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The Problem of Dues

There is great awareness in the professional man to the necessity of prompt payment of dues. Membership in these societies to the professional man, however, is mandatory and expulsion from same is expected for the nonpayment of dues. This is true, even though most of the professional societies are now owners of properties and businesses which produce income that makes these societies self sustaining to a great extent without the payment of dues.

Although some of the past administrations in our organizations have tried to find other revenue producing projects, our organization is still fully and totally dependent on the payment of dues for its existence and the carrying forward of its aims and purposes. Therefore, we must be "professional" in our thinking in the payment of these dues.

During the recent Supreme Council Meeting in Anaheim, California, what seemed to me to be more an excuse for nonpayment of dues than a legitimate controversy over the words of our constitution, was raised by some of the members. It seems that they have found a conflict between some of the statutes relating to dues. While everyone at the meeting agreed that it was understood that the payment of dues was a foregone conclusion, the matter that was not so clear in their minds being whether the conflict in the time that the national secretary is supposed to send the reports and the due date as set out be Article 10, Section 1 of the constitution was so insurmountable that it gave individual councils a way out for the payment of their dues.

In presenting my legal opinion of this important matter as requested by the Supreme Council, in a way that it will be understood by everybody, and so that I may place the required emphasis on the importance of paying ones dues to the national office, I would tell you the story of the problem that a corporation that I represent had with the city officials over its payment of taxes. In that case the city mailed the corporation its bill for taxes to the corporation's old and abandoned address, even though the corporation had actually presented a change-of-address card to the tax assessor's office. The corporation sought to avoid the imposition of penalties and interests on their tax bill on the basis that they had never received same. It was held that there is no duty on the part of the city tax assessor to bill a person for taxes--that the bill is merely a courtesy on the part of the city and do not affect the duty to pay taxes in the least.

Our duty is to pay dues to the national office in semi-annual payments on April 1 and October 1 of each year. That seems clear enough without reference to billing or the sending of reports by the national treasurer. It is the duty of each council to comply with this regardless of whether they are billed or not.

The national image of the Lulac organization suffers when the national office is deprived of the funds that are necessary to carry out its obligations. We, in the organization, spend a lot of time castigating and criticizing the national office when it fails in its duties and responsibilities. If we attack this problem of dues with this same vigor, we should go ahead at great paces in the future.

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It doesn't take much courage for northerners, westerners or easterners to lash out at what goes on in Mississippi. That's because they're a long way from the head-breakers. They don't run the risk of having ridge-runners blindside them, or sheriff's deputies sap up on them.

The Delta Democrat-Times runs some risks in Mississippi though. It has something to say about the Americans for the Preservation of the White Race, another of the fright groups that jump around the U.S. like geese in huckleberry time.

In an editorial entitled "The True Image," the Delta Democrat-Times said: "Various groups of racial extremists have suddenly felt the need for a better public image.

" One of these groups which suddenly wants the world to know that it is against all violence is the Americans for the Preservation of the White Race (APWR).

" The truth is not shown in deeds, however. Attending a meeting of APWR, the visitor hears several hours of straight and unwatered hate preaching. Hate is preached against Negroes, outsiders, progress, Democrats in Washington, Republicans in Washington, the United Nations, the Catholics, Jews, NATO, SEATO, Congress, and assorted other institutions.

" According to the -non-political' speakers at the APWR meetings, the Communists have taken over the Justice Department, the Supreme Court, and the office of the President. About the only place that the Reds have not been successful appears to be Mississippi.

" The APWR, which says it seeks to preserve a race which has somehow managed to preserve itself for several centuries, makes many of the same assumptions the Nazis made.

" Jews, Catholics, and people of non-American origin are excluded from the APWR's members, and we assume from preservation. The non-violent membership gladly takes well known KKK members into its ranks. Indeed so many KKK members belong to the APWR in certain areas of southwest Mississippi, that it is impossible to tell where one stops and the other begins.

"The ironic thing about Hitler's claims, and to a like extent, the APWR's protestations, is that both groups probably believe their own press releases.

" The APWR has no link with the FBI to run security checks on new members. Hate is the only real qualification."

That just about hits the nail on the head. It tells the story of many groups working the fright gift in America.

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An interested community must play matchmaker if America's "hidden minority" is to gain its fair share of the job market, a government official said.

"The emphasis in the equal employment drive has not been placed on the Mexican-Americans, although there has been great emphasis on other minority groups," said the official Robert Ornelas, director of the Mexican-American program of the Defense Department.

"We have found that most government contractors have failed to even realize that the Mexican-American are a minority group. However, there has been little resistance by contractors to fulfill the obligations once they know how to go about it."

Ornelas, coordinator for a planned White House conference on Mexican-American problems was in Phoenix, November 23, 1966, to explain Service - Employment - Redevelopment, a federal project designed to find jobs for Spanish-speaking people of Southwestern United States.

He said the Defence Department's campaign for equal employment opportunities had opened up thousands of jobs for minority group members. SER, he indicated, will try to so the same companies not working under government contracts.

The stereotyped Mexican-American, "wearing a sombrero and serape, sitting under a cactus and taking siestas," has prevented Spanish-speaking people from getting good jobs, according to Ornelas.

There are no Mexican-Americans equivalents of the Urban League or the Bureau of Indian Affairs to set the record straight, he added.

"The existing social agencies have failed to take cognizance of the fact that Mexican-Americans have unusual problems because of their culture, heritage and language," he said.

"We can't expect government contractors to go door-to-door in search of qualified Mexican-Americans, so SER will be a central place where both sides can get together. The contractors are more than willing to take affirmative action once they know what to do."

SER demonstration projects are beginning in 11 Southwestern cities under direction of the League of United Latin Americans and the American G.I. Forum.

The Phoenix project which will get under way in about December at an estimated annual cost of \$350,000, will concentrate on job placement and referral of applicants to appropriate training agencies.

Projects in cities with limited social service facilities will also undertake job training and other education programs.

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The Las Cruces Junior League of United Latin American Citizens will visit the Carrie Tingly Hospital at Truth or Consequences, New Mexico on Thursday, December 22nd.

Members of the Junior Council are preparing little gifts for the children patients and also will furnish entertainment and will sing Christmas Carols during their visit.

Carrie Tingly is a hospital for crippled children.

Supervisors attending will be Mrs. Tommy Vasquez, Mrs. Jimmy Armendarez, Mrs. Ruben Flores and Mrs. Gilbert Montes.

Pictured above are some of the Juniors who will make the trip. Miss Frances Ramires is the Council's President and Raymond Apodaca is the State Director of the Juniors. *Photo by Amador Studios*

CALIFORNIA STATE CONVENTION CALLED

The California State Convention for both seniors and juniors will be held Sunday, January 22, 1967 at the Anaheim Ball. California's District One will be host. The juniors will start their meeting at 10:00 a.m. and the seniors at 11:00 a.m.

One of the items for discussion will be the starting of a state history book, beginning with the first California administration.

Mr. Richard Briones is working with Cecelia Juarez, of the Association of Mexican-American Educators, on a booklet on the history of "The School of 400". This booklet will be available to all teachers and interested persons.

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Approximately 250 volunteer workers representing ten local organizations and groups will participate in Operation SER's Skill Bank registration drive, which will be conducted in the greater Denver area this weekend, January 7th, 8th, and 9th.

Operation SER is a new job placement and training program designed to establish greater avenues of employment opportunity for the American of Mexican and Spanish origin in the Southwestern states of Arizona, California, New Mexico, Texas, and Colorado.

The project is funded jointly by the U.S. Department of Labor and the Office of Economic Opportunity, and is administered by Jobs for Progress, Inc.

Jobs for Progress is a non-profit corporation composed of representatives of the nations two largest Latin-American organizations, the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC), and American G.I. Forum of the U.S., and is organized for the purpose of uplifting the social and economic status of the Latin-American of the Southwest.

The registration drive will be supervised by SER's regional skills bank director, Edward R. Lucero, former trust officer with the Colorado National Bank of Denver.

According to Lucero, this drive will serve two basic purposes: it will provide information regarding the employment utilization and distribution status of this minority group; and it will provide the Regional Skills Bank with qualified applicants for placement with government and industry in the Southwest.

"Registration centers will be located in strategic locations throughout the Denver area, and will be manned by at least one bi-lingual person," said Lucero.

"Those residents in Denver and in outlying areas of the state, who for one reason or another, are not able to register in person, may submit their resumes to the Albuquerque Regional Office, Bank of New Mexico, Room 220, 4th and Gold, S.W.," he added.

Joining with the local SER group in conducting this drive are the following organizations and groups: American G.I. Forum; American Legion, Joe P. Martinez Post; Commission on Community Relations; Crusade for Justice; Latin American Educational Foundation (LAEF); League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC); Latin American Research and Service Agency (LARASA), San Luis Valley Friendship Club; Spanish Ministerial Alliance; and the United Mothers of Denver.

information

from the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission

Mexican-Americans and Negroes should share rooms in a hospital controlled by a railroad in the Southwest, according to a finding by the EEOC. Prior to the discrimination charge, the hospital segregated Mexican-Americans and Negroes from Anglos.

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information

from the Minority Manpower Digest

MINORITIES ELECTED TO STATE LEGISLATURE

Arizona attracted national attention with the election of the first Negro in the state's history to the Senate. A Mexican-American has also been elected to the Senate. Awaiting to be sworn in as representatives are the state's first Negro woman legislator and its first Indian legislator. Also elected to the House were three Mexican-Americans, a Negro, and a Chinese-American.

(The Arizona Tribune 11/25/66)

ANNUAL LULAC CONVENTION TO BE HELD IN PHOENIX

The 38th annual national convention of the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) will be held in Phoenix June 22-25, 1967. About 1,000 delegates from councils in 18 states and the District of Columbia are expected for the event at the Hotel Westward Ho. The host groups will be Mesa LULAC Council No. 251 and Phoenix Council 284. Reservations for the dinner may be made by contacting Mrs. Michael Matanovich, 347 E. Verde Lane.

(The Phoenix Gazette 2/11/66)

OPERATION "SER" OUTLINED AT PHOENIX MEETING

The administration body of "SER" (Service, Employment, Redevelopment), Jobs for Progress, met in Phoenix on November 23, 1966, to outline its proposed operation for leaders of business and industry. The SER Phoenix Center, according to informed sources, will function as a research and demonstration project with a staff of approximately 25 persons. Nicandro F. Juarez, director of SER's research and evaluation department, and Luis Ramirez, statistician, said: ".....we want to move the Mexican-American into nontraditional jobs, away from the rural type of labor with which he is frequently associated."

(The Phoenix Gazette 11/23/66)

GUZMAN ADDRESSES DENVER POSTAL REGION CONFERENCE ON EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

Dr. Ralph Guzman, assistant director of the Mexican-American Study Project of UCLA, addressing 50 delegates at the Denver Postal Region EEOC meeting November 21, 1966, said that 11.8% of the Southwest's population is Mexican-American and less than 10% Negro. He claimed the two groups represent one-fifth of the population of the Southwest. "When one combines the birthrate with immigration from Mexico," he said, "it can be seen that Mexicans, as a group, are growing much faster than either native whites or Negroes. Mexicans face severe deprivation in employment, education, health and before the bar of justice. Mexicans are moving toward the large cities," he said, "and are the fastest growing group in California."

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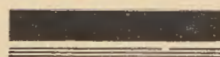
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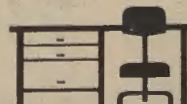
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