toward.

At this time I would like to ask the State Directors, District Directors and Council Presidents to appoint a health chairman for their area and coincidentally send me their name so that we may communicate with one another and carry out the work of helping our fellow American.

Dr. W. R. Elizondo

## Attention, Please

The circulation department of the LULAC News requests that Council presidents instruct Council treasurers to keep us posted on change of address of members as well as drop outs.

We further request that any member who changes his mailing address drop us a card immediately giving us his new address.

It is costing us an average of \$5 per week to pick up undelivered mail.

A little here and a little there mounts up. No wonder it costs so much to publish your LULAC NEWS.

## LULAC News

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## Heath, Parra Say Vows

Santa Ana, Calif.—Saint Joseph's Church in Santa Ana was the scene of the wedding of Miss Peggy Heath daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Harry Heath and Alexander J. T. Parra, son of Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Casey of Lakewood.

The bride was gowned in Chantilly lace adorned with pearls and sequins and a fingertip illusion veil. She carried a bouquet of White Roses with a detachable orchid and was given away in marriage by her father.

Her attendants were Jennie Mercado, Alma Lozano, Marty Méndez, Betty Mendoza, Rita Ramirez and Rosemary Rubalcaba. Gilbert Mercado, Frank Parra, Dennis Noh, Oscar Mendoza, Ronnie Parra, Charles Placentia, Rudy Chavarria and Henry Gott, Jr. Flower girl and ring bearer were: Helen Ybarra and Eddie Ybarra.

Following the reception at the Labor Hall a dance was held featuring the Tequilla Runners Orchestra. After a short honeymoon at Santa Barbara, the new Mr. and Mrs. Parra will make their home in Oceanside. He is serving with the Marine Corps in Camp Pendleton and attended Lakewood schools. The bride attended Santa Ana College.

## Letters To Editor

This letter is in regard to an article that appeared in the July issue of the Lulac News. It was stated that our council had awarded a five thousand dollar scholarship to Miss Lydia Olalde. Through a misunderstanding this statement is untrue. The scholarship was awarded through the state.

Our council was instrumental in the explanation to the recipient's father. Mr. Olalde speaks only Spanish and did not understand the qualifications; consequently, he refused to give his consent to the acceptance of the scholarship. One of our officers explained the qualifications and gave Mr. Olalde a better understanding of the situation. If it had not been for this explanation permission would not have been granted and Miss Olalde would not be able to pursue her studies.

Council 382 would appreciate it if you would print a retraction in your next issue of the newspaper.

Our council did award two checks to help two deserving young women in their studies. The recipients were Jessie Zambrano, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Zambrano and Lydia Olalde, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Simon Olalde. These checks will be used by the girls to help defray the cost of their housing while pursuing the course of study necessary for nursing.

Thanking you in advance for the attention given this matter, I remain, Alfred Silva, scholarship co-chairman.

Oh come on Brother Silva! You know that delegates to National Conventions have certain inalienable rights, among which is the right to life and the liberty to brag a little about the home council, which is how your gullible Lulac News Editor got the story.

Consider it retracted in full with our apologies.

But the scholarship WAS given, and regardless of who gets the credit it appears that you Lulackers in Illinois are doing a terrific job and should all be commended. The Editor.

Chicago—Mrs. Mary Rios Council 283, and Illinois LULAC Woman of the Year for 1963, was elected President of her Council at the last meeting of October 20th, and the new officers were officially installed at the Installation Banquet held October 26th, with Henry Acosta, Illinois State Director, administering the oath.



## Arizona Hosts Junior Supreme Council Meet

The second League of United Latin American Citizens, National Junior Supreme Council Meeting of the year 1963-1964 was held in Phoenix, Arizona. Phoenix Jr. Council No. 34 acted as host for the meeting that was held on Saturday, December 23, 1963. Rick Aguirre, Jr., LULAC National President, presided over the meeting that was called to order at 11:00 A.M.

Following the LULAC PRAYER, that was read by Mary McCaw, Phoenix Council 34 Chaplain, the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Raúl Salais, Phoenix Council 34 President.

Roll call of Supreme members was taken and the following were found to be absent or present:

Rick Aguirre—Pres.—present.  
Bobby Pérez—1st V.P.—absent.  
Carmen Vela—2nd V.P.—present.  
Carol Miranda—Sec.—present.  
Felipec Doctor—Treas.—absent.  
Mario Loya—Historian—absent.  
Mario Lewis—Texas St. Dir.—absent.

Mary Helen Arévalo—Parliamentarian—absent.  
Gilbert Muñoz—Ill. St. Dir.—absent.

Mrs. Lucy Acosta—Dir. of Y. A.—present.

Angie González—Chaplain—absent.

Prolie Vela—Dir. of Pub.—present.

Angie Morales—Arizona St. Dir.—present.

Marie Pena—Calif. St. Dir.—absent.

Minutes of the first National Supreme meeting that was held in Placentia on September 28, 1963 were read by the National Secretary. Minutes were approved as read, since there were no corrections made.

President Rick Aguirre asked all reports from National Officers be read at this time.

In the absence of the Treasurer, President Aguirre read his report for the months of July through December. He stated that the National Treasurer began with (100) one hundred dollars in August and that the present balance was \$231.37 in Placentia Bank, and \$100 in El Paso Bank. Total deposited was \$409.64. Total spent was \$268.27. (note—although \$100 was given to the El Paso National Officers for expenses such as mailing of LULAC NEWS and restoration of the Jr. LULAC room in the LULAC HOME, this amount has not been spent. The total spent, was \$168.27). Total amount in the Jr. Nat'l Treasury stands at \$331.37.

The Director of Publicity, Prolie Vela, reported on her activities from July through December.

Carmen Vela, second Vice President read her report which included: her appointment to chairman of the MISS CONSTITUTION U.S.A. CONTEST and the three letters she has written concerning the contest. Arizona State Director, Angie Morales, read her report which concerned her expansion program in her state.

President Aguirre wished the State Director of Arizona the best of luck in organizing the present councils and expanding Jr. LULAC throughout the STATE.

Mrs. Acosta showed Angie a roster of Arizona Senior Councils that would be helpful in corresponding with, in order to form new Jr. councils. Mrs. Acosta also stated that a copy of all correspondence that the National Officers send, should be sent to her.

President Aguirre read the Parliamentarian's report in her absence.

President Aguirre then read his own report that included all his activities from July through December. He stated that when he took office in July there were 14 chartered councils and only 15 were active. 29 Jr. councils were inactive or dormant. Since then, 7 councils have been reactivated and 3 new councils chartered.

At 11:55, the meeting was adjourned for lunch.

After an excellent lunch, that was served by the Auxiliary Club of the Knights of Phythias Hall, a guest speaker from the Civil Service showed slides and gave a very interesting talk on job opportuni-

ties for Mexican-Americans in the Civil Service.

The meeting reconvened promptly at 2 P.M. President Aguirre formally presented the Tempe Council with their new charter to replace the old one that had been misplaced. Angie Morales, Arizona State Director, accepted the charter on behalf of the Tempe Council. Mrs. Acosta, Director of Youth Activities, gave her report. She stated that the Jr. Nat'l Office is doing a terrific job; she's always willing to help any councils who have problems; and that she's looking forward to reactivating all the old councils and forming some new councils. President Aguirre appointed the Auditing, MISS CONSTITUTION U.S.A. CONTEST, Constitution Revision Committees. The chairmen were Carol Miranda, Prolie Vela, and Carmen Vela, respectively. Members of the Tempe and Phoenix Councils were asked to join the Committees in the discussions. Meeting adjourned at 2:30 P.M.

Meeting reconvened at 3 P.M. The auditing committee reported that the Treasurer's report was in order and excellently written. All monies had been entered properly and expenditures were all accounted for. The Constitution Revision Committee reported that little progress was actually made during that time, but further study of our Constitution would eventually lead to completion of a revised Jr. Constitution. The chairman promised to have necessary revisions completed by the next National Supreme Meeting. The MISS CONSTITUTION U.S.A. committee decided on the prizes that would be given to the winner, and runners-up of the contest. President Aguirre thanked the Phoenix Council for hosting the meeting and doing such a wonderful job organizing it. He asked them if they ever had any problems that the National Office would be willing to help in any way possible. Discussions on co-operation of members was discussed. President Aguirre suggested that this problem is present in most councils, varying of course, and that a solution might be attained if new, young, energetic, interested members were brought into the League.

Mr. McGregor, Sup. of the Tempe Jr. Council, suggested that the Seniors give away scholarships to only those Mexican-Americans who were Jr. LULAC members. This would entice more student to join. Carmen Vela suggested that the Phoenix council strive to get young members, because the older ones will either go on to Sr. LULAC or drop out. This is why members should be left to carry on where the old ones left off. Mrs. Acosta stated that the Sr. Constitution said that all new Jrs. must be 16 yrs. of age or older, but that since our main purposes was to keep them in school, she felt that the age limit should be brought back down to 14. Angie Morales, asked the president, what is the duty of the Parliamentarian. President Aguirre said that it was his duty to see that all procedures be conducted in an orderly and formal fashion according to Robert's Rules of Order.

Angie Morales also asked if the Sergeant-of-Arms had the right to separate members in order to give the paid-up members the privilege to vote. Pres. Aguirre answered "Yes" as long as the Sgt. of Arms is acting in accordance with the President's order, that it be a by-law of the council and that so it does not cause confusion. Angie Morales also asked if money made from projects could be used for social purposes for the benefit of the members besides scholarships or charities.

Pres. Aguirre answered that to his knowledge, all that is stated in the Constitution is that all monies made by the council is their's to do with what they pleased, and all that is required is that they pay their Nat'l dues, and State dues. Mrs. Acosta promptly corrected the President saying that the new revised St. Constitution stated that all money raised from Civic projects be used solely for civic projects or purposes. President Aguirre thanked Mrs. Acosta for her correction and



Officers guiding the activities of Waco Ladies LULAC Council No. 331 during 1963 were: seated, Mrs. Edward Flores, vice-president, Mrs. Ernest Calderón, president, Mrs. Gonzalo G. González, secretary, standing: are Mrs. Antonio Moreno, sergeant-at-arms, Mrs. John Salazar, treasurer and Mrs. Mike Ramírez, chaplain.

## President's Message:

Greetings to all LULAC members throughout the nation. I join you in expressing my pride in the 35th anniversary of our League. We have come a long way since our founding at Allende Hall in Corpus Christi.

We still have many problems confronting us. For example, our people are still not given equal employment opportunities. Many of them are still doing menial tasks, earning meager wages and for the most part supporting themselves and their families with welfare checks. We must endeavor to reach this particular group of individuals. We must try and inject in them the spirit of betterment and economic stability. We must tell them that at all costs and no matter the sacrifice that they must send their children to school and keep them there until they are sufficiently prepared to meet current economic crises.

There are still many Americans of Spanish-speaking descent working on the farms today doing stoop labor; which is a despicable scene indeed. I urge each and every member to make it a point to contact as many of these people as possible and encourage them to a better life through education, personal attainment and good citizenship.

There are many, many other problems that I am sure this League will tackle with fourfoldness and dispatch. If each of you, in the particular committee that you serve on, apply yourselves conscientiously and with diligence, I am sure that you will arrive at many far reaching result. Our best wishes for a most successful year.

Paul Andow  
National President

## Meet Bro. Ed Modesto

Here is a thumbnail sketch of Brother Edward Modesto:

The State Director from Indiana is Edward Modesto of 4232 East 7th Ave. Gary, Ind. He is 47 years old, the father of four children, Edward Jr. 16 years old, Pauline Sandra who is 12 years, Thomas Cruz who is 11 years old and Robert Leonard who is 4 years old.

Edward Jr., who is a Junior at Andean High in Gary has been classified as a gifted student and been accepted in the Joe Berg Advanced Study Class, Brother Modesto is married to the former Miss Connie Valadez of Chicago. He attended High School in the town of Florence, Kans. Came to the Chicago Area in 1936, found employment with the United States Steel Corp. in 1939. At present he is in the "Inspection & Metallurgical Dept. of that Company."

Brother Modesto is a veteran of World War II at which time he served three years with the 46th Combat Engr. Battalion in the Asiatic-Pacific Theater. Under "Decorations and Citations" of Brother Modesto's Discharge Certificate it reads "Asiatic Pacific Theater Ribbon W/2 Bronze Battle Stars Philippine Liberation Ribbon W/2 Bronze Battle Stars Dist Unit Badge Bronze Service Arrowhead 5 Overseas Service Bars. Of this experience Bro. Modesto says he had the one distinction of being the only GI of Mexican Origin from the Chicago Area. All the rest were Texans.

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## Mex. Amer. Population Explosion

Austin—A seventh of the population of Texas have Spanish surnames.

This is the fastest growing minority group in the state—Texans of Mexican ancestry.

The Spanish-surname population of Texas reached 1,417,810 in the 1960 census, a gain of 37.1 per cent from the 1950 total, half again above the 24.2 per cent gain of the Texas population as a whole.

The Population Research Center of the University of Texas found that 54.8 per cent of the Texans with Spanish surnames were native Texans of native parents, and another 31.2 per cent were native born. Only 14 per cent were foreign-born, and the statistics indicate that this percentage is steadily declining.

Texans with Spanish surnames gained 37.2 per cent in the seven major counties from 1950 to 1960, and 60 per cent of the 1,417,810 are concentrated in Bexar (257,092), El Paso (136,993), Hidalgo (129,092), Cameron (96,744), Nueces (84,386), Harris (75,013), and Webb (51,784). Seventeen counties, mainly along the Rio Grande, have more than half Spanish-surname citizens, but the researchers found that like other Texans this group is moving away from the poor opportunities of the border and rural areas to the cities. The Harris County population of Spanish-surname people gained 91.5 per cent in the decade. In fact, there are fewer Texans of Spanish names on the farm and in small towns than other elements in the population.

The statistics of the census show that 22.9 per cent of the Spanish-surnamers have no formal education at all, that only 4.2 per cent of those over 25 attended college, exactly half the Negro percentage of college attenders, and a fourth the percentage of Anglo-Americans. Where 46.5 per cent of the Anglos reach high school, only 16.1 per cent of the Spanish-named and 31.4 per cent of the Negroes do.

Paul Andow, National President of the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC), points out:

"We have the highest illiteracy rate of any ethnic group in the nation. We have the highest incidence of TB. We have a high rate of infant mortality. Our wages are the lowest."

Texans of Spanish-surnames will be a growing factor in the Texas population, the statistics also show. Where 30.1 per cent of the Anglo-Americans are under 14.44 per cent of the Spanish-named are under 14. The researchers wrote that this was due to "fertility differentials," but professed not to know why it is that families with Spanish names have more children than those with Anglo names. They suggested that research is necessary to answer this question.

But these are a big factor in the crowding of the schools, since public school attendance among this group has risen 63 per cent in the last 10 years and college attendance has increased 110 per cent. But they are also among the drop-out group, since the 94.5 per cent school attendance for the Spanish-named children up to age 13 declines to 58.6 per cent for ages 16 and 17, compared to 75 per cent for the Anglos and Negroes.

President Andow had a comment on this:

"Lulac's School of the 400 was a step in the right direction, teaching basic English to children of non-English speaking parents.

"But we need concentrated efforts to improve education at all levels."

The researchers found that

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# Lulac National Home

The LULAC National Home in El Paso is the headquarters of the League of United Latin American Citizens.

The building was formerly Temple Mt. Sinai. It was bought two years ago for \$77,500. Past National President Albert Armendáriz made all the arrangements for the sale.

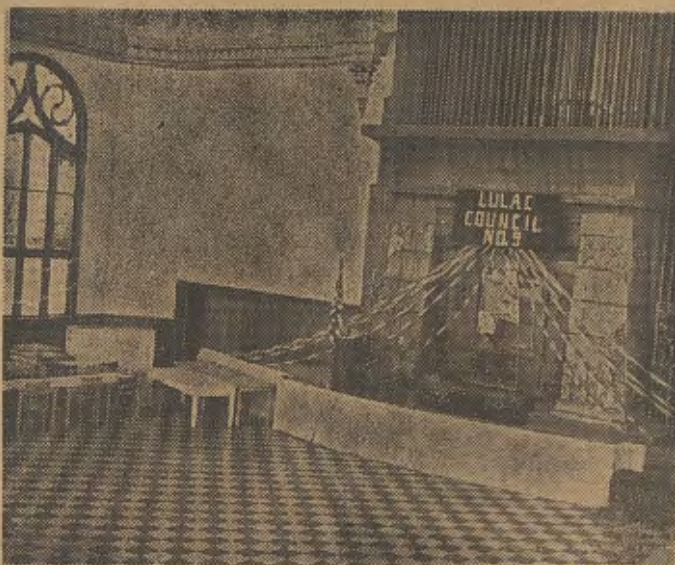
"It is my hope that one day, with renovation, we can convert this beautiful building into an Institute of Latin American Affairs and conduct English classes, classes in American citizenship and hold classes and seminars on Latin American culture," Brother Armendáriz said.

"Our National Home could be a symbol of hope for those immigrants from Latin America seeking to understand American ways and could also serve as an educational institution, in co-operation with colleges and universities, in teaching Americans more about our neighbors to the South."

Alfonso Pérez of El Paso Council 132 is administrator of the building. He said the proposed renovation of the building should include installation of a heating and cooling system, painting, redecorating and purchase of such equipment as new chairs and items to complete the building's two kitchens.

For further information on the Lulac National Home, write to Alfonso Pérez, administrator, Lulac National Home, 103 Montana, El Paso, Texas.

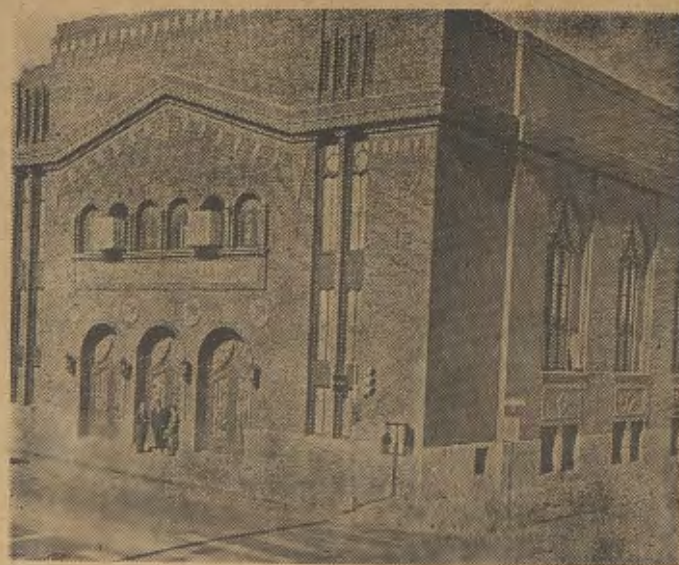
Each state has been requested to send a state flag for display in the building. So far only State Director John Martinez of N. M., has responded.



This large ballroom, as seen from the balcony, is located in the Lulac National Home in El Paso.



A banquet hall capable of seating more than 400 persons is located on the second floor of the Lulac National Home, 103 Montana, El Paso, Texas.



Lulac National Home—the former Temple Mt. Sinai, now national headquarters of the League, is in need of renovation. The building especially needs chairs and drapes. (El Paso Herald-Post Photos by Sandy McDonald).



There are a total of seven classrooms in the Lulac National Home. The building also has offices and archives of the League.

## Chicago Installs New Council

Chicago—Brother Victor Macias District Director No. 1, of Chicago, Ill. had the happy occasion to install the new officers of Council No. 392, on December 22nd. It was an extremely happy event for Mr. Macias and Deputy District Director Mrs. Susie Gómez as they had worked so diligently to make this Council realized.

They also would like to congratulate the "expansion committee and the national staff." For the wonderful job they did, when they undertook the heavy burden upon themselves to compile and edit the "Expansion Kit." Making the task of organizing much more easier, for

those needing all the help they can get from all our Bros. and sisters in the League. The new officers of this Council are: Pres. Mrs. Tina Guel, vice-pres. Mrs. Mary Hernández, secretary Mr. Mike Hernández, treas. Lou Goitia.

### POPULATION

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Spanish-surname people earn less money, \$2,029 a year for males over 14, compared to \$4,137 for the Anglos and \$1,924 for the Negroes. President Andow said:

"We want laws that will raise the wages of farm workers and workers in industry. We want jobs that will pay enough to feed, clothe and house our families, and let us send our children to school. We want equal job opportunities."

## Go, Go, Go, Waco Ladies

Waco, Texas—The activities of the Ladies Council (Waco) were all go during 1963. Projects ranging from Easter Egg Hunts for the kids to volunteer work with the Veteran's Hospital were undertaken. The latter monthly visits to the hospital where the ladies distribute appetizers and drinks to the patients.

One of the most significant projects undertaken was the co-operation with other Women's groups in the city during the American Cancer Society Fund Raising Campaign. The Lady LULACs turned out in large numbers to assist in this most worthwhile program.

A \$10 donation was sent to the Little School of the 400. We know that our donation was small, but we hope to be in a position to send more because we know that this school does so much for those children that need help. Future activities include plans for an annual Black and White Dance.

## Azusa, Calif.

### Activities

Azusa, Calif.—Fernando Rubio, Dist. No. 2 Director has announced, that his district No. 2 started out the new year with a bang.

The first district project was a Lulac and Los Buenos Amigos Barbecue Fiesta August, 25 which was very successful, we had Mariachis, a corn booth by the La Verne Council No. 236 and Manuel Zamora had a booth drawing his caricatures.

Second the La Puente Council No. 372 represented Lulac in the Black and White Ball at the



This is one of two completely equipped kitchens in the Lulac National Home. The kitchen is located to the rear of the main ballroom.

## Opportunity To Serve Man Join Your Lulac Council

Now that you are reading this copy of the LULAC News, and you have acquired some information as to what is being done here and there for the betterment of your people, perhaps you, too, would like to be a participant in the LULAC Program.

**JOIN NOW**—As an Associate, Active or Contributing member and contribute your services for the good of your community and your people.

"All native born or naturalized citizens of the United States of America eighteen years of age or older, whose loyalty to this country, its Constitution and Laws, is unquestionable, are eligible for membership in this Organization."

### WHAT IS LULAC?

LULAC is a civic and patriotic non-sectarian, non-partisan Organization that believes in, teaches and practices "the democratic principles of individual political and religious freedom; the right of equality of social and economic opportunity" and works for "the development of an American society wherein the cultural resources and integrity of every individual and group constitute the basic assets of the American way of life" as a non-profit, non-political organization.

Most likely there is a local council in your city or town. You are invited to attend one of their regular meetings. For further information write to our National Director of Expansion, Alfredo Jácques, 103 Montana Ave., El Paso, Texas.

Statler Hilton Hotel Sept. 1, Miss Rebecca Cosio was the Lulac candidate to run for La Reina de Churibusco contest, it turned out to be a very enjoyable evening.

Third the district represented Lulac with a float in the 16, of Sept. parade in East Los Angeles, they estimated that half million people saw the parade, besides the people who saw the parade in TV. Our statue of Liberty in our float was represented by Linda Garcia, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Garcia of Los Angeles Council No. 310.

### MODESTO

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After the War Bro. Modesto attended the Pan-American Institute under the GI Bill of Rights, where he majored in Export-Import procedure.

The reason Bro. Modesto did not get into the Export-Import business because economics being what they were at the time he found it more profitable in the Steel Mills, however the know-how is there and Bro. Modesto believes that perhaps some time in the future he will go into the business.

Bro. Modesto has been in Lulac for five years two of those years as Dist. Dir. of Dist. two in Ind.

## Deming Lulac Council 205

### THIS IS AN INVITATION

From

DEMING, N. M.

To members of Lulac Supreme Council meeting in El Paso, April 10, 11, 12.

To come visit the west's fastest growing modern city. See our new modern Lulac home.





Villa Del Norte Apartments in El Paso, Texas. Built by the League of United Latin American Citizens as a low-cost housing experiment. Contractor is Blackmon and Associates of Ft. Worth. A similar project, also under Lulac sponsorship, was built in San Antonio. Years to come, when the building has been paid for, the property will belong to Lulac.

## Lulac Sponsors Low-Cost Housing In El Paso, S.A.

An experiment in providing low-cost housing is beginning to bear fruit for the League of United Latin American Citizens.

The second housing project was opened this month in El Paso, Texas. It is called the Villa Del Norte Apartments, located on Delta street in El Paso.

A similar project, Park South Village, has been constructed in San Antonio.

The San Antonio project cost \$1,600,000 and has 200 units. The El Paso project, the first 90 units of which have been completed, cost \$800,000. The second 90 units will be constructed soon, at a cost of an additional \$800,000.

Blackmon and Associates put up the money for construction of units under Lulac sponsorship. The organization, under FHA rules, will receive a certain percentage of the building costs, which will be used to help pay off the Lulac National Home.

The apartments are aimed at that income group which earns too much to live in Federal housing projects but not enough to own their own homes.

The pictures on this page were taken by Lulac News Chief Photographer, Sal Berroteran.

The units are one, two and three bedrooms, renting for \$55, \$69.50 and \$79.50 a month, respectively, with all utilities paid.

For further information, call or write Perez and Bradford Realtors, 4824 Montana avenue, El Paso, Texas, Tel. 565-1417.

When the apartments are paid for, through rentals, they become the property of the League.



Every housewife dreams of an electric kitchen, such as the one above in the Villa Dell Norte Apartments in El Paso. The Apartments were built by Lulac for low-income families.

## Speaker Hits Discrimination

By FERNIE DOVALINA JR.

Beaumont Sunday Enterprise

Though discrimination and prejudice will exist as a barrier to greater employment opportunities, "the real key to the door of opportunity is still education and skill," Edwin M. Byles Jr. told a meeting of the state convention of the League of the United Latin American Citizens Saturday night.

Byles, whose mother is of Latin-American extraction, first addressed the group in Spanish and then gave his talk in English. Byles is special assistant in the Department of the Navy in Washington.

### Discrimination Attacked

He attacked discrimination

based on race, creed, color, sex or national origin and said the administration in Washington has presented a program that includes and requires "the strictest of enforcement and the imposition of sanctions and the withholding or even cancellation of contracts let by the federal government."

But he cited figures showing that though Latin-Americans make up nearly 16 per cent of the state population, only 4.7 per cent of all employees of government contractors in the state are Latin-American.

### Less Educated

Byles further cited statistics showing that Latin-Americans also go through fewer years of

education than the rest of the state population.

He then commended the LULAC for starting projects such as the School of the 400, which has been enacted into law and now gives preschool English training to Latin-American children in Texas.

Byles' speech climaxed the banquet held in the Rose Room of Hotel Beaumont. He was in-

troduced by Paul Paredes of Beaumont, convention chairman.

Joe A. Garza, Alvin, LULAC state director, and Paul Andow, El Paso, National President of LULAC also briefly addressed the gathering. Other national officers were introduced.

After the banquet ended, a dance followed.

Sunday's activities include a buffet breakfast in the Rose Room at 8 a. m. and assembly

in the Sky Room of Hotel Beaumont at 10 a. m.

Council 387 of Blue Island, Ill.—Calumet Park was organized in October, 1963 and elected officers on a temporary basis.

Elected were—John De Alba, president; Pedro Vázquez, vice-president; Sally Vázquez, secretary; Raul Sosa, treasurer; trustee, Arcadio Flores, Porfirio Contreras and Charles Madrid.