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Message from the National President

February the anniversary of the founding of our League is an appropriate time to look in retrospect at what LULAC has done and what we attained. It is also point apropos for an evaluation of our worth in the eyes of the dominant culture that surrounds us.

Let us at this point ask ourselves, what have we attained? Recognition, to be sure. We had to be recognized for we have long fought for this position.

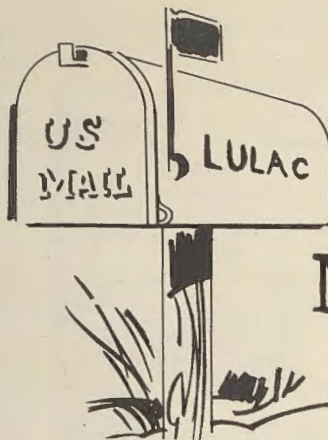
We have served as a liason between our peoples and the dominant majority. We have brought about a better understanding among us notwithstanding our differences in customs, in culture and in language.

We have been the guardians of the rights and liberty of the peoples of our ethnic group and have fought to guarantee and safeguard these sacred rights unto them.

We have been the voice through which the grievances of our minority group has been raised, although at times on the deaf ears of our public officials. We have been the spokesmen for the poor and deprived segment of Americans who have suffered in silence and still grope for a position of equal standing in our present "Great Society". So when you stop to consider we have come a long way, but is this enough? We have not yet attained a standing of first-class citizenship and rank among the second-class citizens because of the lack of opportunity.

So on this 37th Anniversary let us re-dedicate ourselves to the principles that united the founders of our League and vow that soon all Mexican-Americans will attain first-class citizenship recognition and this can only come about by being more united in our efforts and by a more vigorous effort on the part of our Mexican-American leader to guarantee the Spanish speaking Americans their rightful position in this democracy.

Alfred J. Hernandez
National LULAC President



in our Mailbox

Thank you for your letter of March 2, 1966. I indeed believe that you are putting out a very fine series of LULAC NEWS. I shall certainly continue to contribute whatever I can to it. I am the Associate Editor of LULAC NEWS for Minnesota, and I am the Minnesota State Parliamentarian.

R. Joseph Lucero
St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Fellow Lulac:

The State Legislature, in special session last week, has passed and the Governor has signed into law an annual voter registration bill which provides that all persons properly registered may vote without fee. This law was passed to fill the gap created when a federal court declared the poll tax unconstitutional. The question is on appeal but it is likely that the May primaries will be held before the issue is finally decided.

My main objective then, in this letter is to encourage each Council to participate in voter registration March 3 to 17, in order to insure that all persons eligible to vote register properly. Information as to what you can legally do in this regard can be obtained from your County Tax Assessor-Collector.

I cannot stress the great opportunity presented in this instance to perform a public service. Now our people who in some situations could not afford to pay the poll tax can register to vote without charge.

You realize, I am sure, that one of the sacred instruments to use in striving to reach our goals is the ballot box. Only by exercising this very precious right can we be assured of better jobs, better living conditions, better educational opportunities, and a better future for our children.

And as Lulacs, we must lead the way!

Mario G. Obledo
LULAC Deputy State Director
State of Texas

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Congratulations upon your acceptance and willingness to publish LULAC NEWS. We realize it will be a difficult undertaking on your part, and offer our co-operation. Please call on Arizona for anything we can do to make your task a little lighter.

Manuel M. Lerma,
LULAC State Director
for Arizona

LULAC Council 132 Urges Liberal Voter Registration

Lulac Council No. 132 of El Paso, Texas, Alex Martinez, President and Abe Lozano Secretary, sent telegrams to all El Paso legislatures attending the special session of the Texas Legislature called by Gov. John Connally to vote for a liberal voter registration law now that the State Poll Tax has been declared unconstitutional in U.S. District Court. Council No. 132 urges the legislatures to vote for a law concerning the amount of registrars. It urges passage of a law to provide at least for a 90-day voter registration without having to apply personally at local county seats. It also urges at least registration on a 2-year basis.



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- ◆ Help local communities solve legal problems of growing municipalities.

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CRAWFORD MARTIN

FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL

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North Star Column

by JOE LUCERO, associate editor

Coon Rapids, Minnesota, February 28. We will wager that you hadn't expected to hear from us ever again. Well, as you can see, you're wrong! Not that we aren't still numb but we are thawing out and our heart has always belonged with all of you. How cold is the "North Star" country? Five weeks ago we stayed overnight in the little town of Moose Lake. The official thermometer goes only to -50° but the mercury went below that. Perhaps in some future communication we will let you know how Mexicans stay alive up here!

Each month we hope to present the profile of a LULAC leader in Minnesota. This first one is about our dynamic young State Director, Felipe Z. Ramirez. Brother Ramirez was born on May 18, 1932, in Laredo, Texas, where he went through grade school and the Laredo Junior College. After serving in the 1st Cavalry Division in the Korean War, he returned briefly to Laredo where he married a beautiful girl (whose name, coincidentally, is Felipa) on February 28, 1954. They moved to Minnesota in 1955 and live at 760 Bidwell, St. Paul, with their five children.

Like most LULAC leaders, Felipe's interests in the community are many. He was the first president of Our Lady of Guadalupe Home School Association and is the treasurer of the above church's Credit Union. He was the first president of the Mexican American Athletic Club and is a Past Commander of the Silva-Neuman VFW Post 9624. For lack of space I omit further evidences of Brother Ramirez' community concerns.

He was a member of Junior LULAC in Laredo and has been a member of LULAC Council 328 in St. Paul for the past five years. Before becoming our State Director, he has served LULAC at both the Council and State levels in various capacities. In his first official statement as State Director, he declared that there are three major reasons for an individual to join LULAC. He said, "It makes you a more useful citizen; you can take personal pride in belonging to an expanding, useful organization and you show by your membership that you are willing to help yourself and others." When queried by us, he stated, "United of our people in getting organized to achieve better education and employment is the major task LULAC faces in Minnesota."

Brother Ramirez' modesty prevents us from publishing a photograph -- he hasn't any recent ones. Reading to improve himself, coin collecting and athletics are his hobbies. He works, as a great number of our St. Paul members do, in the large Minnesota meat packing industry.

...here and there in North Star Country...Minnesota State Director Felipe Z. Ramirez issued a call for council elections in March, district elections in April and the State Convention in May...Our National President Alfred Hernandez has indicated an interest in helping Minnesota by attending our state convention...State Convention Chairman Ray Martinez has announced that the convention will be held on May 28 at the Lowry Hotel in St. Paul...over two hundred people attended the fifth annual Blanco y Negro Ball in St. Paul on February 19 and, among other festivities, witnessed the coronation of Diane Medina as Queen...Diane, 17, is the daughter of Luis and Anne Medina, charter members of LULAC in Minnesota...Frank Zaragosa, Deputy State Director, is a member of the Governor's Human Rights Commission and represents the interests of migrant workers...Mr. & Mrs. William Gafford of New Ulm who have evidenced deep feeling for the Mexican-American over the years donated \$25 toward scholarships at the Blanco y Negro Ball...State Director Ramirez requests more communication from other states to help us end our far north isolation...we extend a cordial invitation to all to visit our state convention...those who would like further information are asked to contact Ray Martinez whose address is 2818 30th Avenue South, Minneapolis, Phone PA 1-1895...we've over-extended ourselves this time because we were out of contact so long...the next column will be much shorter...Hasta la vista!...

"All for One--One for All"

A RESOLUTION

Concerning the Education of Bilingual Children

El Paso, Texas, January 1966

On November 13, 1965, over 500 foreign-language teachers, school administrators, and other educators met in El Paso at the Second Annual Conference of the Southwest Council of Foreign Language Teachers to consider educational problems faced by bilingual children. By an overwhelming majority they voted to approve the recommendations contained in the following resolution:

WHEREAS a disproportionately large number of families of Mexican or American Indian background are among the 35 million Americans who suffer the distress and waste of poverty,

[The per capita median income of 'Anglos' in Texas in 1959 was 4,137, that of Spanish-surname Texans \$2,029, according to Harley L. Browning and S. Dale McLemore, "The Spanish-surname Population of Texas," *Public Affairs Comment*, Vol. X, No. 1 (January 1964), The University of Texas, Austin.]

AND WHEREAS the inadequate economic opportunity experienced by these bilinguals is directly related not to a lack of intellectual ability but rather to a school program which, judging by past results, does not develop their full potential,

[According to the Texas Education Agency's Report of Pupils in Texas Public Schools Having Spanish Surnames, 1955 - 56, August 1957, the average Spanish-surname Texan was at that time spending three years in the first grade and was dropping out of school before reaching the fifth grade (4.7). This compares with 10.8 school years completed by "all whites" (which includes Spanish-surname Texans) and 8.1 by "non-whites" (primarily Negroes and Orientals).]

AND WHEREAS our present educational practices, hampered by wide-spread misunderstanding of the nature of language and language-learning and of the relation of the mother tongue to a second language, produce bilingual persons who often fail to learn well either their mother tongue or English,

AND WHEREAS language deficiency, both in the mother tongue and in English, is one of the main causes of failure in school and of poverty afterward,

AND WHEREAS we know the importance of the mother tongue both as a medium for concept development and as a means of building confidence and security in children whose English is non-functional,

AND WHEREAS the early acquisition of literacy in the mother tongue is known to facilitate the learning of a second language,

AND WHEREAS our present educational policies, by preventing the full development of the bilingual child, squander language resources which are urgently needed by our Nation and which must be expensively replaced under the National Defense Education Act,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED

THAT in the interest of our bilingual children and in the public interest a new policy regarding language education be widely adopted in bilingual areas, to wit:

1. That throughout the Southwest, wherever suitable conditions can be provided, schools plan a program of bilingual education in which non-English-speaking children can be given curriculum-wide instruction through the medium of their vernacular in the regular school day, especially in the pre-school and primary years,
2. That effectual instruction in and through the medium of English also be developed, based in the early stages on special techniques for teaching English as a second language,
3. That policies which prohibit the speaking of languages other than English on school premises be reviewed in light of new knowledge concerning the psychology of language and language learning,
4. That in order to relieve the present teacher shortage and to staff future bilingual programs, school districts be urged to make greater efforts to recruit strongly qualified teachers and teacher aides who speak with native fluency the languages of the pupils involved,
5. That schools, colleges, and universities be encouraged to conduct research in bilingual education, to prepare or retrain bilingual teachers, to create instructional materials, and in other ways to collaborate in building a tradition of strong bilingual education,
6. That, recognizing the importance of the mother tongue as a symbol of an inherited culture and as an enrichment of our total culture, all bilingual citizens be encouraged to cultivate their ancestral language as well as the official language, English.

A NUMBER OF FEDERAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS COULD SUPPORT SCHOOL-BASED PROJECTS IN BILINGUAL EDUCATION, PARTICULARLY TITLES I AND III OF THE ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION ACT OF 1965



COMMEMORATING THE 37th ANNIVERSARY OF THE LEAGUE OF UNITED LATIN AMERICAN CITIZENS.

Seated: The Honorable Lloyd Hayes, Mayor of the City of Port Arthur, Texas; Standing Left to Right: Mrs. Salvador Ybarra, president of Ladies' Council 228; Manuel Flores, Jr., president of Junior Lulac Council 10; and Romeo Vera, Sr., district 9 director.

Mayor Signs Proclamation for LULAC Week

Mayor Lloyd Hayes has proclaimed the period of February 13th thru 19th as National Lulac Week in the City of Port Arthur and asks all citizens to recognize the vital contribution to the community. The proclamation is in the form of a scroll and brings out the fact that the founders of the League of United Latin American Citizens emphasized the development of character, training in citizenship, and the promotion of the ideals of our American way of life through education.

At a recent meeting of the Port Arthur Lulac Week general committee, a motion was made and seconded, through the suggestion of the Junior Lulac committeemen, that "Education, Character, and Citizenship" be adopted as the official theme for Lulac Week. The motion carried unanimously and was duly adopted.

It is the belief of Local and district Lulac officials that this theme is most appropriate and clearly identifies the genuine Lulac endeavor.

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LULAC in action

Jr. LULAC District No. 1 will hold it's Annual Ball on February 5, 1966 at the National Guard Armory, in New Braunfelds, Texas at 8:00 p.m.

Father Henry Caso, head of the Don Bosco Youth Center and Assistant pastor at St. Philips of Jesus Catholic Church will be guest speaker at the dance. Mr. Alex Alcocer, District Director of Sr. LULAC District No. 15 will be the master of ceremonies.

A Word of Thanks... we acknowledge the splendid co-operation, the help of our advertizers, friends and boosters and wish to recommend that in every opportunity we should boast their products and services.



Texas Praises LULAC

in Congress

Mr. WHITE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, today, the organization popularly known as LULAC, the League of United Latin American Citizens, observes its 37th anniversary. Organized in Corpus Christi, Tex., February 17, 1929, the league has become one of the outstanding groups of our Nation for the fostering of good citizenship.

Because the national headquarters of the League of United Latin American Citizens is located in my city, El Paso, Tex.; because five of its past national presidents have been residents of my district; and because I have personally seen the results of this organization's many contributions toward good citizenship, I would like to call the attention of the House to LULAC's outstanding record.

The league carries on a constant program of citizenship classes, to aid prospective citizens of Latin American birth to become well grounded in fundamental principles of our Government before becoming naturalized. It conducts annual campaigns of voter registration and voter qualification.

(Mr. WHITE of Texas (at the request of Mr. DE LA GARZA) was granted permission to extend his remarks at this point in the Record and to include extraneous matter.)

In the field of education, the League of United Latin American Citizens did some important pioneering from which the whole Nation is today reaping rewards. In 1956, the LULACS initiated what was called "The Little School of the 400"—to teach a basic 400 English words to 5-year-old children whose native language was other than English. The Texas State Legislature made the program statewide and appropriated funds for its financing. Today, a similar program, nationwide in its scope, is known as Project Head Start.

In the 1950's, the LULACS also launched their nationwide campaign against the high school dropout problem. Coupled with this, they initiated an impressive program of college scholarships for promising youth of Latin American ancestry. The roll of young men and women who have completed college under this program is long and growing.



The LULACS, through their many cultural events, fiestas, concerts, and folk dances, have taught all of us the graceful charm of Spanish America; and in doing so, have enriched our own culture to the benefit of all.

Mr. Speaker, the League of United Latin American Citizens, through its actions, has proved that racial prejudice disappears as education and good citizenship advance. For 37 years of solid progress in promoting these worthy aims, the League of United Latin American Citizens deserves the gratitude and respect of this great Nation.

COMING EVENTS

CALIFORNIA LULAC STATE CONVENTION WILL BE HELD APRIL 30, AND MAY 1st IN PARAMOUNT, CALIFORNIA.

TEXAS STATE CONVENTION WILL BE HELD IN MAY IN EL PASO, TEXAS.

NATIONAL CONVENTION WILL BE HELD IN HOUSTON, TEXAS JUNE 23, 24, 25.

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February 11, 1966

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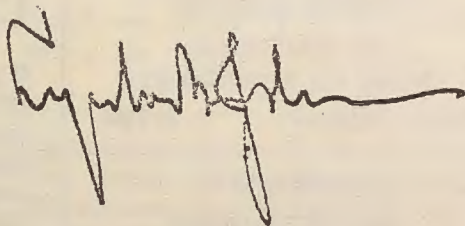
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Its dedication to freedom, peace and unity reflects the highest traditions of this nation's legacy. And its countless worthy civic projects represent a traditionally American willingness of spirit and generosity of heart.

In the 19 States of the Union in which LULAC Councils exist, their members have richly earned their enviable reputation. They have served with unstinting zeal to preserve and enrich the American way of life. And they have sought with immeasurable success to make this way of life a reality for those whom it has bypassed.

For 37 years LULAC has been an arsenal of freedom and a symbol of the spirit which keeps us free.

May it always sustain this noble purpose, and may its example prevail throughout this land.



LULAC Honored By LBJ

The League of United Latin American Citizens recently received a letter of congratulations from President Lyndon B. Johnson in celebration of its 37th anniversary.

The letter said:

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MORE THAN 100 persons attended the 37th anniversary party of LULAC and heard the letter from President Johnson.

Philip J. Montalbano was the master of ceremonies at the party. Alfred J. Hernandez is the national LULAC president and John J. Herrera is National Executive Director.



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LULAC WEEK



LULAC OFFICIALS READ LETTER FROM PRESIDENT JOHNSON. From left are Alfred Hernandez, John Herrera, Phillip Montalbo.



Members from Casa Grande, Ariz. council No. 401, Ignacio Loresana, Gilberto Lacobo, Alejo Ochoa.

Proclamation

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS the League of United Latin American Citizens, better known as LULAC, in the year 1966, A.D. is observing its Thirty-seventh Anniversary; and

WHEREAS LULAC since its inception has placed particular emphasis on the development of character, training in citizenship and the promotion of the ideals of our American Way of Life through education; and

WHEREAS this dedicated organization is prominently identified with many worthy projects for the betterment of this community.

THEREFORE, I, as Mayor of Casa Grande, Ariz. do hereby designate the period of Feb. 13 - 19, 1966 as

LULAC WEEK and call upon all citizens of Casa Grande, Ariz. to join in the recognition of the vital contribution to our City.

In official recognition whereof, I hereby affix my signature, this 11 day of Feb., 1966.

Jack K. Foster
Mayor of Casa Grande

PORT ARTHUR, TEXAS CELEBRATES

W.C. Lindsey, District Attorney, will be the Principal speaker at the Banquet sponsored by Port Arthur's Lulac Week general committee to be held at the Elks Lodge Rooms, 248 Waco Avenue, Port Arthur, Texas, Saturday evening, February 19, 1966, at 7:00 P.M., Alberto Cadena, Banquet Co-Chairman, announced today.

The Rev. P. Fernandez, Pastor of Our Lady of Guadalupe Roman Catholic Church, will give the Invocation and Benediction; Paul Silva, immediate past national Lulac chaplain, will give the official prayer of the League of United Latin American Citizens; Hector Cantu, Jr., president of Junior Lulac Council 10, will lead the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag; Romero Vera, Sr., Lulac district 9 director, will introduce the Distinguished Visitors and Guests as Master of Ceremonies and will introduce the Principal Speaker.

Attorney Frank T. Carmona of Galveston, Lulac Texas State Legal Adviser, will give the highlights of the history of Lulac and Robert A. Hernandez, Sr., past district 9 director, will present Certificates for Service towards making Lulac Week a success in Port Arthur to several recipients.



LULAC

in the News

37 ANNIVERSARY THEMES

District Nine of Texas better known as the Golden Triangle of Texas will use "37 Years of Progress Through Education, Character and Citizenship" as its theme for LULAC WEEK.

GOOD IDEA BOOSTS COUNCIL'S TREASURY

Quick thinking and quick action brought unexpected additional revenue to Council 401 of Casa Grande, Arizona. It all started when the state of Arizona decided to issue only one auto plate to be mounted on the rear of the vehicle. Since autos are equipped with a front license plate bracket, Council 401 made a front plate with the LULAC emblem and the city's name of each Council. The plates sold for \$1.75 each. Giving their Council's treasury a boost and also making an attractive display for all the different Councils to display on their autos.

PRESENTS AWARD

District Director, Romeo Vera informed Council 235 in Beaumont, Texas that on Friday, January 14th a special program was to be held at the Driftwood Motor Motel in Port Arthur, Texas at which time as award, the first of its type in the area, called "Simbolo" would be presented to the outstanding Latin-American in the area; U.S. Congressman Henry B. Gonzalez would be the dignitary performing the presentation. All proceeds over the cost will be contributed to a local charity.

CROWNS QUEEN

On December 31, 1965 Racine, Wis. Council 289 held its Coronation Ball for the 1966 LULAC Queen. Miss Diana Osta of Racine was crowned Miss LULAC Queen and Miss Mary Quinonez of Kenosha was second runner-up.

The dance was held at the beautiful Memorial Hall, overlooking Lake Michigan. Music was by Adan Perez of Chicago, Illinois. Attendance was a record six hundred.

500 INVITED TO LULAC OPEN HOUSE IN SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

Brother Guardia of Council No. 2 reports plans for the 37th Anniversary of LULAC include an Open House on Thursday February 17th at the North Terrace of the Gunter Hotel. 500 invitations were sent to government, civil and social leaders, and the Directors of the National Conference of Christians and Jews to attend the event, which would inform them of the Aims and Purposes of the League. Music, cocktails and food were part of the reception offered. Open house committee were Del Rose, Marujama, Flores and Guardia. President Pete Tijerina of Council 2 announced that the 1966 Feria Committee are as follows: Rey Feo, Oscar Flores, Peter Reed, Dr. Gonzalez, Ismael Gonzalez, F. Cavazos, G. de la Garza, J. Hallock, Publicity: Robert Gomez, Music: Tom Guardia, Invitations: Tom Sandoval, O. Trevino, Ticket Sales: Anthony Pons, Food Concession: Julio Delgado, Tom Sandoval, Program Book: Richard Sanchez, Radio Publicity: Ismael Gonzalez Feria Board of Directors: W. Salmon, Chairman-J. Alvarado, Secretary-F. Rivas, Treasurer-E. Trevino, Sub. Treasurer-I. Gonzalez, Member-A. Maldonado.

the latin american in texas and the southwest

CONTINUED FROM LAST MONTH

by PHILIP J. MONTALBO, Houston, Texas

When the Pilgrims landed on Plymouth Rock, they had one purpose in mind - - - to settle permanently. They did not have to use the Indian as a beast of burden or as a slave, and eventually the Indian was eliminated. The Spaniard, on the other hand, sought riches and needed the Indian to do his work. He failed the Indian by keeping him submerged in poverty, misery, and ignorance. The countries with a dominant Indian population are Mexico, Ecuador, Guatemala, Peru, and Bolivia. Argentina, having eliminated all the Indian elements, is thoroughly committed to European race dominance.

It is calculated that the world's population is increasing at the rate of about 160,000,000 every ten years. These people must find a place under the sun in which to live, and they must find food with which to sustain themselves. The answer in Latin America. Latin America has great undeveloped agricultural and mineral resources, there is vast wealth in its tropical forests, and untouched electrical power in its remarkable river systems.

Latin Americans are peculiarly lacking in race consciousness or prejudice. Latin American countries tend to welcome immigration and to frown on any kind of racial distinction. In South America the number of Italian immigrants exceeds that of any other nationality and Buenos Aires has become a greater Italian city than Rome. Argentina has the tenth largest Jewish population in the World.

There were officially sixteen different and distinct mixtures of blood legally recognized in colonial days, when the Spaniard, born in Spain, claimed the highest privileges, meaning that the further removed an individual was from that status, the fewer rights he had. This distinction was based on political and social differences, not on race, for the sons of Spanish parents born in America, known as *criollos*, also suffered many discriminations. Some of the more common terms denoting various mixtures were: *Mestizo* - Spanish and Indian; *Mulato* - Spanish and Negro; *Zambo* - Indian and Negro; *Cholo* - *Mestizo* and Indian; *Morisco* - Spanish and *Mulato*; and *Albino* - Spanish and *Morisco*.

The *Mestizo* is the real Latin American. He is the Mexican, the Chilean, the Ecuadorian, the Peruvian, etc. He is much more than the mixture of these two basic stocks. The *Mestizo* is a new spirit, having in his veins the desires and sentiments of a new people, reared in the pioneer atmosphere of a new world, taking all peoples at their face value and actually living as a neighbor and friend.

The exclusion from high offices of all but Spaniards born in Spain gradually became unbearable. Even the *Creoles* (Spaniards born

in America) were not permitted to enjoy the best positions. Their opportunities were limited to minor places in military, ecclesiastical, legal, and commercial occupations. This did not suit the proud Spaniard who was always to suffer material distress rather than accept any position which might imply social inferiority. This social inequality imposed by the European Spaniard irked the Creole and drove him into alliance with the Mestizo. The Spaniard's disposition to hold aloof from the Mestizos was based on other than racial grounds.

Spain itself was an early meeting place for the Orient and Occident. Phoenicians, Egyptians, Arabs, and Berbers mixed their blood with Roman and Goths in the Iberian peninsula. It was but natural that her offspring, the twenty Latin American countries, should themselves encourage immigration and welcome all groups without racial prejudice. These twenty American republics called Latin America, whose area is two and one-half times larger than the United States and whose total populations are in excess of 200,000,000, united by bonds of origin, language, religion, custom, by the common cause which they have defended, by the similarity of their institutions, and, above all, by their common necessities and reciprocal interests, cannot but consider themselves as parts of the same nation and will act accordingly when dealing with the United States.

We must remember that in most of the Latin American countries about one per cent of the population owns approximately fifty per cent of the wealth. Most of the inhabitants still live in poverty and ignorance. They have little or no voice and no means by which they can be heard for they have little or no voice and no means by which they can be heard for they know not how to assert themselves. But the spark is there to be ignited, and it shall be, perhaps within this coming decade. Look at what has happened to the rights of a minority group here in the United States within the last twenty years - - - in 1946 the colored people in many counties in the State of Texas voted for the first time in a primary.

The original inhabitants of this hemisphere were never asked if they wanted to continue living their life with their own culture, traditions, and religion. The Spaniards, upon making the conquest, immediately proceeded to destroy the religious temples, to subjugate the masses, to eliminate their history, art, and literature, and to make them serfs and slaves. When the criollos, the Spaniards, and the Mestizos decided to become independent of Spain, the Indian was not consulted as to his wishes, nor was he asked to participate in any deliberations. He was merely told to lay down his life to help them achieve their independence. What a painful coincidence of what is still happening to his descendants, even in this country.

I can just about count on my fingers the names of persons with a Spanish name who actually are consulted and actually participate in our national, state, and local governments. I can name for you only two persons with a Spanish name given recognition by our Federal Government here in Texas; Federal Judge Reynaldo Garza from Brownsville, Texas, and the Ambassador to Costa Rica, Raymond Telles from El Paso, Texas.

And so today we find that there is absolutely no doubt that revolution is inevitable in Latin America because the people, the masses, are angry. They are shackled to the past with bonds of ignorance, injustice, and poverty. They have suffered want, pain, and hunger. A few own all the land while the masses live as did their ancestors centuries ago. The people of the United States constantly remind

the world that in this democratic nation merit and hard work will boost anyone to positions of responsibility and affluence. While the United States, loud and clear, tells the people of Latin America that merit and hard work and qualifications make for democratic institutions, and that they should work together to eliminate poverty and ignorance, the American citizen of Latin extraction in the United States is the mirror which reflects to the people of Latin America what to expect; for the United States, within its own borders, discriminates against its own citizens because of race by refusing them equal justice, opportunity, and education.

THIS ARTICLE WILL CONTINUE IN THE NEXT ISSUE OF LULAC NEWS

"All for One--One for All"

Our National Vice-President Runs for Seat in State Legislature

Mrs. Celia F. Martinez, LULAC National Vice-President is the "Unity Candidate" for Indiana State House of Representatives. U.S. Senator Joseph M. Montoya, of New Mexico will be principal speaker at a banquet honoring "Sally" Martinez in East Chicago, Indiana on April 16, 1966. All the Indiana Latinos are naturally excited and working hard to elect Celia F. Martinez as their State Legislator.

Mrs. Martinez is expected to attend the 1966 Campaign Conference for Democratic Women to be held April 17-18-19 in Washington, D.C.

8 Good Resolutions

I will study the language of gentleness and refuse to use words that bite and tones that crush.

I will practice patience at home lest my testy temper break through unexpectedly and disgrace me.

I will remember that my neighbors have trouble enough to carry without loading mine on them.

I will excuse others' faults and failures as often and fully as I expect others to be lenient with mine.

I will curb criticism with commendation, close up against gossip and build healthy love by service.

I will be a friend under trying tests and wear everywhere a goodwill face unchilled by aloofness.

I will gladden my nature by smiling out loud on every occasion and by out-looking optimistically.

I will never gloat over gains, but amass only to enrich others and so gain a wealthy heart.

Dignity Of Man

"If we want to work our way out of the desperate situation in which we find ourselves, another spirit must enter into the people. We must rediscover the fact that we, all together, are human beings."

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Eduardo Peña Joins Labor Department's Contract Compliance Staff for Southwest Region



Eduardo Peña, Jr., of Laredo, Texas has been appointed a Senior Compliance Officer on the staff of the U.S. Department of Labor's Office of Federal Contract Compliance. Secretary of Labor W. Willard Wirtz in making the appointment announced that Mr. Peña would serve in the Southwest Region comprising the States of Arizona, Arkansas, Kansas, Nebraska, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas.

Mr. Peña comes to the Office of Federal Contract Compliance from the Department of Labor's Wage and Hour and Public Contracts Division where he has served as a Wage-Hour Analyst since January 1963. He came to the Labor Department in 1960 as a Wage-Hour Investigator.

The Office of Federal Contract Compliance is responsible for carrying out a program to assure nondiscrimination in employment practices by Government contractors and subcontractors, including contractors engaged on federally-assisted construction work. These responsibilities were assigned to the Labor Department by Executive Order 11246 of September 1965 which concurrently abolished the President's Committee on Equal Employment Opportunity and reassigned responsibilities under the Civil Rights Act.

Mr. Edward C. Sylvester, Jr., Director of the Office of Federal Contract Compliance Officer. "His experience and ability will give us needed assistance in seeing to it that firms contracting with the federal government, meet their fair employment opportunity obligations in regard to minority group workers."

Mr. Peña is a native of Laredo, Texas, where his father, presently retired is remembered as a retail grocery store proprietor. Mr. Peña, Jr., is remembered for his counseling work at the Laredo Boys Club. He attended the public schools of Laredo, Laredo Junior College and graduated from the University of Texas in Austin in 1958. While there he was president of the Laredo Club. Presently he is enrolled in the Law School of the Catholic University of America.

He recalls with fondness his first job, 1950 to 1953, as a "Printer's Devil" for the South Texas Citizen, a Laredo weekly paper.

Mr. Peña is married to the former Ada Carmen Reyna of Laredo and has a daughter Celinda Marie Peña.

He served in the U.S. Army 1958-1960 as an enlisted man with the 24th Infantry Division in Augsburg, Germany.

He is a member of the American G.I. Forum and of the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) from NEWS From U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR



MONKEY HONOR

Three monkeys sat in a coconut tree
Discussing things as they're said to be.
Said one to the other, "Now listen, you,
There's a certain rumor that can't be true--
That man descended from our noble race--
The very idea is a disgrace!

No monkey ever deserted his wife,
Starved her babies and ruined her life,
And you've never known a mother monk
To leave her babies with others to bunk,
Or pass them on from one to another
Till they scarcely know who is their mother.

And another thing you'll never see,
A monk build a fence 'round a coconut tree
And let the coconuts go to waste,
Forbidding all other monks a taste.
Why, if I'd put a fence around the tree
Starvation would force you to steal from me.

Here's another think a monk won't do,
Go out at night and get on a stew,
Or use a gun or club or knife
To take some other monkey's life.
Yes, man descended, the ornery cuss,
But, brother, he didn't descend from us!"

---Author Unknown

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 (3) Your District Director, and
 (4) the National President, Alfred J. Hernandez, 515 Kress Bldg., Houston, Texas.
 REMEMBER: you need to send four (4) copies and mail them to the addresses mentioned above. This should be done without delay.

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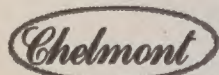
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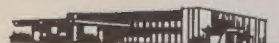
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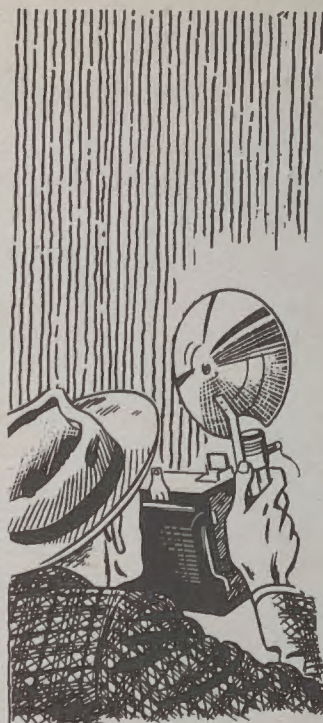
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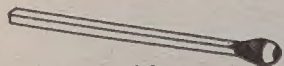
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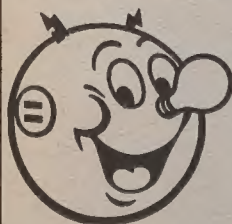
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