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OUR RIGHTS

By Philip J. Montalbo

It has been ninety years since Texas, California, New Mexico, Colorado and parts of other states were carved out of the territory surrendered to the United States, and since the year 1848, our ancestors and their descendants are supposed to have acquired all of the prerogatives guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States, as provided in Article IX of the Guadalupe Treaty.

The fortunes of war are inherited either for good or bad and although our ancestors living in this territory had little to do, if any, with the actual

agreement between the Governments, we, the descendants, find that the Article of the Guadalupe Treaty seems to have been forgotten by the Constituted authorities in many, many instances.

We all know by heart just what those rights are that we should enjoy as residents and citizens of this great Country of ours, because we belong to an Organization that requires that each of us read the Constitution at least once a year, but many of our unfortunate brothers, who have been denied the privilege of an education in some counties, and, as a result, have been deprived of competing in the economic struggle must accept whatever is given them for their toil and labor and are constantly being denied those sacred rights for which the first settlers of this Country, along the Atlantic Seaboard, sacrificed their lives and their property to make the Thirteen Colonies into an Independent Nation.

We are grateful to our forefathers for the many things they left us, but more so, for having shown us the way of a progressive people. We inherited a pioneering spirit and an inventive mind. Because of the efforts of our forefathers, we have been blessed with many things that were unknown even to the kings of old. Their enterprise and ambition has made this country one of the wonders of the world. We should have inherited their enterprise, their ambition and their desire to make this Nation a better place in which to live.

The League of United Latin American Citizens (Lulac), was organized by a group of men with vision and faith in our fellowmen. The purpose of the League is to help our less fortunate brethren.

One of our aims is to prevent discrimination, yet, in the most important affairs of our daily life, we have failed utterly to carry out such purpose, and, if we are to bring about the elevation of the social status of our people, we must begin with the performance of one of the two personal duties of a citizen of these United States.

We should make a concerted effort to have every qualified member of our race serve on a Grand Jury in each of the respective localities. If our people represent one-third of the population, we should have one-third of the number of grand jurors on the Grand Jury and not one, as is usually the case, and then that one person is ordinarily used as an interpreter. Only a handful of men of our extraction rotate on our grand juries. A Grand Jury is supposed to represent every member of a community.

The Grand Jury, composed of twelve citizens, deliberates secretly and hears the evidence against an accused person. Indeed a citizen who may be ignorant that he is even under suspicion may be indicted for some crime upon the statement of malicious witnesses, and the mere charge of crime is often enough to ruin a man forever. The vote of nine jurors is required for an indictment, so even if our Anglo-American friends should insist upon predo-

minence, the other three, if of our own race, would and should have a great deal to do with the findings of the Grand Jury as a whole. Three men would know more about the mode of living of our people and their tendencies than just one.

It is not recalled that a member of our race has ever been selected as a Grand Jury Commissioner. Yet three are selected by the Criminal District Judges, and these three Commissioners make the selection of the twelve grand jurors who are to serve. One of our race should be a member of that Commission since our people represent one-third of the population, and he would know which three among our race would best serve the interests of our Community as grand jurors.

The sad part about the jury system is that in the great majority of cases, when a petty jury is being selected, not one person of our extraction is called or selected, to serve on a jury. It has been noted, time and again, that the juries of twelve men, which are presumed to represent the community as a whole have seldom contained one member of our extraction.

This is readily understood because through some method our people are not called for jury duty and if they are, they are promptly excused for some reason or another, principally on the excuse that they can not speak English, and we know that that is not true.

We are constantly told that we are entitled to a trial by a jury of our peers. Who are our peers? Today, a judgment by one's peers as guaranteed by

our Constitution and statutes should mean nothing more than a trial by jury in the courts according to the course of judicial procedure and our peers should be our fellow-citizens, that is, the man of wealth and education should find himself seated in the same jury box with men whose advantages have been fewer and whose possessions are less.

CAPTAN DAVID CRUZ



Capt. David Cruz is one of our veteran police officers. He joined the force on December 8, 1909, he has been a Captain of police for 10 years. He is one of the most good natured of our local officers, ever willing to give his help and cooperation when any one seeks his aid and advice. He is held in the highest esteem by all his brothers in Lulac. His two boys are both members of Council No. 2.

Hon. Adolph A. Garza

President, Council No. 2

Adolph A. Garza, better known as "Fito" to his friends, who are legion, came into Lulac in 1931. He attended his first convention at Edinburg in May of that year. On account of his youth and boyish appearance, he was quickly railroaded into the office of Chaplain. His work in Lulac has been very broad, he is ever willing to help and cooperate in all kinds of our ever increasing problems. In his Council he held several offices, but it was not until June of last year that he was elected president. He also is a special Organizer, and he finds time from his many duties, in lending a helping hand to Organizer General Machado.

Garza's ancestry dates back to the time of the settlement of La Villa de San Fernando, by the Canary Islanders. His family tree appears among the most prominent in "With the Makers of San Antonio."

His family saw to it that he was not lacking in the arm of education, to meet the problems in his chosen profession. He attended the Sam Houston School, the Stephen F. Austin School, and the St. Mary's Parochial School, and graduated from Main Ave. High School in 1926. Attended the San Antonio Junior College in 1926-28, and the Texas University, and he graduated from the St. Mary's University School of Law in 1931. Since January of 1934 he has been serving as Assistant District Attorney.

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By F. Valencia

It was a dream, and a strange dream it was, for I peeped into the past beyond half a hundred generations. Strange scenes, new lands, wide plains and prairies, mountains and wilderness, and a savage horde roaming at will my eyes beheld.

Then out from the east and south they came, the Spanish Cavalcade, from the castles of Spain and the conquered empire of Montezuma. Ever marching forward came the captains of Spain, the Conquistadores, Cabeza de Vaca, Coronado, all the great ones, even the negro Estevanico searching for the seven cities of Cibola and the Fountain of Youth.

Came the Franciscan friars, the missionaries, and lo over the wilderness, the vast stretch of space sprang a mission, a settlement or a city here and there. I saw the Canary Islanders arrive, the great haciendas of California, the feared Indians that made life miserable. Then all of a sudden, like a cyclone I saw liberty exert itself, and a new nation proclaimed its independence, and the Grito de Dolores echoed along the frontiers of Spain.

Again a cavalcade, from the free country to the north and east came determined men, the pioneers, and wrested the country from the war-torn republic of the south.

And then I witnessed the transformation, for with clock-like precision they changed the wilderness, with its few settlements and missions into a vast progressive country, with a multitude of cities, factories, plan-

tations, grazing herds, and all the new things of science and industry as time went on.

But where are the dons, the domesticated Indians, the friars, the music, the romance, the culture and civilization that was Spain's and the Aztec hinterland?

I saw them and I wept, for they were swept off and lost in the whirl and buzz of the incoming new civilization. I saw them working in the fields, in the factories, digging ditches, serving the tables, and everywhere with brawn and muscle they toiled, they were the underdogs of the new conquistadores. Ignored and forgotten, the glory that was theirs faded into oblivion. Mostly fate was unkind to them. Hate and racial discrimination was their lot, accepted spoils of victory of the conquerors.

But up in the higherlands, the plateaus and the dry lands, a band of the grandees held fast, reminiscences of a glorious past. Here tradition and a fading culture still held sway.

But, as if from the stillness of the night, from nowhere they came marching on. Who came? The light brigade came charging on! Not the noble six hundred of Batchalava, but the charge of the forgotten ones. The LULAC SOLDIERS, came marching on, ever advancing!

Soldiers for the rights of men keep up thy pace! The eyes of mankind, lovers of justice are upon you! The sighs of a fallen but not vanquished people are turned to you, for art not thou noble soldiers of the LULAC

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Learn how to fulfill your duties before you learn how to claim your rights; educate and make yourself worthy, and stand high in the light of your own deeds; you must always be loyal and courageous;

Filled with optimism make yourself sociable, upright, judicious, and above all things be sober and collected in your habits, cautious in your actions and sparing in your speech;

Study the past of your own, and of the country to which you owe your allegiance, learn how to master with purity the two most essential languages—English and Spanish;

Believe in God, love Humanity and rely upon the framework of human progress, slow and sound, unequivocal and firm;

Always be honorable and high minded, learn how to be self-reliant upon your own qualifications and resources;

In war serve your country, in peace your convictions; discern, investigate, meditate and think, study, at all times be honest and generous;

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In the numerous festivities that our Latin-American people in general, and the Lulackers in particular, take part in, there is none to compare with the sports field for thrills and happy get-togethers. Our sports have taken radical changes both in the competitive part and the attitude taken by the Anglo-Saxon opposition whenever they contend against a team composed of Latin-Americans.

It is these games against such competition that have fostered and brought out good-will and recognition for youthful Latin-American leadership that have challenged, in baseball diamonds, gridirons and gymnasi-

ums, initiative and clean sportmanship, bringing out a true and fuller realization of the sacred duties of law-abiding citizens.

With the suggestion that whenever any Lulac Council sees an opportunity in helping some youthful athletic combine attain some sporting achievement we herewith give publication, to unpaid testimonials, to letters praising the sporting spirit of ONE All-Latin-American football eleven that not only won those honors but the championship of District 42-B — the Sidney Lanier Voks, co-coached by Wm. "Nemo" Herrera, co-captained by Lulacker Anthony "Chivo" Rodriguez. Other Lulacker in the championship picture is Fidel Tafolla, vice-principal of the school.

It is said that, after all, hostesses are the very persons who ought to know behaviour—especially so if it is a manager of a modern hotel. When the Lanier Voks invaded Del Rio, Texas, taking in to camp the Del Rio team it brought out first notes of recognition for the politeness of the Latin-American eleven.

Pat O'Malley, manager of St. Charles Hotel of Del Rio wrote of the fact to C. H. Kellam, director of athletics for the San Antonio Public Schools, thus:

"We had the football team of the Sidney Lanier School as our guests on Nov. 5, 1937, the night they played the Del Rio football team, and they were so well behaved that I want to let you know what a pleasure it was to

have them. They were the best behaved groups of boys that we have ever had before. Usually on those occasions, especially when the visiting team wins, there is considerable difficulty in keeping quiet and order, but the Coach evidently had these boys well in hand."

"We feel that we owe the boys commendation for their good behaviour and hope that we shall have the pleasure of having them with us again when they play here."

It was G. W. Gotke, superintendent of the Alamo Heights Public Schools, the first person to congratulate the Latin-American grid warriors in having defeated the Alamo Heights Mules for the District 42-B football championship, in a letter to R. H. Brewer, principal of Lanier School:

"Just a little note to congratulate you on your victory in being champions of District 42-B. As I have told you before, I am very happy to congratulate you and, also, to tell you that we appreciate your fine football team. We sincerely hope that you will be able to take El Dorado to camp and that you will be in a position to go into regional play."

"Again, wishing you the best of luck, and thanking you for your many personal courtesies to me."

While not being successful in their regional contest, having been whipped by El Dorado eleven, nevertheless their fine sportmanship brought praises, one laurel coming from W. O. Alexander, cashier of the First National Bank of El Dorado,

Texas, who took time to pen a letter to Coach A. W. Norton of the Blue-and-White Lanier gridsters.

Mr. Alexander said:

"I am taking the liberty to write this letter to congratulate you on your fine bunch of football players. While I have no official connection with our school I am interested in their sports and always like clean sportmanship. That is my reason for writing this letter. So far as I was able to learn you have one of the cleanest playing teams our boys have met and we appreciated their way of playing the game."

"Sorry I did not get to meet you while you were here."

So we hope that it is not in vain to try to promote cleaner sportmanship and more athletic activity sponsored by the Lulac Councils, inasmuch that much good-will can be derived from such activity if you witness the many Spanish names appearing in the sports pages of cities having a populous Latin-American colony.

It's fun. And it pays to play, Lulackers!

Compliments and Best

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—of—

John Cooreman

to

LULAC Council No. 2

(Member)

Council No. 2 Has Been The Blood Vessel Of Lulac Organization . . .

By M. C. González

Many far reaching statements have been made by certain persons claiming credit for the birth and growth of Lulac, but Council No. 2 has remained silent, until now, as to who are the Lulacs that have contributed the most to what is now a great national civic and patriotic Organization.

The League of United Latin-American Citizens was formed by the union of Council No. 4 of the Order Sons of America, the Order Knights of America of San Antonio and the Latin-American League of the Valley. The latter became Council No. 3 at Brownsville, the Knights of America Council No. 2 at San Antonio, and the Order Sons of America at Corpus Christi became Council No. 1.

Ben Garza, president of Council No. 1 at Corpus Christi, became the first President General, then Alonso S. Perales of Council No. 3 Organization, became the second President General, and finally, M. C. González of Council No. 2, became the third President General. At that time the League was turned over with 24 councils, and after the expiration of one year Council No. 2 turned the League over to J. T. Canales with 48 councils.

During that period of time councils were installed at Sonora, Ozona and San Angelo, on the northwest, Del Rio, Eagle Pass, Laredo on the west and south as far as Harlingen. All intermediate places were also covered at a time when neither the Anglo-Americans nor the

Latin people knew what Lulac stood for nor of the benefits to be derived therefrom. Progressing in those days was a matter of real hard work.

Council No. 2 initiated what was known as Lulac Notes, a weekly periodical depicting daily activities of committees and members. Also, it was Council No. 2, who started and first published LULAC NEWS. At that time was formed the famed "Flying Squadron" composed of Council No. 2 members, among whom were Thomas A. Garza, Henry Cañamar, Mauro M. Machado, M. C. González, Adolph A. Garza, J. C. Solís, Teodoro Góngora and several others.

Those 24 councils installed and nourished with Lulac spirit are not all of the councils; without fear of exaggeration members of Council No. 2 have installed and organized approximately 70 per cent of all the Councils of the League.

When the first legal fight in the District Court on account of school segregation was started, it was a member of Council No. 2, who, without pay or even expenses, went to Del Rio and alone with Judge John L. Dodson, fought and won an injunction in that city.

It was Council No. 2 who changed the Monumental Fund into the Educational Fund.

Council No. 2 has attended every general and Special Convention, and its membership have at all times held General Offices in the Supreme Council and the following members of said Council have served as

President General: M. C. González, James Tafolla, Jr., E. R. Lozano, Mauro M. Machado. At present six members of Council No. 2 hold General Offices in the Supreme Council of the League. M. C. González has the distinction of having held every general office, including that of President of his own Council, except the post of treasurer.

The Organization of Parent-Teachers Association in San Antonio (and there were many of those) and all over the State is a matter to which Council No. 2 points with a great deal of pride.

Barrels of correspondence is preserved to show how Council No. 2, since the very beginning and even NOW is daily writing to members of other councils ALL OVER advising them as to their rights and obligations as patriotic citizens; writing to old and new members, and especially to those who are not YET members. How to solve problems of racial segregations in the schools, in the parks, in the shows, restaurants; how to improve economic conditions, how to get work, and have assisted members in many councils on how to get to do jury service; how to organize and become active, important constituent members of the several communities in which they reside.

The Organizer General of the League is a member of Council No. 2, the Chairman of the Educational Committee, the Director of the Boy Scout Committee, the Inspector General, the Chaplain General, all members of Council No. 2, and have been in the whole throughout the entire life of the Organization. Why? Because it is composed of active,

conscientious real Lulac brethren, who silently go about doing Lulac work, without claiming (until now) any honors for the wonderful progress that Lulac is doing.

It would be interesting to ask the various delegations at a Special or General Convention to raise their hands, those whose councils have come into existence by virtue of the direct efforts of the San Antonio Council of Lulac. San Antonio Council No. 2 is and has been the guiding star, the beacon light that has shown the way to other Lulacs, until now, we have equally as active and prominent councils, such as Laredo, El Paso, Albuquerque, Del Rio, Corpus Christi, Houston, and many, too numerous to mention.

I believe that it is time to jot down to recognition at the splendid contribution that the San Antonio Council No. 2 has made during the past years of intense struggle to build up and keep alive the League of United Latin American Citizens.

In Council No. 2 we have men who fight for principles and not for personal glory. For instance, the Order Knights of America grew out of the Order Sons of America, and now the President of the latter has joined the ranks of Lulac and is at present the Chaplain General and so has all the adult members of that Organization.

Council No. 1 at Corpus Christi, where the League was born was recently given a new injection of Lulac. and the installing officer was this same Chaplain General of the League. It proves conclusively that we fight for principles and not for personalities.

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The Word "United" . . . By Mauro M. Machado

(Lulac's 9th Anniversary)

It was a windy night on Saturday, February 16, 1929, the hour about 9, the veteran — fresh air taxi—that was to take us to Corpus Christi, only 155 miles away, was puffing and backfiring, and in all sorts of ways showing its disgust in making the trip. Everyone knew that it would be an all night drive, through the bad roads they had in those days, and then there was always the chance that we would not reach there. What to do? The following morning three harmonious merging of the organizations would be attempted. We had worked unceasingly for months to see this accomplished and here we were on the eve of that great day. The writer had helped Ben Garza and Eulalio H. Marin do some of the preliminary work, for weeks we had corresponded with those whom we thought could be of help to us.

The one thing that bothered Ben's shrewd mind, was how to get two of our coming young lawyers together, and yet save an argument and the disruption of the meeting. To thrash this matter out, he made an appointment with me at his Metropolitan Cafe, at 5:30 next morning.

With a couple of extra generators, two or three jugs of water and a dozen of Frank Leyton's very much patched inner-tubes, and a prayer in our lips, we got started. Luck had it that after suffering from exposure and the bothersome wind we arrived at the Pride of the Nueces, about 4. Being very cold and our pockets very empty, we

parked our fresh-air limousine in the outskirts of the city, and proceeded to build a fire of driftwood to warm our numb bodies. Promptly at the agreed time Ben was at his place of business. We could not help but be impressed with Ben's unselfishness and sincerity, his presentation in a masterly manner of the "monkey wrench" that would ruin our plans. His great organizing ability, his fine common sense and his strong grasp of fundamental principles, soon convinced us. And as the rising sun showed its warming rays over the Gulf of México, a civic and patriotic organization was about to be born, and the strategy of a self made man was about to be tested.

With machine-like precision everything went off as planned. Ben Garza was elected temporary chairman and M. C. González temporary Secretary. The hardest job fell to us delegates who had to thrash out all the details, including giving the organization a new name. We received our instructions and promptly retired downstairs, hoping to come to a complete understanding.

Eulalio H. Marin and Andres de Luna, represented the disbanded Council No. 4 of the Order Sons of America of Corpus Christi; Judge J. T. Canales and A. S. Perales the Latin-American League of the Valley, and John C. Solis and this writer the Knights of America of San Antonio.

In most things we agreed, such as calling a convention within 3 months, etc., etc., but

all having made some sort of a pledge that all three groups would sacrifice their name for harmony's sake and a new name coined for the organization, our troubles started. Such as foreseen by Ben. The Corpus Christi delegates, de Luna and Marin, did not offer a name, but the junior member of the Valley delegates, very strongly suggested we call it Latin American Citizen League. It was here that this humble delegate got up and reminded everyone of the previous agreement that had been made regarding the name. He stood his ground and this throwed the proceedings into a deadlock. After much discussing and in order to have harmony and come to an understanding, since Ben Garza and the members were beginning to worry, I suggested the addition of "United" in order to make it look different. I knew that United and League meant almost the same thing, but we had to save our face and the pride of our members. Solís saved the day by proposing the name "United Latin American Citizens" and Judge Canales, seconded it with the juggling and correction of the words to read "League of United Latin American Citizens." Thus was born the L. U. L. A. C. of today.

Of the men who were there that eventful day, the following have gone to a better world, Ben Garza of Corpus Christi, Tristan Longoria of La Grulla, and M. A. Domínguez and Pete Patiño of San Antonio.

Lulac work is very pleasant and interesting, and so it has been with me. There are so many people to be met with,

who increase your joy in life in encountering them. The sorrow comes, and there are those who march away, whose faces you miss greatly, but hope to meet again.

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Around the Lulac Shield

By J. I. Rodriguez

REPORT OF DISTRICT GOVERNOR OF DISTRICT NO. 5.

Shortly after coming back from our Ninth Annual Convention, held at Houston, Texas, last June, our newly elected President General, the Hon. Ramon L. Longoria, honored your humble servant and brother Lulac with the appointment as District Governor for this District which comprises Bexar County and the six counties that surround it, and I feel sure that my brother members in Council No. 2, of which I am the First Vice-President and the Chairman of the P. T. A. Committee, will bear me out in the fact that during my tenure of office I have done all within my small means to comply with my obligations as District Governor, and to that end I have at one time or another, visited every Council within the District at least once.

Before I go any further, I want to express my sincere appreciation and gratitude, first of all to our President General, and then to all our General Officers residing in this city, for the splendid cooperation that they have been willing at all times to render in the furtherance of the activities of Lulac in this District. I also want to mention the fact that all individual members of our Council have always been ready and willing to work alongside their officers in the work of Lulac, but I specially want to mention our Inspector General, Bro. Manuel C. González, Bro. Mauro M. Machado, our Organizer

General, and Bro. James Tafo-lla Sr., our Chaplain General, and last, but not least, Bro. Adolph A. Garza, our President of Council Number 2.

Along with some of the above mentioned officers I actively participated in the organization and establishment of the Kerrville, San Marcos, and Pearsall Councils, under the able direction of our Organizer General, and with the ever ready and willing cooperation of the membership of Council No. 2, I have done my utmost to keep the activities of Lulac in this District on a par with the work being done by Lulac in any other District, besides, on several occasions, having visited other parts of the State outside of the District in the interests of Lulac, such as Donna, Sarita, Falfurias, Harlingen, Laredo, Cotulla, Baytown, and Uvalde where I had the honor to serve as Secretary at the Regional Convention held there last August.

During the month of November, while on a visit to my father, in the Rio Grande Valley, I engaged in the promotion and presentation of Latin American Day, at the Lower Rio Grande Valley Mid-Winter Fair, sponsored by Lulac, under the personal direction of our President General and with the most able cooperation and assistance of our Treasurer General, Bro. Doro-teo Longoria. Just prior to my visit to the Rio Grande Valley, our Inspector General and I had visited Hondo, Texas, where we cooperated with Bro. Barrientes, President of the

Hondo Council, in smoothing out their school situation. Immediately after my return to San Antonio, Bro. Henry Cañamar, and Mrs. Gladstone B. Swain, our Ladies Organizer General, and I began working on the arrangement and publication of a Program Booklet for the Pastorela Program presented at the Municipal Auditorium, of this city, by our two San Antonio Councils, Number 2 and Ladies Council No. 12.

Here let me digress again to express my most sincere thanks to our sister members of Ladies Council No. 12, for the wholehearted cooperation that they have at all times been ready and willing to extend to us all in all our activities within the District, and even outside of it.

During the months of December and January, right along with all other activities, Council No. 2, put on an extensive and intensive campaign to interest our Latin American citizens in paying their Poll Tax, and at my official request all the Councils within the District also engaged in campaigns of their own towards the same end, and very specially Seguin Council No. 30 which we had the pleasure to visit and help with a huge rally held in the Guadalupe County Courthouse. As far as Seguin is concerned, it is also my pleasure to report that the Seguin Council has been asked to join in the celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the founding of Seguin, by sponsoring a typical Mexican Program to be called Lulac Night. Bro. Machado and Bro. Tafolla Sr., and I met with the officials of the Seguin Council last Sunday, February 13th, and discussed

ways and means for helping them put over their Lulac Night Program over which they were very much enthused. Seguin also boasts a "Centro Recreativo Lulac" which is doing much towards expanding and enhancing the social activities of that Council.

Hoping in the very near future to call the regular District Meeting to further the activities of our wonderful organization in this District and looking forwards to our coming Convention in El Paso, 'hasta luego.

Jacob I. Rodriguez.

UVALDE COUNCIL NO. 58

At its recent election this Council, elected the following set of officers for 1938: Luis Villarreal, President; Juan Peña, Vice-President; José Mata, Secretary; Pedro Coronado, Treasurer; Gustavo Arizpe, Chaplain; Jesús González, Guard, and José Garza, Guide. Many activities are planned for this year, and a good delegation to our General Convention.

SAN ANTONIO COUNCIL NO. 2

This Council has just finished a very successful Pay Your Poll Tax Campaign, Lulacker E. S. O'Mara, Chief Deputy Tax Collector, has publicly said that the large voting strength among the Latin-Americans is due in a big way to the tireless efforts of the Lulac's. Bexar County boasts 66,000 paid Poll Taxes and 10,000 exemptions. Chairman of that committee was Manuel C. Maese, ably assisted by Charlie Ramirez, Philip J. Montalbo, Jacob I. Rodriguez, M. C. González, Gus Garcia, Jimmy Ta-

folla Jr., and Henry Cañamar. Prof. Luis Téllez Girón, has just been appointed Secretary and Johnny Esquivel, Collector of this Council.

SEGUIN COUNCIL NO. 30

Council No. 30 has progressed very rapidly under the presidency of Daniel Ramírez, ably assisted by such men as Pablo González, Pablo C. Hernández, G. García, A. B. Zapata and several other hard working members. Among the many activities of this Council, was a mass meeting at the new Guadalupe County Court House, of all the Latin American voters of said County, so they could hear several speakers from San Antonio, on Pay Your Poll Tax. Over a thousand people jammed the Court House, to eagerly listen to the San Antonio brothers. Mauro M. Machado was Master of Ceremonies and the speakers were Jacob I. Rodriguez, Governor of District No. 5, Mrs. Santos S. Herrera, President Ladies Council No. 12, Prof. Fidel Tafolla, vice-principal of Sidney Lanier High School, Henry Cañamar, James Tafolla Sr., Isidoro Flores and Gus García. Other members present from San Antonio were Oscar Ramirez, Leo Castañón, Johnny Esquivel, and Alfred García.

LOCKHART COUNCIL NO. 38

Lockhart wants all the Lulac World to know that they are back in action again, and with more experience than before. The first step of this Council after its recent reorganization by Organizer General Mauro M. Machado, was to protest the an-

nouncement of a local theatre, that was about to be opened—that our people would have to go upstairs with the Colored folks. After some very strong protests by local President Martin Valdez and other prominent Lulac's, the management decided not to segregate our racial brothers. The whole Council is saddened by the very serious illness of the elder Mr. Valdez, father of our President, who has had several operations and the amputation of a leg.

SAN ANGELO COUNCIL NO. 27

Pedro S. Cardiel, a very prominent and hard working member is trying to reorganize this Council with younger element, who can understand and are loyal to their convictions. Pete Cardiel, with the necessary authorization from headquarters, is determined that mistakes of the past will not dim their ardor.

WICHITA FALLS COUNCIL NO. 48

Under the presidency of J. L. Corona, and with the hard work of such members as Y. B. González, E. E. Villareal, Ivey González and several others this Council expects to be well represented at our next General Convention. Wichita Falls hopes to meet many brothers and sisters at El Paso in June.

RESOLUTION

League of United Latin American Citizens, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Whereas the League of United Latin American Citizens has within the past several years

outgrown its original bounds and has spread westward and northward and gives every promise of developing into an organization of National scope and influence;

Whereas New Mexico comprises in the majority of its citizenship people of Latin American ancestry potential Members of this order;

Whereas within the past few years the League of United Latin American Citizens has become firmly established in New Mexico;

For the above reasons we feel it would be most fitting that at the 1938 National Convention to be held at El Paso, Texas, New Mexico be honored in the selection of the next President General.

And Whereas the Honorable Filemón Martínez of Albuquerque, New Mexico, has been a tireless worker in behalf of the League of United Latin American Citizens, was the prime mover of the entry of the League into New Mexico; has organized every Council in this State and been influential in the entry of this organization into California and Colorado.

And Whereas he is a man of unquestioned integrity, boundless enthusiasm and high standing who will give honor, service and prestige to the League of United Latin American Citizens as its President General.

Be It Resolved therefore that Albuquerque Council, No. 34, League of United Latin American Citizens, unanimously endorse the Honorable Filemón Martínez as our next President General; that we pledge ourselves to work for his election.

Be It Further Resolved that

a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Honorable R. L. Longoria, President General, and a copy to the Lulac News with the request that it be printed.

Unanimously adopted this 7th day of December, 1937.

Onofre F. Sandoval, Pres.
Attest: Albert I. Armijo, Sec.

ORGANIZATION AND INSTALLATION OF COUNCIL NO. 73, AT BAYTOWN, TEXAS

A delegation composed of Inspector General M. C. González, Organizer General M. M. Machado, Chaplain General James Tafolla Sr., District Governor J. I. Rodriguez and Mrs. Helen Allen, Secretary of Ladies Council No. 12, all of San Antonio, on Sunday, December 12, 1937, proceeded to Baytown, Texas, to install Council No. 73. At Houston they were joined by Messrs. Serrano and De la Cerda of that city.

Immediately upon the arrival of the General Officers and members just mentioned they were taken to a hall, property of the Humble Oil and Refining Company, where the ceremonies took place. Music was furnished by the Robert E. Lee High School Band, composed of Anglos and a band composed of Latin children, ranging in age from five to seventeen years, under the able direction of Prof. Bañuelos.

Inspector General M. C. González acted as master of ceremonies. Mr. Rudy Vara, a member of the newly organized council was called upon to make a few remarks. Mr. Vara made a very thrilling and touching speech which was roundly and loudly applauded several times by the

attendance. Mr. Felix de la Cerda, President of the Houston Coucil made a very good talk on Lulac principles and the spirit of cooperation. Mr. Snyder Superintendent of the Humble Oil and Refining Company, who was one of the distinguished guests, paid a glowing tribute to our organization, stating among others things that he felt it was one of the best organizations that he had ever seen and that it was only to be regreted that such organizations as ours did not exist among the Anglos of this country. Mr. Bruenhan, another employee of the Humble Oil and Refining Company, stated that he felt just the same as Mr. Snyder, and that he would always be ready and willing to assist our organization whenever we might see fit to call upon him for he was heartily in accord with our ideals and principles of Lulac. District Governor Jacob I. Rodriguez addressed the assembly commenting on our aims and purpose.

Organizer General M. M. Machado then proceeded to install the newly organized council. In his unusual solemn manner he delivered the charter to the officers after they had taken the oath of office.

Immediately following the installation ceremonies a sumptuous banquet was served with bottled beer, wines and other softer drinks. All this was spiced with short speeches, toasts, ad jokes, much to the enjoyment, amusement, and satisfaction of all present.

The trip of the San Antonio delegation was made possible through the courtesy of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Allen, who furnished their car for the trip.

HONDO LADIES COUNCIL No. 16

Antonia D. Garcia, President
Matilde B. Barrientes, Secretary

On January 29th, the Hondo Ladies Council No. 16, had an old fashion dance for the purpose of raising funds for the local council.

The Council awarded two prizes to the persons wearing the the most old fashioned costume to the ball. The first prize went to Mrs. Carmen Arredondo, and the second prize was awarded to Mrs. Maria M. Barrientes. The dance was very well attended and many quaint costumes of the pioneer type were worn. Everybody enjoyed a good time and they were very well pleased with the social affair.

Immediately after the prizes were given, Mr. C. U. Barrientes, President of Hondo Men's Council No. 37, told the audience that Monday, January 31st, was the last day on which a poll tax could be paid and that everyone should do his best to comply with the 16th aim and purpose of our League. Mr. Barrientes further gave a brief outline of Lulac activities and urged the public to cooperate with Lulac in raising the standards of living of the Latin race in this country.

The following are the present officers of the Hondo Ladies Council No. 16: Antonia D. Garcia, President; Julia S. Garcia, Vice President; Matilde B. Barrientes, Secretary; Juanita D. Guedea, Treasurer; Eulalia B. Guedea, Chaplain; Julieta G. Lopez, Guide; and Maria G. Soathoff, Guard.

ECHOES OF THE INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS OF COUNCIL No. 1 CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS

January 27th, 1938.

By Mrs. F. I. Montemayor

The installation ceremonies and Dinner Dance of the Corpus Christi Council marked an event that will long be remembered by those that had the pleasure of being present. Lulacs in Corpus are certainly active and they plainly showed their popularity in the community when their installation ceremonies and Dinner Dance was attended by two hundred and sixty five guests that included the officers and members of Council No. 1, the city officials, most of the General officers of our League and many other guests that plainly revealed that Lulac in Corpus Christi is thought of highly.

The program started promptly at 7:00 P. M. with the reception at the Marine Hall of the Nueces Hotel. The Oscar Cabra Orchestra from Kingsville, Texas played during the Dinner hour.

Fidencio M. Guerra of McAllen, Texas acted as Master of ceremonies. He opened the program with a ten minute talk on Texas History and why Lulac was all gathered for on that particular night.

Mr. Ray Kring, City Secretary was the first speaker and gave a very warm welcome to the City of Corpus to the out of town guests and spoke highly and enthusiastically of Lulac in his community.

Next was Mrs. Wm. Gerhardt, who represented the Women Civic Organizations of Corpus. Her speech was not only interesting but most encouraging to the La-

tin element of this city.

Mr. Joe Chapa, Assistant District Attorney, of Edinburg, Texas gave a very appropriate and hearty response to the first speakers. He was followed by Mrs. F. I. Montemayor, Second Vice President General, who gave a ten minute talk on "Women's Opportunity" in Lulac work.

Mr. Luis Wilmot of Corpus gave a vocal solo "The Rosary" and as Mr. Wilmot's voice is known by most Lulackers needless to say that he did live up his reputation of the "Caruso of Lulacs".

Mr. James Tafolla Sr. Chairman General of our League then installed the new officers and Mr. A. de Luna then gave a few words and expressed his appreciation to his fellow members for having selected him to the office of President of the local council.

"The Eyes of Texas", was sung by the audience and it was followed by a Congratulatory speech to the new officers by Mrs. Gladstone Swain of San Antonio, Texas, and the Ladies Organizer General of our League. The Aims and Purposes of the Lulac was explained in a fifteen minute speech by our efficient and well known Leo Duran. His speech was not only interesting but most touching when Leo saw fit to bring his mother as well as all mothers of Lulackers as the ones responsible and ever watchful of all Lulackers and the teachers of future generations that Lulac might start in all Latin homes. Leo's speech will long be remembered.

The History of the organization was briefly and ably told by James Tafolla Sr. of

San Antonio, Texas, and one of founders of Lulac.

Other important speakers and honor Guests were:

Mr. A. C. Macaughlin, the Mayor of Corpus Christi, who gave a most hearty talk on the Latin community in his city and what the community thinks of Lulac and ended his speech by saying that the city Council had decided to name one for Parks after Ben Garza, deceased First President General of Lulac and a highly thought of man in the city of Corpus.

Mr. W. L. Hilliard, exmember of the State Legislature, Mr. W. W. Jones, owner of the Nueces Hotel, Hon. Walter F. Timon, Dr. H. R. Giles, Mr. George Westvelt and William Shely, Sheriff of Nueces County.

The adjournment of this happy gathering was then left in the hands of the League's executive, Hon. Ramón L. Longoria of Harlingen, Texas, who in appropriate and hearty words thanked those present in behalf of Lulac and gave a brief statement of the work done and accomplished under his administration.

The dance followed in the Crystal and Palm Room of the Nueces Hotel. A good time was had by everyone and the out of town Lulackers left with the impression that Council No. 1 is really accomplishing and working meritoriously in that community.

The following officers were installed:

Messrs. A. de Luna, President; Juan González, Vice-President; Alonzo González, Secretary; Pablo Cano, Treasurer; Louis Wilmoth, Chaplain; Mauricio Morales, Guard; Jacob Kimball,

Outer Guard; Leo Durán, Legal Adviser. Juan Galván, Dave Barrera and Joe Garza were elected to the Board of Directors.

Let's go into the ball room and see: Who is there? The gentleman sitting down is our President General, Mr. Longoria, the lady is his efficient secretary Miss Louise Phelps of Harlingen and the one standing up is Arnulfo Zamora, of Laredo, Texas.

That couple waltzing there is Mrs. Leo Durán and Fidencio M. Guerra, the charming Master of Ceremonies.

The one hurriedly telling everybody goodbye is our popular Ladies Organizer General Mrs. Swain of San Antonio.

That man standing near the Orchestra is Tomás Rodríguez, formerly of Laredo and now of Robstown. The one with him is Francisco Barrera Guerra, who made a special trip from Hebbronville to be here tonight.

If any of you want to know something about history ask Fidencio M. Guerra of McAllen, that man knows his history and no maybe about it either.

That pleasant looking gentleman here is Mr. Joe Simon a real and sincere friend of our race and a city commissioner.

DENVER CORONADO LULAC COUNCIL

A. P. Deaus, President.

Gilbert Martínez, Secretary

The Coronado Lulac Council of Denver, Colorado, began its midwinter social activities on Sunday, December 19, 1937. A preholiday party was held at the Vail Community Center. Nearly 200 Lulac members and their guests filled the Center. A program of Spanish, Mexican

and Hawaiian music was presented by Frank Quintana.

At a meeting held last month, plans were completed for many social and civic affairs. The council will sponsor several lectures. Miss Clementine Overand, Chairman of the Arrangement Committee, presented a group of young artists to the Council.

The Coronado Council meets every second and fourth Friday of the month at Y. W. C. A.

ALBUQUERQUE MENS COUNCIL
No. 34
and

LADIES COUNCIL No. 17

January 23, 1938, marked the first District Conference of the New Mexico Lulac Councils, to which all New Mexico Councils sent delegates including the El Paso, Texas, Council No. 8. The Conference was called to order by District Governor, Arthur Chavez. The main purpose of the Conference was to adopt a Resolution for a workable Educational Revolving Fund for the District of New Mexico. After reading the resolution and sending it to the Committee on Resolutions, it was brought before the Conference and discussed at length. When the resolution was presented for a vote, it was unanimously adopted with some minor changes in the wording.

The Albuquerque Councils put through an initiation class of 17 members. The initiation team headed by "Smiling" Benny Salazar, and ably assisted by Dennis Baca, Ernest Salazar, and Attorney A. V. Gallegos gave a good account of itself. The success was most complete.

A banquet and dance was held at the La Sala Grande of

the El Fidel Hotel. It was attended by most prominent citizens of New Mexico. Dr. Zimmermann of the University of New Mexico was the principal speaker. By actual count 273 Lulackers and their guests attended the banquet and dance.

The limited amount of space prevent us from giving a detailed account of what transpired during the Conference. Suffice to say that it was one of the most orderly and inspiring Conventions we have ever attended. Special mention must be made of the excellent music furnished by the Lulac Rhythm Band, ably directed by Mrs. Frank A. Salazar. Mrs. Mary Sanchez and Mrs. Lucia S. Rael.

LAREDO JUNIOR COUNCIL
NO. 2

Edward Lightner, President
Miss Carmen Garcia, Secretary
Mrs. F. I. Montemayor, Superv.

The Laredo Junior Lulac Council was officially installed by the Second Vice President General, Mrs. F. I. Montemayor with sixteen boys and girls as Charter members. In less than two months this Junior Council boasts of a membership of 22 boys and girls, between the ages of 9 and 15 years.

At the installation ceremonies the following were present: District Governor J. G. Villareal, who addressed the group in a few but enthusiastic words and at the same time impressed the youngsters with the reasons why they should be united and what Lulac stand for. District Organizer, Reyes Ortiz, was also present and gave a short, but inspiring address, and he offered his full cooperation to this Council.

The response to these addresses was made by President Edward Lightner.

The afternoon of the installation a weiner roast at the Lightner Farm was enjoyed by the group and the following attended as Chaperons and guests: Mr. and Mrs. O. N. Lightner, Mr. and Mrs. Reyes Ortiz, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Villareal, Mr. and Mrs. F. I. Montemayor, Mrs. C. B. Hastings Jr., Mesdames, Jose Guevara, Andres Rodríguez, and Miss Elvira Garcia.

The Junior group intends to become very strong in Lulac ideals and to have at least two kinds of entertainments each

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"Leave It To Johnny" - - -

Works of the Sports Committee of Council No. 2

"Leave it to Johnny!" Has become the by-word of the Latin-American sportsmen of San Antonio whenever they want to stage a sports spectacle—be it from organizing a league to a mere helping hand in a friendly neighborhood game.

Thus has John A. Esquivel as head of the sports committee brought invaluable attention of the significance of Lulac into the San Antonio sports picture.

He has been one of the main cogs in staging "El Día Deportivo Mexicano", sponsored by La Prensa, Spanish - language daily, in observance of its Silver Anniversary on Feb. 13. Besides being in the organizing committee, he is chairman of the softball events. His timely advice on the many problems confronting the Latin-American athletes proved valuable in mapping out events of the sports carnival.

He helped organize the Latin American basketball league in 1936; organizer of the Latin-American Softball League, serving as treasurer. He was responsible for having a Lulac sponsored team in that loop.

Esquivel figures as one of the chief organizers of the Latin-American Sports Association, under whose auspices "El Día Deportivo Mexicano" was staged. He also is treasurer of that group.

Johnny was the originator of the Latin-American Doctors vs. Lawyers softball game that won lots of publicity in San Antonio sport pages. Yet, whenever he speaks of the game he credits the Latin-American Sports Asso-

ciation.

Before the basketball season is over, Esquivel plans to arrange a game between Ezequiel Salinas' Laredo Lulac's against a strong all-star San Antonio cage outfit.

In his 15 years as sports spectator, Johnny will never forget two thrills: (1) watching the all-Latin - American Progreso baseball nine cop the state amateur baseball championship from the Oak Farm outfit from Dallas, Texas, last year at Tech Field; then (2) as sponsor of the Eagle Radiator Gals, seeing his señoritas chalk first win in the initial game of three for the city softball championship against the Dittlinger Flour combine, in 1934. He can talk for hours in his favorite sport—baseball.

Off-hand he names 12 persons whom he considers the leading sportsmen in the Latin-American colony of San Antonio, it includes: Abe San Miguel, Jimmy Tafolla Jr., Mauro M. Machado, John C. Solís, Dr. Rudy Monsalvo, J. J. Miranda, Matias C. Trub, Eleuterio Escobar, Julián Escobedo, Manuel Rodríguez, Henry Cañamar and Felipe Valdez.

In his sports snapshots' book he places Ventura "Tito" Trejo as the best all around Latin-American athlete in San Antonio. Manuel "Lefty" Cortinas in baseball; Lulacker Ike Mendoza in basketball; John "Bala" Sanchez, tops in softball; Lulacker Ralph R. Cárdenas best in men's tennis; Lulacker Manuel J. González kingpin in golf and Lulacker Anthony "Chivo" Rodríguez, football player No. 1.

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Going Out El Paso Way

Prof. Antonio Bañuelos, president of the Baytown Council, planning ways and means of taking his famous Juvenile Band to the coming convention.

Johnny Esquivel and the Mrs. are already planning where to leave their three little girls in order to visit the Texas city of the far-west.

M. C. Gonzáles and Raymundo Muguerza are the only two recent visitors from Council No. 2 to El Paso.

Judge J. T. Canales, is glad he is no longer City Attorney of Brownsville, as he will now fulfill a long cherished desire, to visit El Paso and those New Mexico cities that have Lulac Councils.

To Mauro M. Machado, visiting El Paso will close a gap of 22 years, it has been that long since he helped the late Manuel M. Mendoza second Benny Córdova in that memorable 20 round fight with the late Bobby Waugh, on a cold day, in the Juárez Bull Ring in 1915.

Pablo C. Hernández once a boxer in El Paso, and now a prominent cement contractor in Seguin, and a very active member of that Council, also planning to attend and to have a good delegation from Council No. 30.

The sad tragedy at New Braunfels New Year's eve, will not deter Jesús M. Treviño, Federico Luna and others from being among those present.

Ivey González, of Council No. 48 of Wichita Falls, is the Bertillion expert of the police department of that city, not only will be in El Paso, but will take time out to visit his native New Mexico.

And that much planned tour of all western Councils by the President General and his lieutenants, Mauro M. Machado, Jacob I. Rodríguez, Gus Garcia, Philip J. Montalbo and James Tafolla, Sr. He is also trying to add one or two other cars to his good will delegation to start at least a week before the convention.

Adolph A. Garza, Manuel C. Maese, Joe Medina, M. C. Gonzáles, Joe V. Alamia, Fidencio M. Guerra, Andres de Luna, Leo Durán, Charlie Ramírez, Ermilo Lozano, Félix de la Cerda, Johnny Serrano, Rudy Vara, and Henry Cañamar, all are waiting for the day Bill Flores will take them to Juárez, for (?) well, whatever it is that is famous across the river.

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Born in Zacatecas, Méx. June 29, 1895. While very young his family moved to Durango, where he was educated and where he took up music as his life's career. In 1910 they moved to El Paso, Texas, where they made their home. In 1911 with his father and two brothers they toured many States, playing in a Vaudeville show. Prof. Bañuelos worked so hard that he finally became a director of musical organizations of his own. After successful engagements in the States of California, Colorado and New Mexico, he returned to El Paso, and was at once engaged as musical instructor in the schools of Ciudad Juárez, where he organized a Municipal Band composed of sixty children, while in the evenings he had time enough to di-

rect the Colón Theatre Orchestra. 1926 finds him as a member of the Dallas Symphony Orchestra, he also played two years with the Dallas Athletic Club in the Melba Theatre.

In 1928 he was playing at the Martini Theatre in Galveston. His wandering spirit carries him to Beach Virginia, where he played at the Peacock Ballroom until Labor Day of the same year, where he was signed by the Fox Movietone people to make two pictures and several sketches, as soon as he finished his contract he left on a two months engagement at The Sevilla Hotel, in Havana, Cuba. After that he fulfilled engagements in Alabama, North and South Carolina, Tennessee and Florida. At Galveston, Texas, he played over station KLUF, and also played in one of the leading Night Clubs. In 1931 he came to Houston and opened a studio. He organized the first Mexican Juvenile Band, a Tipica Orchestra, broadcasting over several radio stations.

In 1935 he was in Baytown, where he organized one of the best and finest children's bands in the County. Seeing his remarkable work, the Goose Creek Independent School District, made him music teacher, he has already organized a Mexican girls Tipica, composed of 25 girls. Besides taking care of the Tipica and his famous Juvenile Band, he has his second year with the Houston Symphony Orchestra.

Not only is brother Bañuelos a leader in the music world, but also a civic leader among his people, he takes great interest in the betterment of his com-

munity, and in making better citizens of his neighbors. He took an active part in organizing this Council, and his co-workers honored him, by electing him their first president.

MRS. JENNIE M. GONZALEZ



President Albuquerque Ladies
Council No. 17

Mrs. Jennie M. González, President of the Albuquerque, New Mexico, Ladies Council No. 17, is a product of the State of Arizona, although she has spent most of her life in New Mexico. Attractive, capable, dignified and conservative she possesses those qualities that go to make a successful administrative officer. The Albuquerque Ladies Council owes a good deal of its progress and aggressiveness to her sound advice and

progressive leadership. An educator most of her life, she possesses the broad knowledge and experience necessary to understand fully the problems that usually confront an organization such as ours and of the membership of which it is composed.

Mrs. González has held some high offices of trust during her lifetime and at one time she was the Assistant Superintendent of Public Instruction in the State of New Mexico. She received her B. A. degree from the University of New Mexico. Men and women alike seek her counsel. An exchange of a few words with her and one realizes that she is a woman who possesses sound judgment, intellectual and executive ability, and above all a sense of justice which may only be exceeded by her modesty and broadmindedness. Try to have her talk about herself and her achievements and you find that she will invariably change the subject of her conversation.

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1. To develop within the members of our race the best, purest and most perfect type of a true and loyal citizen of the United States of America.

2. To eradicate from our body politics all intents and tendencies to establish discriminations among our fellow-citizens on account of race, religion or social position as being contrary to the true spirit of Democracy, our Constitution and Laws.

3. To use all the legal means at our command to the end that all citizens in our country may enjoy equal rights, the equal protection of the laws of the land and equal opportunities and privileges.

4. The acquisition of the English language, which is the official language of our country, being necessary for the enjoyment of our rights and privileges, we declare it to be official language of this Organization, and we pledge ourselves to learn, and speak and teach same to our children.

5. To define with absolute and unmistakable clearness our unquestionable loyalty to the ideals, principles and citizenship of the United States of America.

6. To assume complete responsibility for the education of our children as to their rights and duties and the language and customs of this country; the latter, in so far as they may be good customs.

7. We solemnly declare once for all to maintain a sincere and respectful reverence for our racial origin of which we are proud.

8. Secretly and openly, by all lawful means at our command, we shall assist in the education and guidance of Latin-Americans and we shall protect and defend their lives and interests whenever necessary.

9. We shall destroy any attempt to create racial prejudices against our people, and any infamous stigma which may be cast upon them the respect and prerogatives which the Constitution grants to us all.

10. Each of us considers himself with equal responsibilities in our Organization, to which we voluntarily swear subordination and obedience.

11. We shall create a fund for our use for the education and culture of our people.

12. This Organization is not a political club, but as citizens we shall participate in all local, state and national political contests. However, in doing so we shall

ever bear in mind the general welfare of our people, and we disregard and adjure once for all any personal obligation which is not in harmony with these principles.

13. With our vote and influence we shall endeavor to place in public office men who show by their deeds, respect and consideration for our people.

14. We shall select as our leaders those among us who demonstrate, by their integrity and culture, that they are capable of guiding and directing us properly.

15. We shall maintain publicity means for the diffusion of these principles and for the expansion and consolidation of this Organization.

16. In order that we may enjoy our rights more fully, we, as well as the members of our families, shall comply with the laws of the State in which we reside governing the right of franchise.

17. We shall diffuse, our ideals by means of the press, lectures and pamphlets.

18. We shall oppose any radical and violent demonstration which may tend to create conflicts and disturb the peace and tranquility of our country.

19. We shall have mutual respect for our religious views and we shall never refer to them in our Institutions.

20. We shall encourage the creation of educational institutions for Latin-Americans and we shall lend our support to those already in existence.

21. We shall endeavor to secure equal representation for our people on juries and in the administration of Governmental affairs.

22. We shall denounce every act of peonage and mistreatment as well as the employment of our minor children of scholastic age.

23. We shall resist and attack energetically all machinations tending to prevent our social and political unification.

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