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"... Author of the Declaration of American Independence ..."

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in next issue of LULAC NEWS.)

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E. G. Garza, Secretary General,

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Modesto A. Gomez, elected

F. T. Martinez, elected,

Jacob Bernal, elected.

Proposed Framework for Regional Administration

<i>Region of Texas:</i>	<i>Region of New Mexico:</i>	<i>Region of Colorado:</i>	<i>Region of California:</i>
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Recommendations for appointment are requested from the various Councils in order that appointments may be made immediately after the Constitution is ratified.

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Men's Council No. 12, Ladies Council No. 15
and Junior Council No. 1.

EDITORIALS

LULAC NEWS: The News has come out of the press on time. Edited under adverse circumstances and with very limited time, it appeared at first that our publicity organ would not be printed until sometime in the latter part of July. But while there is a will, there is a way. The General Officers, united in the inflexible determination that LULAC NEWS must be published on regular schedule, contributed their efforts gladly. What seemed so difficult, has become so easy. LULAC NEWS is out for your inspection.

We cannot help but feel, in a way, that we have contributed something toward making the News a stable, conservative, substantial magazine.

MEMBERSHIP LISTS: It is most urgent that all secretaries of the various councils draft immediately the lists of their members, mailing these lists to the Home Office. We are ready to make formal application to the United States Postal Service Department to procure the privileges of classifying the News as second-class matter. To do this, lists

of regular subscribers must be filed to substantiate the application. Furthermore, this Administration wants each and every member to receive LULAC NEWS at their homes, on the first day of every month. If sufficient membership lists are received, the August issue of the News may be delivered individually by the postman.

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HOME OFFICE: General Headquarters have been established at the Martin Building, Suite 208-210, Laredo, Texas. Our files, records, mimeographing machine, typewriter, and a large Board-of-Directors table are housed there. There is a young man, recent High School graduate, in charge of the office, which is open during regular office hours and oftentimes at night. He will be handling all mail, keeping the files and running the office. The President General is within call, in his office next door. The Secretary General has his office hours, when he dictates and answers his mail. The Treasurer General has his office hours, when he takes care of his own mail. The last few days have seen our office hours stretched into the late evening. But the work is fascinating. It means working hand in hand with hundreds of men and women interested in one thing: improving the average standard of life of the American citizen group of our extraction, inculcating into them the true principles of Americanism. It means taking an active part in making our dreams—and the dreams of our fellow-Lulacs come true. We hope our efforts will merit the cooperation of all the membership.

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CONSTITUTION: The Constitution drafted, passed and adopted at the 11th Annual Convention is printed on page 7 of this issue of the News. It marks a long stride in the forward advancement of the League. Under it, national expansion will be easily accomplished. The territorial influence over which LULAC extends is divided into Regions, or States. A Regional Governor will be the factual administrative head over the particular region. Thus the Regional Governor of New Mexico can initiate, promulgate, and effectuate programs particularly fitted for New Mexico. The Regional Governor of California can develop his own program according to the needs of California. When pro-

jects or problems arise of general interest, common to all the regions, jurisdiction will be exercised by the National Assembly, in its annual Convention, or by the Supreme Council in the interim. The President General will serve in an executive capacity as head of the League of United Latin American Citizens.

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ORGANIZATION: We feel the expansion of LULAC is inevitable. Glancing at the California map, we see Los Angeles with 1,238,048 population, San Francisco, 634,894, Santa Barbara, 33,613, Santa Monica, 37,146, Alameda, 35,033, Alhambra, 29,472, Fresno, 52,513, Glendale, 62,736, Palo Alto, 13,652, Vallejo, 14,476, Pomona, 20,804, Ventura, 11,603, San Jose, 57,651, San Mateo, 13,444, Salinas, 10,263, and so on. In Arizona, we see Phoenix has 48,130 population. Tucson, 32,527, Nogales, 6024, Mesa, 3720, and so on. In the Colorado map, we see Pueblo has 50,100, Trinidad 11,738, Colorado Springs, 33,240, and so on. Is it possible that in these cities there are not enough substantial American citizens of our extraction to make up a council? We're going to find out. We are addressing letters asking for references and recommendations from the various Chambers of Commerce. We

are hereby requesting all the membership to send us references and recommendations of good, substantial citizens in any of these cities who might have the initiative to go out and bring a LULAC council into being. We are ready to appoint District Organizers to keep the organization work going wherever it may be needed. But we want good men, and good women that will regard it as a privilege to carry the shield of LULAC into new lands. In New Mexico, the Administration is heavily relying on the capable New Mexico Lulacs, who have plenty of initiative of their own. And we hope all our members in Texas keep in stride.

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APPOINTMENTS: As soon as the Constitution is ratified, appointments for regional offices will be forthcoming. All recommendations will be thoroughly considered, as your President General wants to follow the will of the majority in the different districts and regions. It is believed the residents of the different districts and regions are better informed as to the capabilities of the men and women recommended, and the wishes of these residents will be followed whenever possible.



Beautiful Jarvis Plaza in Laredo, Texas.

A Message From Our President General

GREETINGS:

The eleventh Annual Convention of LULAC is over. A new year full of hope and optimism confronts us. It is the responsibility of your President General and the membership of LULAC to see to it that our League continues to grow and expand in order that it may bring the American Citizen group of our extraction within its patriotic, educational, and protective influence.

The program which has been drafted for this year covers the following points:

1. The retention of active members, and the diffusion of our ideals to them, in order that they may be inspired to further LULAC activities.
2. The diffusion of literature to American Citizens of Latin extraction, who are not now members, pertaining to the nature of the League of United American Citizens, its Aims and Purposes, and the advantages derived through membership in the League.

It being the purpose of this Administration to bring into our fold the strong and substantial type of American Citizens of Latin extraction, references and recommendations will be requested from the various Chambers of Commerce in over one hundred new cities. References or recommendations to this effect are also earnestly requested from the membership of LULAC.

The General Headquarters, or Home Office, for this year, of the League of United Latin American Citizens is Martin Bldg., Suite 208-210, Laredo, Texas. All correspondence with regard to executive, secretarial, treasury, and organization matters should be directed to the above address.

Assuring the membership that this Administration will strive to the utmost to continue the excellent work of the past administration, and expressing the hope, which appears quite possible of carrying into effect, that LULAC will gain one hundred councils before SANTA FE. I wish to thank

the many councils, in behalf of this Administration, for the many assurances of cooperation that have been pouring in.

Fraternally yours,

(Signed)

Ezequiel D. Salinas
President General, LULAC

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: OBJETIVES :

Be it resolved by The League of United American Citizens In National Convention assembled at San Antonio, Texas

That the objectives of the League for the next three years should be the following -

- 1st. *To secure a chair of Latin American culture and Literature in every University in the United States of America;*
- 2nd. *To see that every Latin American in the United States of America should read, speak and write the English language;*
- 3rd. *To see that the living conditions of every Latin American Citizen in continental United States will, at least, be equal to that of the average citizen in the United States in the same station in life, or engaged in the same calling or trade.*

Be it further resolved that the President General of the League and all general officers, as well as all the local Councils shall endeavor to carry out these objectives within the time mentioned.

J. T. CANALES,
Brownsville Council No. 3
GEO. J. SANCHEZ,
Albuquerque Council No. 34

The Constitution of the League of United Latin American Citizens

ARTICLE I

The official name of this organization shall be "The League of United Latin American Citizens." The supreme legislative body of the League shall be the National Assembly, which shall meet annually at the place designated by itself at the previous meeting, or in the event of failure to select the next meeting place, then at the place selected by the Supreme Council of the League as hereinafter provided. At the meeting of the National Assembly, only the duly accredited delegates and members thereof as hereinafter provided shall have the right to vote and, in case of a tie, the President General of the League shall cast the deciding vote.

ARTICLE II

The Aims and Purposes of this organization shall be:

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 politic 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 the official language of this Organization, and we pledge ourselves to learn, to speak, and to teach it 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 and we shall demand for 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 mutual protection, for the defense of those of us who may be unjustly prosecuted and for the education and culture of our people.
12. This Organization is not a political club, but as individual 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 abjure once for all any personal obligation which is not in harmony with these principles.

13. With our individual 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, wherever and whenever denied.

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.

24. We shall oppose any tendency to separate our children in the schools of this country.

25. We shall maintain statistics which will guide our people with respect to working and living conditions and agricultural and commercial activities in the various parts of our country.

ARTICLE III

Membership

Section 1: Only native born or naturalized citizens, eighteen (18) years of age and over of Latin extraction, and the husband or wife of a member in good standing of this League, shall be eligible to membership as active or passive members.

Section 2: Only active members in good standing are entitled to hold office and to vote in this organization. No person holding an elective public office except school trustees, nor a person not legally qualified to vote at all general elections can be an active member of this organization.

Section 3: Honorary - : Any person who has distinguished himself or herself in science, arts, or letters or who has rendered some service to this Organization in general or to any Local Council in particular may be elected as Honorary member by the Supreme Council or by the Local Councils whether such person be an American citizen or otherwise. Honorary members shall not be required to pay any dues, or contributions.

Section 4: A passive member is one who is temporarily disqualified to vote by reason other than

being under age or who holds an elective public office, and said members shall have the right to be heard but shall not have the right to vote at any meeting. All passive members must pay dues or contribute toward the support of this Organization the same as active members.

Section 5: All persons desiring to be either active or passive members of this League shall make their applications in forms prescribed by the Supreme Council.

Section 6: An active or passive member in good standing of any Council may transfer his membership to any other council and upon the written request of such member it shall be the duty of the local secretary to issue such transfer.

ARTICLE IV

The Supreme Council

Section 1: The National Assembly, which is the Supreme Legislative body of the League, and possesses only legislative powers and the power to elect general officers shall be composed of:

- (a) The trustees elected every year by said National Assembly.
- (b) The Governors of the different regions and districts.
- (c) One delegate from each Junior Council, who have the right to a seat and voice but not a vote in said National Assembly.
- (d) A minimum of two (2) delegates and two (2) alternates duly elected and accredited from each active Council which shall have not less than ten (10) nor more than twenty (20) active members in good standing, and an additional delegate and an alternate when said council shall reach a membership of twenty-five (25), and one additional delegate and an alternate for every additional twenty-five (25) members or a major fraction thereof; provided, however, that no one council shall have more than seven (7) delegates and seven (7) alternates.

The National Assembly shall meet every year in June for a two (2) days' session. Said session to begin on the first Saturday occurring after the eighth (8th) day of June of each year at the place designated by said National Assembly at its previous meeting; provided that in the event no place is designated, or if the place previously designated refuses to have said meeting of said National Assembly, then, and in that event, the Supreme Council, as hereinafter defined, shall designate the place where the National Assembly shall meet.

Section 2: At the meeting of the National Assembly the members thereof shall, by a majority of votes, elect a President General and two vice-Presidents from the membership at large, without regard to State, one of which shall be a member of one of the Ladies Councils; and shall also elect any other officers that said National Assembly may, in its wisdom, designate by proper resolution.

Section 3: At all meetings of the National Assembly delegates from at least fifteen (15) Councils shall constitute a quorum to transact business. During the time that the National Assembly is not in session, as hereinabove provided, this organization shall be governed by a Supreme Council, which shall have Supreme executive, legislative, and judicial powers, and which shall meet at the call of the President General as often as is necessary and at the place designated by the President General in his call, and said Supreme Council shall be composed of:

1. President General
2. Immediate Past President General
3. Two Vice President Generals
4. Governors of the Regions
5. Secretary General
6. Treasurer General
7. Three Trustees elected by the National Assembly
8. The Inspector General

The acts or resolutions of the Supreme Council shall be binding and of full force and effect unless rejected by a National Assembly. The Supreme Council shall have the right to legislate on any subject not in conflict with this Constitution or with any resolution or by-laws adopted by the National Assembly.

Section 4: It shall be the duty of the National Assembly as well as of the Supreme Council to follow and carry out the aims and purposes of this organization and any legislation thereon, and their resolutions and instructions shall be observed and carried out by the local Councils of this organization under penalty of having their charters suspended or forfeited by the President General, with the approval of the Supreme Council.

Section 5: The headquarters of this organization shall be at the City where the President General resides, unless and until it is otherwise provided by a resolution of the National Assembly.

Section 6: Every Region shall have the right to have a Regional Convention to be composed of the District Governors in said Region, and the delegates of the respective Councils in said Region, to be presided by the Regional Governor, unless the President General is personally present, in which event, he shall be entitled to preside at said Convention. Regional Conventions shall have the right to legislate so as to bind their respective Regions, Districts, and local Councils on any matter which is not in conflict with this Constitution, the orders and resolutions of the National Assembly and or of the Supreme Council.

Section 7: The National Assembly as well as the Supreme Council shall have the right to create, determine and control the districts and regions which shall be under the supervision of regional and district governors, who shall have the right to call regional and district conventions within their own regions and districts to be composed of delegates of the respective Councils within said district or region, and to be presided by the Governor of the region or district, respectively, in the manner provided by law. The regional and district conventions shall have the right to pass resolutions binding the Councils in said region or district, provided said resolutions do not conflict with this Constitution or the orders and resolutions of the National Assembly and/or the Supreme Council.

Section 8: The National Assembly or the Supreme Council shall have the right to authorize the organization of Junior Councils to be composed of boys and girls of Latin extraction under the age of eighteen (18) years, provided said Junior Councils are organized by and under the authority and supervision of a local Council. Said Junior Councils shall be authorized to select delegates to the National Assembly and to the Regional and District Conventions, who shall have the right to a seat and voice in said Conventions but not the right to vote.

Section 9: The President General shall appoint a Secretary General and a Treasurer General from the Council or Councils of the City where the President General resides, both the Secretary General and the Treasurer shall furnish such a bond as may be prescribed by the National Assembly or the Supreme Council. These officers shall take oath of office as the National Assembly may direct, shall render separate written reports of their labors at each national convention. Said reports shall first be referred to a committee appointed by the National Assembly for this purpose, then they shall be submitted to said National Assembly for its deliberation and approval.

Section 10: The National Assembly is the Supreme Legislative authority of this organization and next to it is the Supreme Council; this last one has executive, legislative and judicial powers, and their orders and resolutions shall be and they are hereby declared the supreme law of this organization.

Section 11: The President General shall appoint such committees as are created by the National Assembly and by the Supreme Council and any other committees that he may deem necessary in order to best carry out the aims and purposes of this League.

ARTICLE V Local Councils

Section 1: Local Councils shall be organized and chartered by the Supreme Council upon such terms and conditions as the Supreme Council may prescribe, except as herein provided.

Section 2: Each charter application shall be accompanied by a charter fee of not less than \$5.00.

Section 3: Each local council shall pay to the Supreme Council for each and every member, with the exception of honorary members, uniform per capita dues and assessments, the rate of said dues and assessments to be fixed annually by the Supreme Council.

Section 4: Each local council shall submit to the Secretary General of the League quarterly reports of membership and such other information as may be required by the Supreme Council.

Section 5: Each council shall be required to have not less than ten (10) active members before it is granted a charter and before its delegates may exercise the right to vote in the National Assembly.

Section 6: All members of the League in good standing shall have the right to attend and be present at any annual, regional or district convention of this Organization, but only the duly accredited delegates shall have the right to vote and to participate in the deliberations thereof, unless such member is, by a majority vote of the delegates then present, requested to address said Convention.

Section 7: Only active members of Local Councils and who are in good standing shall be eligible to office in their respective Local Councils and in the Supreme Council.

ARTICLE VI

Section 1: It shall be the duty of every member of this Organization except Honorary members at every meeting to salute the Flag of the United States of America, and to repeat the following pledge, standing at attention facing the Flag: "I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

Section 2: Every active and passive member shall contribute and pay their general and local dues as the same shall be assessed by the Supreme or Local Councils.

Section 3: Any member who is in arrears for more than three months; or who refuses to contribute to any worthy object decided by the National Assembly and the Supreme Council or by their respective Local Councils shall be subject to be expelled from the Organization.

Section 4: The Local Councils, in the event the Supreme Council fails or neglects to do so, shall prescribe the manner of trial for the expulsion of any member by reason of failure to pay his dues or contributions, or for any immoral or improper conduct.

ARTICLE VII

The Motto and Oath of Officers and Members.

Section 1: The motto of this Organization shall be as follows:

"All for one and one for all," and this motto shall be printed on the stationery in use by the Supreme Council and by every local Council.

Section 2: Oath of Officers: Each officer present shall repeat the following oath:

"I most solemnly promise that I will faithfully perform all the duties imposed upon me as an officer of this Organization by its Constitution and by-laws or by any resolution duly passed; that I shall zealously watch for the purity, progress and prosperity of the League and I shall set a good example of a true and loyal American in my own life. So help me God." The organizing officer shall then say: "By virtue of the authority in me vested I hereby declare that you have been duly installed in the respective offices for which you have been elected."

Section 3: Oath of Members: "You and each of you solemnly swear (or affirm) to be loyal to the Government of the United States of America; to support its Constitution and obey its laws; and that you will teach your children to be good, loyal and true American citizens; that you will faithfully keep and observe the Constitution and by-laws of this Organization; and all the resolutions duly adopted; and that you will extend to all its officers due respect and obedience?"

The members or members shall answer: "I do" or "we do." Then the President or organizing officer shall say: "By virtue of the authority vested in me I hereby declare that you have been duly constituted members of this Organization." or, "I hereby declare you to be a member of _____ Council of The League of United Latin American Citizens."

ARTICLE VIII

Removal and Impeachment of Members.

Section 1: Any member of the Supreme Council or any officer of a Local Council may be impeached and removed from office for the following reasons:

- (a) Disloyalty to the United States Government, or to the aims and purposes of this Organization.
- (b) Misconduct in office.
- (c) Misappropriation of funds.
- (d) Improper or immoral conduct.

Provided that if any such officer or any member of this Organization shall be finally convicted in any tribunal in this State or of the Federal Government of any felony, or of any misdemeanor involving moral turpitude, he shall ipso facto be expelled from the Organization by the Supreme Council without further process.

Section 2: Any member of this Organization shall have the right to present a charge for the impeachment and removal from office of any member of the Supreme Council or any officer of a Local Council. Said charge shall be in writing and sworn to and shall specify the offense charged. The Supreme Council or the Local Executive Council, as the case may be, shall then cause said accused person to be summoned, and a date set for the hearing, and a list of twelve members of this Order shall be drawn as a jury to hear the evidence and decide the truth or falsity of the charge which verdict shall be rendered by a two-thirds majority. In the event of conviction the result thereof shall be certified to the Supreme Council and by it to each Local Council through the Secretary of this Organization.

Section 3: Any person thus impeached, removed or expelled may, if he feels aggrieved, appeal to the National Assembly, but in the meantime he shall not enjoy any privileges as a member of this Organization.

ARTICLE IX - Amendments to this Constitution

Section 1: Amendments to this Constitution may be offered by any Local Council at the meeting of the National Assembly; or by any two delegates duly accredited to said Convention. Said amendments shall be read at least once each day of said assembly before said Convention and shall be adopted by two-thirds majority of the delegates present before the same shall be submitted to the several councils for their approval. If said proposed amendment is approved by the majority of the councils then constituting this Organization the same shall be proclaimed as part of this Constitution by the President General and the Secretary General of this Organization. In the same manner a new Constitution may be offered and adopted.

Section 2: The National Assembly at the annual meeting shall have the right to adopt, amend, change or modify, by a majority vote of the delegates then present, any resolution or general by-laws of this Organization.

OUR AMERICANISM

The following address was delivered during Flag Day services in Laredo, Texas on June 14, 1939 by our President General Ezequiel D. Salinas.

MY FELLOW CITIZENS:

In these days of international strife and political turmoil, no better expressions of true Americanism and love of country can be made than in gatherings such as this, where we come to declare and to revive our faith in the fundamental principles of American democracy. The Laredo Lodge of Elks and the gentlemen who directly arranged these services deserve the highest praise and commendation for their contribution to the cause of AMERICANISM.

As thousands of people in other parts of the world are being slaughtered and crushed by the thunderous explosion of bombing projectiles, as thousands of human beings are subjugated or driven over the face of the Earth like unwanted cattle, as nations tremble and fear the consequences from the hysteria emanating from the unbalanced brain of one man: WE, the people of this community, and the people of every community in these United States, are able to stand tonight with shoulders up, strong and erect, as one united group of Free AMERICANS!

Coming from different homes, from different lines of endeavor, from different organizations, we join in step in the onward march of Americanism, and we stand here together, as brothers and fellow-citizens, under the protective bonds of American citizenship, merging ourselves in the greatest organization of them all: THE AMERICAN NATION!

It is good that we should meet like this. It is proper that we should sometimes come together, as fellow-citizens, and meditate and think about the realities of today and the uncertainties of tomorrow. For from the volcanic mires and sloughs of demented minds, there constantly oozes the lava of communism, fascism and nazism, drowning and suffocating their own surroundings, throwing off their pestilential odors across the seas. The weak, the incautious, the unwary of our fellow-citizens may

be prone to be deceived, and to fall into the drug-like trance that makes him dream that Hitler is a demigod, that Mussolini is a modern Caesar, that Stalin and Karl Marx, are the new Christs reborn. Let us not deceive ourselves into believing that the greedy, avaricious minds of these modern Caligulas are not burning with the consuming desire of placing the red banner of communism and the black swastika of nazidom over our own glorious Stars and Stripes

That desire shall not come to pass! That desire will break down because we are strong! Because we shall ever be strong!

That lawless period of sit-down strikes, instigated through the medium of communistic propaganda, has ended. AN AROUSED AMERICAN PUBLIC OPINION ENDED IT!

We have just witnessed in the past several months, the insolent brazenness of Nazi propaganda. In one of the series of Bund meetings held in New York City, the framed picture of a hysterical maniac was placed side by side to the image of George Washington. American Legionnaires rose in defense of American democracy and the American President, and the uniformed soldiers of Hitler stupidly and incredibly attempted to evict them from the meeting-place. But American officers and American public opinion rallied again, and on this day we find the chief instigator of those subversive activities sulking under the inditing stigma of being publicly known as a common crook!

That is why meetings such as this are important. They reveal a latent and potent spirit of Americanism alive and warm. They manifest a healthy condition in the public opinion of this country. They proclaim to the world that we—as AMERICANS—are willing, that we are eager, and that we stand ready to defend the precious legacy of liberty and freedom, and that at all costs we shall preserve them with a determination as strong as life itself, inflexible in faith, invincible in arms, that our own posterity, that our own children may enjoy the boundless blessings of living in a FREE NATION!

We are indeed fortunate, in this country, that the Democracy under which we live springs from

the greatest political document ever written, the Constitution of the United States. Perfectly human, profoundly just—it has stood the test of time as the best guarantee for securing unto Americans the blessings of liberty and freedom. Drafted by a gathering of all types of men, coming, such as we, from different homes, from different lines of endeavor, and from different organizations; joined together and united by a fervent love of country and love of mankind; combining their efforts and their wisdom; pledging their lives, their fortunes, and their sacred honor, to the end that we might have a Rock of Gibraltar against which the turbulent waves of dissension and strife might break down inevitably!

Today it stands, strong as ever, the backbone of our defense against questionable experiments of governmental activity. At times like this, we should course our thoughts back through the years to think of those men, and to make the firm resolve that the Nation which they created and united shall ever be the bulwark of Democracy upon this earth!

The emblem of that Constitution, the symbol of this Nation— is the flag which we honor tonight: THE STARS AND STRIPES. We stand this evening, choked with emotion and pride in the feeling that this flag is our flag, with joy and happiness in the realization that it casts a star-spangled Heaven over each and every one of us, like a protecting mantle to guard us in the traditions, in the culture, and in the civilization that are ours! Under it, we accept no theory, we adhere to no doctrine, we follow no ideology which does not carry the star-spangled symbol as its standard; we tolerate no red banner nor black swastika anywhere near it!

The Stars and Stripes—our flag—does not squander its protection and its benefits on one group of people to the exclusion of others; our flag does not offer and bestow its gifts and its bounties on a so-called racial class while denying them to others!

Our Flag— Our Constitution— OUR AMERICANISM are far above the personal whims and egotistical caprices of individual men!

The Star-spangled banner reflects the collective thought, the concerted opinion, that we, as fellow-

citizens, are all equal, that in the judgment of Heaven there is no superiority among men other than a superiority in wisdom and virtue!

As we return to our respective homes tonight, let us become imbued with the glorious feeling that we ARE Americans. That whether we come from one or another origin, whether we be Jewish or Gentile, Protestant or Catholic— we, the people of this country, are joined together forever and a day in the one common, binding spirit of TRUE AMERICANISM.

Let us, as we say our prayers, thank God that we live here. Let us thank Him for the supreme gifts which He has bestowed upon us all. Let us promise Him that from now on and henceforth, we shall make an added effort to nurse and cherish our love for one another, that we shall open our hearts with the fervent hope of understanding and trusting one another.

IMBUED WITH THESE FEELINGS, it will be with joy and strength, that we shall be able to shout to the world—to the Duces, to the Fuehrers, and to the Stalins of Europe:

I AM AN AMERICAN! I LIVE AN AMERICAN!
AND BY ALMIGHTY GOD, I SHALL
DIE AN AMERICAN!...



La Cuesta de Mamulique a Pretty Scenery Between Laredo and Monterrey, Mexico.

Minutes of the Eleventh Annual Convention of the League of United Latin American Citizens

HELD AT SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS ON JUNE 3-3 1939. A. D.

On Saturday, June 3rd, 1939, at 10:25 o'clock a. m., the President General, Honorable Filemon T. Martinez, after ascertaining that a quorum was present, called the National Convention to order, and declared it duly opened and ready to transact business in the Pan American Ball Room of the Plaza Hotel located in San Antonio, Texas; whereupon the following proceedings were had and done, to-wit:

A motion was then made by Judge J. T. Canales of Brownsville, Texas, and seconded by E. D. Chavez of Albuquerque, New Mexico, that E. B. Duarte of Brownsville be appointed as Assistant to the Secretary General to take the Minutes of this Convention and aid also in any and all other matters

pertaining to same as there was considerable work to be accomplished by the Secretary General, Jos. B. Velasquez. Motion carried unanimously.

The Assistant Secretary General, then duly appointed by the Assembly present, was instructed by the President General to call the roll of the Councils in order to ascertain the number of Councils present and also to ascertain the names of the delegates and alternates of the several councils.

The following councils announced present and also their delegates and alternates: (Note: the delegations from Eagle Pass, Fort Stockton, Fort Worth and Cotulla registered later after being duly checked by the Credentials Committee they were made a list of the quorum present).

MEN'S COUNCILS

<u>Name & Council</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Delegates</u>	<u>Alternates</u>
Corpus Christi	1	Dr. J. A. Garcia Felix J. Cerda	Leo Duran Louis G. Wilmot
San Antonio	2	Gus Garcia Henry Castillo Jacob I. Rodriguez	Octavio B. Treviño Anastacio Sanchez Leonel Rodriguez
Brownsville	3	J. T. Canales Jesse W. Sloss	O. B. Garcia A. Torres
El Paso	8	Ed Terrazas Rudolph Ramirez Fred Ponce Geo. Rodriguez Wm. Flores Albert Redwine	I. Garcia
Laredo	12	Arnulfo Zamora John W. Hernandez Leopoldo P. Botello Fco. J. Flores Elias G. Garza	Felix Garcia, Jr. Ricardo Reyna E. D. Salinas
Del Rio	18	Sergio Gonzalez, Jr. Anthony Morales, Jr. Rodolfo H. Gutierrez	E. E. Mireles Eduardo LeRoy Arturo C. Gonzalez
Eagle Pass	19	R. C. Rodriguez L. G. Rodriguez	

San Angelo	27	Ezequiel Duarte Phil Jaramillo, Jr.	
Sonora	29	Victor Garcia Adolfo Flores	
Harlingen	32	S. V. Lozano J. B. Lozano	
Santa Fe	33	Maj. Herman Baca A. A. Montoya Carlos Gilbert	C. B. Leyba Manuel Lujan A. M. Fernandez
Albuquerque	34	E. Naranjo E. D. Chavez Arthur Chavez Frank A. Salazar	Benjamin Ozuna M. C. Gonzalez Joe B. Velasquez
Cotulla	36	J. M. Perales Carlos Peña	
Victoria	45	David C. Perez Joe Rendon	Jose Reyna Geo. Gomez
Houston	60	J. N. Serrano	
Fort Stockton	62	Raymond Barron S. L. Gonzalez	
Galveston	63	Natividad Molina Sabas Hernandez	
Kenedy	64	Seferino Salais Vela Manuel Vela	M. V. Salaiz R. D. Saenz
Texas City	65	Louis Hernandez Jesus C. Bernal	
Baytown	73	Rudolph Vara Antonio Bañuelos	Melchor Bañderas
Taos	78	J. M. Bernal L. P. Martinez	
Luling	80	Luz Rodriguez, Jr. Crescendo Garcia	
Taft	81	G. G. Piña W. L. Hilliard (not Seated) Manuel M. Cantu	
Smelter	82	Jesus Perales G. S. Frias	
Austin	85	G. A. Martins Reynaldo Garza Jose R. Alamia	Nash Moreno Jose A. Santos Alberto Treviño
Las Vegas	86	Hilario Rubio Pablo Lopez Dr. Antonio Rebolledo Geo. Marques	Faustin Guerin Fidel Gonzalez

San Ignacio	87	Blas Ma. Uribe Melquiades Gonzalez	
Fort Worth	88	G. A. Walls	
Dallas	89	Fred O. Dominguez Frank T. Mongaras Rudolph Villasana	Leopoldo Orozco Dario G. Lopez Samuel Avalos
Denver	90	Paul G. Martinez Mrs. A. P. Deus	
Española	91	Agustin F. Sinneros	
Mission	93	Matias S. Garza Jose Bocanegra	Jose Maria Longoria

LADIES' COUNCILS

<u>Name & Council</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Delegate</u>	<u>Alternate</u>
Del Rio	5	Aurora Rodriguez Elfida Vasquez	
El Paso	9	Mrs. P. R. Loya Miss Anna Velasquez	Mrs. Wm. Flores Mrs. J. C. Machuca
San Antonio	12	Miss Olive L. Martinez Mrs. Rebecca Bononcini	Mrs. Triny Gribben Mrs. Della Hernandez
Laredo	15	Miss Elvira Garcia Miss Rebecca Marulanda	Mrs. F. I. Montemayor
Albuquerque	17	Mary Sanchez Emma Chavez	Mrs. Frank A. Salazar Miss Dell Baca
Santa Fe	18	Mrs. Carlos Gilbert Mrs. A. M. Fernandez	Mrs. Herman Bacca
Las Vegas	21	Mrs. Isabel McInerney Mrs. Josephine Gallegos Mrs. Placido Sanchez	Mrs. A. Rebolledo Mrs. Joe E. Romero Mrs. Arthur Angel
Dallas	22	Mrs. Julia Garcia Mrs. Louise Garza	Mrs. Beatriz Mongaras Mrs. Elisa Moncado

It was finally determined that there were 32 Men's Councils and 8 Ladies Councils present.

The Secretary General upon request of the Chair then read the Convention Call.

Then the Official Prayer of the League, ("Washington's Prayer"), was said in a very solemn and impressive manner by our Chaplain General, Reyes Ortiz, of Laredo, Texas.

After the prayer, Wm. Flores of El Paso, was introduced by the Chair to read the following letter and which upon request same was made a part of these minutes:

UNITED STATES SENATE,
Washington, D. C.
May 26, 1939.

Mr. William Flores
3608 Jackson Street,
El Paso, Texas.

Dear Mr. Flores:-

I have just mailed you the flag which I promised the Supreme Council of the Lulacs.

The flag has flown over the National Capitol so it is particularly appropriate that it be presented

to a patriotic organization such as the Lulacs.

You will do me a great honor to present it in my name to the Supreme Council in the General Convention at San Antonio, Texas, in June.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed)

Dennis Chavez, U.S.S.

A great applause then followed and the President General then ordered that everybody should stand and repeat the Pledge to the Flag of the United States.

John Solis, one of our Past Secretary Generals, was then introduced by the Chair, and Mr. Solis delivered a wonderful, impressive, and masterful address of welcome.

Arturo C. Gonzalez of del Rio responded to Mr. Solis' address in a very appropriate, sincere, and commendable manner.

At this juncture all the General Officers present were requested by the Chair to come up and sit on the rostrum. Among them were the Governors recommended, Messrs. M. C. Gonzalez of San Antonio, Ed Terrazas of El Paso, and others. Also invited to sit on the rostrum was the immediate Past President General, Hon. Ramon L. Longoria.

A motion was then introduced by J. T. Canales of Brownsville to dispense with the reading of the Minutes of the General Convention held at El Paso on June 4-5, 1938. Judge Canales stated that in as much as the Minutes of said Convention had been printed in our official organ of the League, "LULAC NEWS" and said Minutes has been corrected at the Special Convention held at Albuquerque, New Mexico, on February 18-19, 1939, there was no need to read them again, E. D. Chavez seconded the motion, and same carried unanimously.

A motion to, also, dispense with the reading of the minutes of the Albuquerque Special Convention, was made by E. D. Chavez, stating that said Minutes had also been printed in LULAC NEWS and that any amendments and corrections were in order. A. Torres of Brownsville seconded the motion and it carried unanimously there being no amendments or corrections. Then Judge Canales made the motion to approve the Minutes of both of said Conventions as printed in LULAC NEWS, this was seconded by E. D. Chavez and said motion carried unanimously.

Immediately after, our President General, Mr. F. T. Martinez, expressed his most sincere and affectionate thanks to all who sympathized with him during his hour of grief due to the death of his beloved spouse, Mrs. Antonieta Delgado de Martinez.

Judge Canales then moved, seconded by Jesse W. Sloss of Brownsville, and unanimously carried, that a minute of silent prayer be offered to the memory of the departed, Mrs. Antonieta Delgado de Martinez by all the members present. This was done in a very solemn manner by every person present rising and remaining standing.

Before the different Committees were named President General Martinez stressed the fact that above all he wanted harmony during this Convention. That there were many very important and delicate matters that had to be transacted for the welfare of our League and that he wanted all the delegates present to give weight and consideration to each and every one of them in a very intelligent and sound manner so that this Convention should go on record as having accomplished all that was expected of same.

The following committees were then named by the Chair:

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Jacob M. Bernal, Taos, Chairman, and
Arthur Gonzalez, Del Rio,
Mrs. A. P. Deus, Denver,
G. A. Martins, Austin
Dr. J. A. Garcia, Corpus Christi, members.

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

A. M. Fernandez, Santa Fe, Chairman, and
Frank Salazar, Albuquerque,
Henry Castillo, San Antonio,
Francisco J. Flores, Laredo,
O. B. Garcia, Brownsville,
Ed. Terrazas, El Paso, members.

AUDITING COMMITTEE

Judge J. T. Canales, Brownsville, Chairman, and
Mrs. Carlos Gilbert, Santa Fe, and
Mr. Arthur Chavez, Albuquerque, members.

(Note: These three persons were the duly elected Trustees at the El Paso Convention. Mr. A. Hernandez, Jr. of Brownsville was named special auditor to serve on this Committee.)

COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ORDER OF
BUSINESS

Judge Ben Osuna of Albuquerque, Chairman, and Jacob I. Rodriguez, San Antonio, and Mrs. Joe E. Romero, Las Vegas, members.

CONSTITUTIONAL COMMITTEE

(Note: This Committee had been previously appointed by the President General and is considered as standing committee to re-draft the Constitution of the League.)

E. D. Salinas, Laredo, Chairman, and Judge Ben Osuna of Albuquerque, Judge J. T. Canales, Brownsville, Leo N. Duran of Corpus Christi, Maj. H. G. Baca, Santa Fe, and James Tafolla, Sr., San Antonio, members.

The Chair stated that the Committees named should retire for their deliberations in the different rooms assigned in the Plaza Hotel as per instructions to be given them by the local Chairman of the Program Committee, Mr. James Tafolla, Jr., and said Committees must report to the Convention their findings as soon as possible during the afternoon session.

Due to the fact that the Constitutional Committee had been working previously to the Convention, the President General requested a report from said Committee. Mr. E. D. Salinas, Chairman of same, then made a preliminary report of their doings. At this juncture, Judge J. T. Canales made a motion seconded by Leo N. Duran, that at 3:00 o'clock that afternoon the written report of said committee be made special order of business and then be considered by the entire assembly. Motion carried.

James Tafolla, Jr. delivered an invitation extended by the San Antonio Brewing Ass'n. to a luncheon at their plant at 12:00 o'clock noon or immediately thereafter to which everybody responded gayly.

Captain Cruz of the San Antonio Police force, a Lulacker, was then introduced by the Chair. The Captain made a short address which was well delivered and well taken by the members present.

James Tafolla, Jr. then made an announcement that the San Antonio Ladies' Council were extending an invitation to all the ladies present to an

afternoon tea to be held at 4:00 o'clock P. M.

The Chair then announced a recess until 2:00 o'clock that afternoon, at which time the business of the Convention was to be resumed.

At 2:25 o'clock p. m. of June 3rd, our 1st Vice-President General Adolph A. Garza, at the request of the President General, called the meeting to order and the business of the Convention proceeded.

The Chair requested the Assistant Secretary General, E. B. Duarte, to read the telegrams and letters that had been received and addressed to this Convention.

Telegrams of congratulations were then read from the following:

Alfredo Ortiz, Mayor of Santa Fe, New Mexico,
Mrs. Ben Garza, Corpus Christi, Texas,
W. T. Scarborough, Mayor of Kenedy, Texas,
M. V. Salaiz, Chaplain, Council No. 64, Kenedy,
Texas.
Tony Garza, Santa Fe, New Mexico,
Luis Villarreal, President Council No. 58 Uvalde,
Texas,
Raymond L. Longoria, Jr., San Diego, California.

Telegrams endorsing the candidacy of E. D. Salinas of Laredo for President General were read from the following:

John A. Valls, District Judge, Laredo, Texas,
Gilbert I. Garretson, Manager, Laredo Chamber
of Commerce,
South Texas Citizen, Laredo, Texas,
Wm. Prescott Allen, Publisher, Laredo Times,
Laredo, Texas,
Herschell L. Hunt, Managing Editor, The Laredo
Times,
Manuel Cruz, Justice of the Peace, Prec. No. 1,
Laredo, Texas.

Telegrams and letters endorsing Dallas for the next Convention City were read from the following:

Pearl Smith, Clerk District Court, Dallas County,
Texas,
Jeff D. Stinson, Representative, Dallas County,
Woodall Rogers, Mayor of Dallas,
W. C. (Bill) Graves, Senator Eleventh District,
Dallas,
J. B. Adoue, President, Dallas Chamber of
Commerce,
Dallas Mexican Chamber of Commerce,
Geo. G. Mixon, Pres. Dallas Jr. Chamber of
Commerce,
John R. Potts, Baker Hotel, Dallas, Texas,

Otto Schubert, Jr., The Hotel Adolphus, Dallas, Texas,
and letter from

W. Lee O'Daniel, Governor of the State of Texas.

Telegrams endorsing Houston, Texas for the 1940 National Convention were read and received from the following:

R. Bruce Carter, Manager, Rice Hotel, Houston, Texas,

Wright Morrow, President, Houston Chamber of Commerce,

Oscar F. Holcombe, Mayor of the City of Houston.

A letter was also presented and read from J. Frank Gough, Manager, Hotel Alcazar, inviting the LULACS to Miami, Florida, for our next Convention.

A letter from the Austin Chamber of Commerce was also read endorsing Austin for our next Convention.

To keep the Assembly in order, the Chair, at this point, appointed Rudy Cruz of San Antonio to act as Sergeant-at-Arms.

Secretary Fco. J. Flores of the Resolution Committee then proceeded to read the report on the Special Resolution which had been introduced earlier in the day by Judge Canales. The report of the Committee was favorable and the Committee's report was unanimously adopted by the Convention.

The following reports by the General Officers were then read by the Secretary General, Jos. B. Velasquez, from the various officers of the League:

A report from Mrs. J. C. Machuca, Ladies' General Organizer, The Chair commended this report very highly and thanked Mrs. Machuca for her splendid services rendered the League during her tenure of office.

Report of State Organizer for Texas, Mauro M. Machado, was highly praised by the Chair and received a tremendous ovation from the Assembly.

Della Hernandez' report of her activities as Special Ladies' Organizer received high praises from all present.

Report from Reyes Ortiz, Chaplain Gen'l. of the League received a "Big Hand" from the congregation.

Report from Governor of District No. 13, Paul G. Martinez related the founding of Denver Coun-

cil in glowing terms. Greatly cheered by the members present.

After the reading of the above reports, the Chair presented to the Assembly Dr. O. F. Gerodetti, who made a wonderful and very instructive as well as very inspiring address entitled "Your Health."

The regular business of the Convention were then resumed, and J. I. Bernal, Chairman of the Credentials Committee made a report of their findings and upon motion by J. W. Sloss and seconded by Geo. Rodriguez of El Paso, the report was unanimously approved.

Judge Osuna, Chairman of the Rules & Order Committee, made his report orally which was approved by the Convention.

The report of the Constitutional Committee was then read by Judge Canales and after discussion and upon Judge Canales motion, seconded by Mrs. Olive Martinez of San Antonio, further action on the adoption of the new constitution was referred as special order of business for Sunday morning at 10:00 o'clock.

Just before recessing, Hon. W. L. Hilliard from Taft, requested and was granted permission from the Chair for the floor. Mr. Hilliard made an eloquent address which impressed everybody.

A recess was then declared by the Chair until Sunday, June 4th, at 9:00 o'clock a. m.

At 10:00 o'clock a. m., Sunday June 4th, the business of the Convention was resumed.

The adoption of the new Constitution came up as special order of business and had the right of way. Leo N. Duran then made the following motion: that due to the fact that the Constitutional Committee had made a complete report explaining the changes and had worked hard on the new Constitution and that any of the members present were not familiar with the legal phraseology involved in same and that said Constitution had to be approved by three-fourths of the Councils, therefore he moved that the rules regulating a second reading of the report be dispensed with and that said report be approved by the Assembly and that the new constitution recommended by the Committee be adopted likewise. Motion was duly seconded by Major Herman G. Baca, and it carried unanimously by a standing vote, thus affirmatively appearing that it carried by more than two-thirds of the delegates present at the Convention.

The following members were then recommended to the President General to serve on the Nominating Committee and were appointed by the President General.

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE
MEN'S**

Council	&	Number	Name
Corpus Christi		1	Felix J. Cerda
San Antonio		2	Gus C. Garcia
Brownsville		3	Jesse W. Sloss
El Paso		8	George Rodriguez
Laredo		12	Arnulfo Zamora
Del Rio		18	R. H. Gutierrez
Eagle Pass		19	L. J. Rodriguez
San Angelo		27	Phil Jaramillo
Sonora		29	Adolfo Flores
Harlingen		32	J. B. Lozano
Santa Fe		33	Herman G. Baca
Albuquerque		34	E. Naranjo
Cotulla		36	J. M. Perales
Victoria		45	Joe Rendon
Houston		60	J. N. Serrano
Fort Stockton		62	Raymond Barron
Galveston		63	Natividad Molina
Kenedy		64	S. S. Vela
Texas City		65	Louis Hernandez
Baytown		73	Rudolph Vara (Chairman)
Taos		78	J. M. Bernal
Taft		81	G. G. Piña
Smelter		82	Jesus Perales
Austin		85	G. A. Martins
Las Vegas		86	Hilario Rubio
San Ignacio		87	Blas M. Uribe, Jr.
Fort Worth		88	G. A. Walls
Dallas		89	Frank T. Mongaras
Denver		90	Gilbert Martinez
Española		91	A. F. Cisneros
Mission		93	Jose Bocanegra

LADIES

Del Rio	5	Elfida Vasquez
El Paso	9	Mrs. P. R. Loya
San Antonio	12	Mrs. F. Bononcini
Laredo	15	Mrs. F. I. Montemayor
Albuquerque	17	Mrs. Arthur Chavez
Santa Fe	18	Mrs. Carlos Gilbert
Las Vegas	21	Isabel McInerney
Dallas	22	Louisa Garza

President General Martinez introduced to the Convention some of the General Officers, as follows:

Hon. Mauro M. Machado was introduced to the Assembly with high praises from the Chair and was called the "hardest working Lulucker" of all. Mr. Machado received a tremendous ovation from the Assembly.

Secretary General, Jos. B. Velasquez, was then introduced to the assembly. The President General lauded the ability and the efficiency of the Secretary General in glowing terms. His service as Secretary General was outstanding and the President General stated that he was certain that he had not made any mistake when he gave this young man his appointment. Secretary Velasquez then proceeded to read a short summary of the councils installed during the Presidency of Martinez.

The President General then requested a report from the Auditing Committee. A written report from A. Hernandez, Jr., special auditor.

Judge Canales then made motion to approve said report. Jesse W. Sloss of Brownsville seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

The Chair then introduced Mrs. Jennie Gonzalez, Treasurer General. She made a short address and a brief summary of her activities during her tenure of office. Mrs. Gonzalez received a bigger and better reception than anyone else for her well chosen remarks.

A motion was then introduced by Judge Canales to accept \$20.00 received by the Convention from the Uvalde Council for dues and to have next President General see to it that said council would be properly reinstated. Motion was seconded by E. D. Chavez and it carried.

Judge Canales then moved to recess until 2:00 o'clock that afternoon. E. D. Chavez seconded the motion and it carried.

At 2:30 o'clock p. m. the business of the Convention was resumed. President General Martinez gave final instructions to the Nominating Committee and requested them that they should retire to another room for their deliberations.

The President General then turned over the meeting to District Governor M. C. Gonzalez for the open house program which was to follow. Hon. M. C. Gonzalez of San Antonio, then conducted a well-mapped program and received high praises from everybody present. The duration of this program was until 4:20 o'clock p. m.

The general business then resumed and President General Martinez requested the Chairman of the Resolutions Committee, A. M. Fernandez, to make its final report.

Candidates for President General were then presented by the Chair. The following persons were introduced:

Arturo C. Gonzalez, Del Rio, Texas,
Wm. Flores, El Paso, Texas, and
E. D. Salinas, Laredo, Texas

The Chairman of the Nominating Committee Rudy Vara, then proceeded to make his report. The report included the following recommendations:

For President General, E. D. Salinas, Laredo, Texas.

For 1st Vice-President Gen'l. D. E. Fraser, Houston, Texas.

For 2nd Vice-President Gen'l. Mrs. Joe E. Romero, Las Vegas, N. M.

For Director General Junior LULACS, Mrs. F. I. Montemayor, Laredo, Texas, and

For Inspector General, Arturo Gonzalez, Del Rio, Texas.

For Trustees:

F. T. Martinez, Albuquerque, N. Mex.,
Modesto Gomez, El Paso, Texas, and
Jacob I. Bernal, Taos, New Mexico.

Arturo C. Gonzalez, then moved that the recommendations of the Nominating Committee be accepted. Wm. Flores seconded the motion and it carried unanimously amidst great cheering and applause.

A motion was then made by Sergio Gonzalez, Jr., and seconded by J. N. Serrano that the nominations for the next Convention City be limited to five minutes each. Motion carried.

Major Herman G. Baca nominated Santa Fe, New Mexico. He made a wonderful address, calling Santa Fe the only natural "air-conditioned City in the United States." He received a tremendous ovation. Fred O. Dominguez then answered Major Baca, making a strong plea in behalf of Dallas. Emilio D. Chavez countered with another appeal in favor of Santa Fe. Jose Santos, of Austin, then spoke for Dallas. Elias G. Garza, of Laredo, made another appeal for New Mexico. At this juncture, E. D. Salinas, newly elected President General, stated to the Convention that the delegates should consider only what was best for Lulac, and select

the Convention City accordingly, that distances should not be considered, and that if it was necessary he would see to it that a sufficient number of buses were chartered to go wherever the Convention was held. There being no other cities offered for nomination, Geo I. Rodriguez made a motion seconded by Jesse W. Sloss that the nominations be closed. Motion carried.

A vote was then taken to decide which one of the two cities, Santa Fe or Dallas, would be the Convention City for 1940, and Santa Fe won by a vote of 70 to 23.

The following recommendations for District Governors were then approved.

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| Dist. No. | 1 - O. B. Garcia, Brownsville,
Texas, |
| | 2 - Felix J. Cerda, Corpus Christi,
Texas, |
| | 3 - Leopoldo Botello, Laredo,
Texas, |
| | 5 - M. C. Gonzalez, San Antonio,
Texas, |
| | 7 - Antonio Morales, Jr., Del Rio,
Texas, |
| | 11 - Ed Terrazas, El Paso, Texas, |
| | 12 - Dr. A. Rebolledo, Las Vegas,
New Mexico, |
| | 13 - Paul G. Martinez, Denver,
Colorado, |
| (Houston Dist.) | - Manuel Crespo, Houston,
Texas, |
| (Dallas Dist.) | - Fred O. Dominguez, Dallas,
Texas, |
| (San Angelo Dist.) | - Ed Casares, San Angelo,
Texas. |

The installation of the newly elected officers took place. The 1st Vice-President Gen'l. Adolph Garza, took their oath of office as President General. F. T. Martinez was one of the newly elected officers.

Immediately after this, Hon. Ezequiel D. Salinas, the newly elected President General, took charge of the Convention. He announced the following appointments:

For Secretary General, Elias G. Garza of Laredo, and

For Treasurer General, Arnulfo Zamora, also of Laredo.

He appointed Jim Tafolla, Jr., a committee of one to charter all the necessary Greyhound busses for the next Convention at Santa Fe.

President General Salinas then made a brief summary of his future undertakings. Instructions to the General Officers then followed.

A motion was then made by E. D. Chavez, seconded by Geo. Rodriguez, to confer the title of Past President General on Hon. F. T. Martinez. The motion carried unanimously.

A beautiful picture of the late, Mrs. F. T. Martinez, was presented to Past President General F. T. Martinez by Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Machuca of El Paso, Texas.

Then Mrs. F. I. Montemayor on behalf of Ladies Council No. 15 of Laredo, Texas, tendered two checks to Pres. Gen'l. One for \$5.00 payment on dues for said Council and another in the amount of \$6.00 advance for LULAC NEWS. Checks were turned over to New Treasurer General, A. Zamora.

A motion to adjourn sine die was then made by J. T. Canales, seconded by A. Torres, and carried unanimously.

The President General then declared the Convention duly and finally adjourned at 6:10 o'clock p. m.

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Echoes From The San Antonio Lulac Convention

By J. T. CANALES

Unquestionably the San Antonio Convention proved to be the greatest thus far in Lulac history. For a while I was in doubt that it would be as harmonious as the El Paso Convention of 1938, but it was. I have never seen as large and representative a body of prominent Latins to come together without "falling out" and fighting among themselves. It seems that the spirit of unity and co-operation pervaded over this great gathering. I am proud of the result, and I am sure that this Convention will set the example for the great Convention to be at Santa Fe in 1940.

But harmony and unity were not the only characteristics of the San Antonio Convention. The constructive work accomplished there, set it as a unique and outstanding Lulac gathering. Let me mention a few of these:-

Firstly, the New Constitution, adopted unanimously by the delegates to the Convention, marks a new era in Lulac history. As the author of the old Constitution and member of the Committee who drafted the new, I feel qualified in stating that the New Constitution is a vast step forward, and a great improvement over the old. It is true that there are still a number of imperfections, but these can be remedied by the "single shot" method heretofore followed in amending the Constitution, and does not need a wholesale revision of the New Constitution. With the help of such able and experienced members in the Constitutional Committee as Major Herman G. Baca of Santa Fe, a man of vast experience and sound learning; Judge Benjamin Osuna of Albuquerque, a great lawyer and an able judge; Mr. James Tafolla, Sr., of San Antonio, Texas, though not a lawyer, yet a man who possesses sound common sense, and who has had many years of actual experience in handling organizations like our League; and last, but not least, the Hon. Ezequiel D. Salinas of Laredo, who served as our Chairman, a graduate of the University of Texas in law, and who also studied law in Mexico City; we could not do otherwise than prepare the best,

the most advanced, and the most perfect Constitution that Lulac ever had. There remains this only; that the local councils should at once ratify this document so that it may go into immediate effect, and at Santa Fe in June, 1940, we will appropriately celebrate the inauguration of the first National Assembly under the New Constitution with New Mexico's Cuarto Centennial Year. What a grand feast we Lulacs will have!

Secondly, the amended charter we passed, being Resolution Number One, is another great and constructive work. We have already outlived the old charter that limited Lulac activities to Texas. We have now become a national organization; hence, we had to amend the old charter extending our activities to the whole continental United States of America. Think of this! In ten years Lulac has expanded throughout those states which were originally part of Old Mexico, and our people of the same race have united under the blessed flag of the Stars and Stripes "to develop within the members of our race the best, purest, and most perfect type of a true and loyal" American citizen.

Thirdly, Resolution Number Two unanimously adopted, places the appointment of the Director of Publicity and Editor of the LULAC NEWS in the hands of the Charter Trustees, to wit; the President General, the first Vice-President General, the Secretary General, the Treasurer General, and the three newly elected Trustees, to wit the Hon. F. T. Martinez, the Past President General; Mr. M. A. Gomez of El Paso; and Mr. Jacob I. Bernal of Taos, New Mexico. This is a new and very advanced step forward as we place such an important office out of the reach of politics. LULAC NEWS is a national magazine and is giving prestige to the League. Who has done this? None other than our able fellow member, the Hon. J. C. Machuca, of El Paso; hence, he deserves to be made the first Director of Publicity under the new Constitution.

Fourthly, Resolution Number Three also unanimously adopted, has set before us these three great objectives:-

(a) To secure a chair of Latin-American culture and literature in every University in the United States of America.

(b) To see that every Latin-American in the United States of America should read, speak, and write the English language.

(c) To see that the living conditions of every Latin-American citizen in continental United States will at least, be equal to that of the average citizen in the United States in the same station of life, or engaged in the same calling or trade. With these three objectives in view, the noble work of Lulac shall render our people the greatest services in the last four hundred years. May God help us to attain each and all of them!

But I cannot close this article without saying something of the big fight between Santa Fe and Dallas for the 1940 Convention. It was great! I cannot but feel proud of the able manner in which the Dallas bid for the Convention was handled by that "little giant," Fred O. Dominguez. He put up

the best fight I have seen in many years at any Convention. Dallas should be proud of this Lulacer. He is worth an army to any city. Of course, Santa Fe has been working for over a year in obtaining the Convention, and had a great claim, to wit the Cuarto Centennial Year of the Conquest of New Mexico by that great and noble Latin, Don Francisco Vasquez de Coronado. I believe that down in his good latin-american heart that little giant Fred O. Dominguez, is also glad that Santa Fe won.

Let us all look forward to Santa Fe for a Greater Lulac Convention in June 1940!

J. T. CANALES

Brownsville, Texas
June 11, 1939.

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GENERAL OFFICERS.

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CHARTER RESOLUTION

The following resolution was adopted unanimously at the San Antonio Convention:

Be it resolved that the President General and the charter Trustees be and they are hereby authorized and requested to secure an amended charter as follows:

THE STATE OF TEXAS)
COUNTY OF BEXAR)

Be it resolved by the League of United Latin American Citizens acting by and through its Supreme Council at its eleventh annual Convention at San Antonio, Texas, on this 3rd day of June A. D. 1939, that the League of United Latin American Citizens be and the same is hereby incorporated under Chapter 9, Title 32 of the Texas Revised Civil Statutes of 1925, as a private Corporation under the terms and conditions hereinafter set out to-wit:

I The name of this Corporation is The League of United Latin American Citizens which shall be governed by a National Assembly and a Supreme Council which shall be constituted by duly elected delegates as provided in the National Constitution, Article IV as amended at the San Antonio Convention on June 3rd, 1939.

II The purpose for which it is formed is for a benevolent, charitable, educational and patriotic undertaking as set out in Article II of the said Constitution as adopted at Corpus Christi, Texas, on May 19th, 1929, and as amended at San Antonio, Texas, on June 3rd, 1939, which among other purposes are the following:

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 politic 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 the 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 and for all to maintain a sincere and respectful reverence for our racial origin of which we are proud.

III The place where the business of this Corporation is to be transacted is within the territorial limits of the United States of America. The headquarters of this Corporation shall be in the City or town where the President General resides as set forth in Article IV, Section 5, of the Constitution; for the present at Laredo, Texas.

IV The term for which this Corporation is to exist is fifty (50) years.

V The number of Directors or Trustees shall be seven (7), which shall be constituted of the President General, Vice-President General, Secretary General, Treasurer General and three (3) other members to be elected by the National Assembly at each annual National Convention. The Directors and Trustees thus elected, (together with the general officers of the League and the governors from the various districts who shall constitute the Supreme Council) shall manage the affairs of this Corporation and shall hold the title to all property acquired by this Corporation by deed, gift or otherwise.

VI The names and residences of those who are appointed for the first year beginning on June 3rd, 1939, and who shall hold office until their successors are duly elected are as follows:

E. D. Salinas, who resides at Laredo, Texas.

D. A. Fraser, who resides at Houston, Texas.

E. G. Garza, who resides at Laredo, Texas.

A. A. Zamora, who resides at Laredo, Texas.

M. A. Gomez, who resides at El Paso, Texas.

F. T. Martinez, who resides at Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Jacob Bernal, who resides at Taos, New Mexico.

VIII There is no capital stock in this Corporation, but funds shall be created by and from the local Councils constituting the League of United Latin American Citizens to be known as The Educational Fund, which funds are to be used solely for the purpose of enabling students of Latin extraction to attend and graduate from State Universities and other schools and colleges of higher learning.

Be it further resolved that the President General be and he is hereby authorized and directed to pay all necessary expenses from the general funds of the League in order to secure from the State of Texas this amended charter.

The foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the majority of all the duly elected delegates to the National Convention of the League of Latin American Citizens, (a constitutional quorum being duly present) held at San Antonio, Texas, according to the constitutional call, on June 3rd and 4th, 1939.

In testimony whereof the League of United Latin American Citizens has caused its corporate name to be signed hereto by its President General and attested by its Secretary General on this 19th day of June A. D. 1939.

THE LEAGUE OF UNITED LATIN AMERICAN CITIZENS

By: E. D. SALINAS,
President General

ATTESTED

E. G. GARZA,
Secretary General.

NEWS

Special Resolution

The League of United Latin American Citizens of the United States of America, in Convention assembled at San Antonio, Texas, after a careful study of the development of the Totalitarian State in Europe and Asia in its various forms, to-wit: Communism, Fascism, and Nazism observes and declares:

1. That the natural tendency of all forms of government of the totalitarian type is toward absolute distatorship, and destroying freedom of speech, freedom of the press and freedom of worship as we know and cherish these rights in the United States of America.
2. We further observe that the right of assembling peaceably to discuss their problems, governmental and otherwise, is also denied to the people of totalitarian nations and public assembly is permitted only for propaganda purposes, devoted wholly to eulogizing the government in power and furthering its purposes.
3. We further observe that in Totalitarian countries wholesome criticism of the government, which we regard as essential to the purity and preservation of every good government, is not only denied to their people but the very suspicion of such criticism leads to severe punishment, and blood purges are a regular method of maintaining discipline within their government.
4. We further observe that all these countries where Fascism, Nazism and Communism prevail, although their officers loudly boast of their superior forms of government and the contentment of their people, yet we observe that they are obliged to make strenuous efforts to keep money and wealth from leaving their countries which is strong evidence that the masses of their peoples are afraid of, or are unsympathetic with, their own governments.
5. We further observe that in Totalitarian States the people exist for the State as creatures hereof, whereas in governments by freely

electd representatives, as in the United States of America, the State is the creature of the people and exists to preserve and protect justice, order and security for the individual citizens in his person and property.

6. The form of government through freely elected representatives, as established and developed in these United States of America, is not only free from the evils above set forth but our economic condition, which was depressed after the World War and as a consequence thereof, has steadily continued to improve.

Therefore, we, the members of the League of United Latin American Citizens pledge ourselves to fight for the principles of democracy, and we earnestly urge all peoples, and particularly the American democracies to adhere to the American form of elective representative government as the type best calculated to serve the interests of a free and liberty loving people.

(Signed) George I. Sanchez
University of New Mexico

(Signed) J. T. Canales
Brownsville, Texas.

RESOLUTION No. 2

BE IT RESOLVED:

By the Supreme Council of the League of United American Citizens in Annual Convention assembled at San Antonio, Texas:

Section 1. That the Publicity Department of the League heretofore created by resolution, at San Diego, Texas, on November 9th, 1930, be re-organized as follows:

(a) Said department shall be in charge of a Director of Publicity to be appointed by, and to serve during the pleasure of the Board of Trustees of the League. Immediately after the election of the New President General and the members of the Board of Trustees they shall meet and appoint said Director General annually to serve during their pleasure.

(b) The Director of Publicity shall be the Editor of Lulac News and shall have the authority

to select the Assistant Editors with the advice and consent of said Board of Trustees.

(c) The Director of Publicity shall render to said Board of Trustees quarterly reports (to be published in said *Lulac News*) of the receipts and disbursements.

(d) Said Director of Publicity shall, as soon as possible after his appointment, take all the means necessary to permit said magazine "*Lulac News*" to go through the mail as a second class matter, and to this end all councils as well as all the General Officers are hereby required to furnish the Director of Publicity with a complete list of all subscribing members giving the names and mailing address of each subscribing member and rendering such other assistance as may be necessary to accomplish this end.

Section 2. That the "*Lulac News*" be and the same is hereby declared the official organ of the League and every loyal member of the League is hereby required to subscribe to same.

Section 3. All official acts of the President General and other general officers; the minutes of the Supreme Council, Executive Meetings, as well as the monthly and quarterly reports in blanks furnished for that purpose to be made by local councils may be published therein. All resolutions passed and adopted by the Supreme Council at every annual or special convention shall also be published therein for the general information of the local councils and the members of the League. Such publication will be sufficient as notice to be served on the local councils and shall be binding on said local councils.

Section 4. The Board of Trustees of the League shall have full power and authority to direct the publication of "*Lulac News*" and to determine what news of a general character shall be printed; also to prescribe a salary for said Director of Publicity as Editor of *Lulac News*, and make other necessary rules governing said publication as they may deem proper.

Section 5. The Director of Publicity shall, before entering upon the duties of his office, take and subscribe to the constitutional oath, and furnish a good and sufficient bond by a surety company payable to the President General of the League and his successors in office, in the sum of two thousand

dollars; the premium on said bond shall be paid out of the funds of *Lulac News*: conditioned that he will faithfully perform all the duties of said office, and properly account for all monies received and that may come into his hands by virtue of his office to the Trustees of the League rendering them quarterly itemized statements of all receipts and disbursements; and that he will promptly turn over all property, records and monies in his hands to his successor in office within twenty days after his successor shall be appointed and qualifies. Said bond shall be filed with the Secretary General of the League.

Section 6. All resolutions or parts of resolutions heretofore passed affecting the Publicity Department of the League inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

RESOLUTION No. 5

BE IT RESOLVED:

That a complete uniform system of accounting and recording for all councils be adopted whereby the Supreme Council can keep an accurate check for all phases of the financial conditions, membership and other records of the League, and that the supplies be furnished by Supreme Council at cost.

RESOLUTION No. 10

BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Director of Publicity be, and is hereby, appointed Custodian of all the records of the League from this date hereon.

It is further decreed in this Convention that the present Custodian of Records to-wit:

Mr. A. de Luna

of Corpus Christi, Texas, deliver to the said Director of Publicity all the resolutions, constitutional amendments, and whatever documents he may have, in his possession, of the League. It is further decreed that all resolutions, or parts of resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed, and the said Director of Publicity is hereby made the legal and general Custodian of the Records of the League of United Latin American Citizens.

RESOLUTION No. 17

BE IT RESOLVED:

That the New President General be instructed to write to President Edward Eyring, of the New Mexico Normal University, to the following effect:

We congratulate the Normal University on its interest in the Spanish speaking people of Northern New Mexico and especially on the program which it has submitted to the American Council on Education. We wish to extend our cooperation to that institution in bringing that program to its fullest success. We wish to assure the administration of the New Mexico Normal University that the LULAC is ever ready to aid in the promotion of activities such as that incorporated in the above mentioned program.

RESOLUTION No. 18

BE IT RESOLVED:

That the trustees of the League elected by this convention be and they are hereby authorized to codify all the resolutions and orders of the Supreme Council into a set of by-laws;

They are further authorized to correlate all of said resolutions and to supply omissions or any necessary additions to said resolutions in order to systematize the duties of the various general officers.

Be it further resolved that all of said by-laws shall be printed in book form in connection with the new constitution. The expense to be paid from the general funds of the League.

Be it further resolved that copies of said by-laws and constitution be sold to the members of the League at a price not to exceed actual cost plus ten per cent.

RESOLUTION No. 19

BE IT RESOLVED:

The League of United Latin American Citizens would like to see and urges the establishment of a department of Latin American studies in state institutions of higher learning of the country. This department would integrate studies in geography, history, education, economics, literature, language

and sociology, and would be with the purpose of fostering a better knowledge and understanding of the Latin American countries of the continent, and establishing cultural relations with the intention of exchanging values and accomplishments which would benefit the culture and civilization of the American continent.

RESOLUTION No. 20

By Committee on Resolutions

BE IT RESOLVED:

That the League of United Latin American Citizens in Convention assembled in the City of San Antonio extend its thanks to the San Antonio Councils and to the Mayor and other officials of the City of San Antonio and Bexar County for their warm hospitality and for their splendid arrangements with respect to this convention.



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Judge J. T. Canales of Brownsville Challenges J. C. Machuca of El Paso to Mortal Combat Unless Satisfaction is Given

Duel Schedule to Take Place in El Paso in Near Future

JUDGE CANALES NAMES ARMS AND SECONDS

The peace, harmony, and good will of Lulackdom was thrown into a grip of excitement when on Sunday noon, June 18th, a special delivery, air mail letter was received by J. C. Machuca of El Paso from Judge J. T. Canales of Brownsville, challenging the former to fight a duel. The letter from Judge Canales, reads as follows:

"LAW OFFICE OF
J. T. CANALES"

Brownsville, Texas
June 17, 1939.

Mr. J. C. Machuca
621 Prospect Ave.
El Paso, Texas
My dear friend:

Your ice-cold letter of the 15th returning the copy of my article entitled "Echoes from the San Antonio Convention" written for LULAC NEWS has just been received. I note that you say "please accept my thanks for the bouquet which you sent me." I did not send you a bouquet but an article for publication and your action in returning it, is, my friend, an insult; a slap in the face, which makes it imperative that I should challenge you to mortal duel, unless I receive satisfaction as hereafter stated.

You are hereby challenged to fight a duel, and since I am the party insulted, I have the right to name the arms and the terms of this mortal combat, as well as my seconds.

The duel shall be fought in El Paso, in the best restaurant to be selected by you. The arms selected by me are four large juicy, red, ice-cold (like your letter) watermelons and we must eat until one or the other shall cry "I have had enough" and shall then retire as a defeated antagonist.

My seconds are Mr. M. A. Gomez, and Mr. Fred Ponce Jr., both of El Paso with whom you must carry out the other details of the time and date of this fight. Unless you at once send me a complete satisfaction for the insult and print my article

without changing a word or even a letter.

Until then, all our communications shall cease, and be carried on by and through our seconds.

Goodbye,
(Signed) J. T. Canales
"Your former friend
Your now mortal enemy"

JTC/EC

SATISFACTION GIVEN

The very same day, and a little after receipt of the above letter, J. C. Machuca sent Judge Canales the following night letter, which it was expected the Judge would receive the following morning:

POSTAL TELEGRAPH
EL PASO, TEXAS
June 18, 1939.

NIGHT LETTER

J. T. CANALES
BROWNSVILLE, TEXAS

YOU SAID GOODBYE. I SAY GOOD MORNING JUDGE. PLEASE SEND YOUR ARTICLE TO BE PRINTED IN TOTO WITHOUT CHANGING A WORD OR EVEN A LETTER. WATERMELONS DO NOT AGREE WITH ME ESPECIALLY THE LARGE, RED, JUICY, ICE COLD ONES. YOUR FRIEND, YES. BUT NEVER YOUR MORTAL ENEMY. IS THAT SATISFACTORY?

J. C. MACHUCA

Thus was a most "trying situation" and "serious or fatal consequences" avoided. Now, everything is quiet and peaceful.

H. L. Jackson

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Laredo,

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Texas

The Other Pioneers

By ROBERTO FELIX SALAZAR

Now I must write
Of those of mine who rode these plains
Long years before the Saxon and the Irish came.
Of those who plowed the land and built the towns
And gave the towns soft-woven Spanish names.
Of those who moved across the Rio Grande
Toward the hiss of Texas snake and Indian yell.
Of men who from the earth made thick-walled homes
And from the earth raised churches to their God.
And of the wives who bore them sons
And smiled with knowing joy.

They saw the Texas sun rise golden-red with
promised wealth

And saw the Texas sun sink golden yet, with
wealth unspent.

"Here," they said, "Here to live and here to love."
"Here is the land for our sons and the sons of our
sons."

And they sang the songs of ancient Spain
And they made new songs to fit new needs.
They cleared the brush and planted the corn
And saw green stalks turn black from lack of rain.
They roamed the plains behind the herds
And stood the Indian's cruel attacks.
There was dust and there was sweat.
And there were tears and the women prayed.

And the years moved on.
Those who were first placed in graves
Beside the broad mesquite and the tall nopal.
Gentle mothers left their graces and their arts
And stalwart fathers pride and manly strength.
Salinas, de la Garza, Sánchez, García,
Uribe, González, Martínez, de León;
Such were the names of the fathers.
Salinas, de la Garza, Sánchez, García,
Uribe, González, Martínez, de León;
Such are the names of the sons.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Mr. Salazar is a native of Laredo and very accomplished. We are proud of this young man of our extraction. Some of his poems and writeups have been published in *ESQUIRE* and other first class magazines. *Lulac News* thanks Mr. Salazar for his contribution to this Laredo issue.

Lulac Code

Respect your citizenship and preserve it; honor your country, maintain its traditions in the spirit of its citizens, and embody yourself into its culture and civilization;

Love the men of your race, be proud of your origin and maintain it immaculate, respect your glorious past and help to defend the rights of your own people;

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.

Let your firmest purpose be that of helping to see that each new generation of your own shall be of a youth more efficient and capable and in this, let your own children be included.

A Tribute to Don Tomas Sanchez, the Founder of Laredo

(Address delivered by Mr. Seb. S. Wilcox, noted Texas Historian from Laredo, Texas, on October 16, 1938, at the dedicatory exercises of the Monument to the Founders of Laredo, Texas.)

Mr. Chairman, Friends and Fellow Citizens:

Assembled here today to dedicate this monument to the memory of the heroic founders of our city of San Agustin de Laredo, the oldest independent city in our great State, we feel that we stand on sacred ground. This Plaza is the center of the original site of the old town. This beautiful monument faces the spot where stood the original Church of San Agustin, which was completed in 1764; and now stands directly in front of the entrance to the present Church of San Agustin, which will remain as a monument to those two venerable priests, Father A. M. Souchon and Bishop Neraz, both of whom helped with their own hands to place the stones in its massive walls.

And while we stand here in the presence of these hallowed surroundings, let us not forget those brave men who founded our city. It was an eventful day in May, 1755, that Don Tomas Sanchez de la Barrera y Gallardo led his little band of settlers into the wild frontier, at that time teeming with hostile savages and offering only the uncertainty of the future. As he left the village of Dolores and continued on his way up the north bank of the Rio Grande, he passed over what was then a prairie country, dotted only here and there with clumps of mesquite and huisache trees, and abounding in hills and valleys. When this little party



Misses Nieves Mogas, Marcelline Esther Sanchez and Olga Farias, descendants of Capt. Tomas Sanchez, founder of the City of Laredo, unveiling Monument dedicated to the founders of Laredo on October 16, 1938.

reached the hill to the south of their destination, a beautiful panorama met their eyes. Before them they saw the broad green valley in the sharp bend of the Rio Grande—the location of their future homes.

But they had little time to admire the beauties of nature. Homes had to be made. They brought the sound of the axe and the saw into the solitude of the prairie. The stone mason began his work. Adobe bricks were moulded and dried in the sun. Soon jacales were erected, the more fortunate enclosed by stone or adobe walls, others fenced with wooden stakes driven into the ground, and some merely surrounded by bullrushes—all for protection against the frequent raids of the barbarous Indians. Thus was Laredo

founded, May 15, 1755.

This founder of Laredo, the old Spaniard, was one of those leaders of men, hardy, strong and fearless, primarily pioneers, ever seeking to extend the territory of their King and build new homes for the coming generations. How well he planned and built is shown by the prosperous city of Laredo of today.

Little is known of the life-history of this founder of Laredo, Don Tomas Sanchez de la Barrera y Gallardo. He was a man of action rather than of words, and left little on which to base a story of his

life other than the heritage of his heroic work. A native of the Valle de Carrizal, Province of Nuevo Reyno de Leon, he was of noble family, born in 1709. His father was Don Tomas Sanchez and his mother Doña Maria Josefa de la Garza. As a young man he served in the army of his King, and later conducted a ranch in the Province of Coahuila. When civilization pushed northward to the Rio Grande and Jose Vasquez Borrego established his ranch and headquarters at the Hacienda de Nuestra Señora de los Dolores on the north bank. Don Tomas Sanchez opened a ranch on the south side within sight of the new settlement. He was residing there when in 1754 he petitioned Don Jose de Escandon, the colonizer of Nuevo Santander, for permission to found a town on the north bank of the river. Before founding his town, he was instructed by Escandon to make an inspection of the country adjacent to the Nueces River to the north. This he did, but finding the country not suited to his purpose, he returned to Dolores and reported the result of his expedition. Sanchez was then directed to found his town at such place on the north bank as suited his purpose. It was then that Don Tomas Sanchez, when only forty-six years of age, established the town of Laredo at a point on the north bank of the Rio Grande about a mile below the well known Paso de Jacinto, at present called the "Old Indian Crossing," just above Fort McIntosh. Sanchez was appointed Captain and Chief Justice of the new settlement, which position he held for twelve years.

In 1767 the ranch lands were apportioned to the settlers, the town was laid out and incorporated, and received a charter from the Crown of Spain. The first election resulted in Don Joseph Martinez de Sotomayor being named as Alcalde, which position he filled for about two years. However, in 1770 some friction arose, and Sotomayor showed a lack of courage and sagacity to cope with the Indian. He attempted to remove the population to the south bank of the Rio Grande and place the river as a barrier to this ever present danger. Captain Sanchez, being a true pioneer, fearless in spirit and loyal to the Crown, insisted on maintaining the settlement on the north bank, primarily to form a bulwark against the raids of the wild Indian on the interior settlements. His views were in accord with those of Governor Vicente Gonzalez de Santianes of San Carlos, the Capital, and Governor Santianes on July 5, 1770, issued a decree removing So-

tomayor from the office of Alcalde and naming Captain Sanchez in his stead. Don Tomas again assumed control of the affairs of the town and exerted every effort to build up the village. He continued in office as Chief Justice Alcalde almost to the time of his death.

When Captain Sanchez founded Laredo he was married to Doña Catarina de Uribe, who had borne him nine children. Some years after Doña Catarina's death, he married the young Doña Teodora Yzaguirre, to whom was born a girl and a boy. Little is known about the appearance of this bold frontiersman. Doña Encarnacion Garcia, who was born in Laredo in 1798, the wife of Don Basilio Benavides, a great grandson of Captain Sanchez, said that the Captain was "un hombre huero," a man of fair complexion, with blue eyes.

In his eighty-eighth year after a long and useful life, Don Tomas Sanchez died suddenly. His passing was mourned by all, and the town lost its most valued citizen. On January 21, 1796, he was buried from San Agustin Church in Laredo with high mass, the Reverend Bachiller Jose Manuel Perez officiating. Captain Sanchez left hundreds of direct descendants to carry on the work he started, many of whom served their country in times of war, as well as in civil life, with the same indomitable courage which he displayed when he braved the northern frontier of his province to establish civilization on the Rio Grande.

The burial place of this old cavalier has been lost in the march of time. His memory is shrouded in the haze of the past centuries. Yet his dauntless spirit lives on in the hearts of the citizens of Laredo, as we today commemorate the founding of our city with the erection of this beautiful granite monument through the work of the Commission of Control for Texas Centennial Celebrations of our great State. The Irish poet, Theodore O'Hara, in his ode "To the Pioneer" paid tribute to such heroic characters as Don Tomas Sanchez de la Barrera y Gallardo, when he wrote:

A dirge for the brave old pioneer!
The patriarch of his tribe!
He sleeps—no pompous pile marks where,
No lines his deeds describe.

They raised no stone above him here,
Nor carved his deathless name;
An empire is his sepulchre,
His epitaph is fame.

Around the Lulac Shield

COUNCIL Number 79 Parkview, New Mexico

This Council has elected its new set of officers for the ensuing year and they are as follows:

Fred Sierra, President.
Address Tierra Blanca, New Mexico.
Frank Garcia, Vice President
Cruz Trujillo, Secretary
Marcos Trujillo, Treasurer
Miguel Rivera, Sergeant at arms
Manuel G. Martinez, Chaplain
Ernesto Martinez, Guide

SAN ANTONIO LADIES COUNCIL No. 12

Mrs. G. B. Swain, President
Mrs. Olive Martinez, Secretary
Miss Lupe Sifuentes, Publicity Chairman

On June 16th this Council installed their new officers for the ensuing year. The installation was ceremonious and it was held in conjunction with the San Antonio Men's Council No. 2. The Ladies officers are:

Mrs. G. B. Swain, President
Mrs. Santos Herrera, Vice President
Mrs. Olive Martinez, Secretary
Mrs. Gloria Castillo, Treasurer

SAN ANTONIO MEN'S COUNCIL No. 2

Seferino Martinez, President
Anastacio Sanchez, Secretary
Henry Castillo, Reporter

A very brilliant social function was the installation of officers of this Council when they held the ceremonies in conjunction with the Ladies Council. Judging from the minutes that this Council has sent into the Home Office social functions is not all this Council is doing they are also very active in community work and the SLUM CLEARANCE and

the BOYS' CLUB is now taking the undivided attention of this Council and the work that this Council has undertaken promises to be profitable and worthy of Lulac. The new elected officers for the ensuing year are:

Severino Martinez, President
M. J. Gonzalez, First Vice-President
Octavio B. Treviño, 2nd. Vice President
Anastacio Sanchez, Secretary
Leonel Rodriguez, Treasurer
Ben Garcia, Chaplain
J. A. Carrillo, Guide
Jaime Briseño, Guard
Henry Castillo, Reporter

Trustees: James Tafolla, Sr. Jacob Rodriguez,
Mauro M. Machado.

LAREDO LADIES COUNCIL No. 15

Mrs. Arturo Dominguez, President
Miss Emma Hernandez, Secretary Drawer 209
Miss Elvira Garcia, Publicity Chairman

This Council has elected the new officers for the ensuing year and it is expected that the new administration will give us a year of progress and many new members. The newly installed officers are:

Mrs. Arturo Dominguez, President
Miss Lucinda Coronado, Vice President
Miss Emma Hernandez, Secretary
Mrs. O. N. Lightner, Treasurer
Mrs. Toribio Garcia, Chaplain
Miss Elvira Garcia, Publicity Chairman

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The voice of Junior Lulac Council No. 1.
By Fernando Salinas

We are back from the General Convention and very pleased to know that the NEW LULAC CONSTITUTION gives the Junior members a representation and a seat at all National or special Lulac Conventions.

Too we are proud of having the honor and privilege of having as our supervisor The Director General of Junior Lulacs, Mrs. F. I. Montemayor our MONTY, Since this was a newly created office this year we did not expect to bring back this high honor, but we did.

We were pleased to meet the representatives of the Albuquerque Junior Council No. 3, Judge Canales, Secretary General J. A. Velesquez, Fred Ponce, Jr. and J. C. Machuca.

Our supervisor has set the rules and regulations for our MERIT SYSTEM, which she will use for those that will represent this Council at the Santa Fe Convention. Every member is eligible and we are going to try and make it.

The office of the Director General of Junior

Lulacs is in receipt of letters advising that Ean Antonio is fast making all final arrangements to have a Junior Council organized. The boys and girls have had their first meeting and the officers have been elected. The application for charter is to be made and there is no doubt that by the next issue of Lulac News we will get an official report from the newly born Junior Council. The work for the organization of this new Junior Council is headed by Mrs. S. S. Herrera of the San Antonio Ladies Council.

The work that is being done in Del Rio by our worthy Inspector General Arturo C. Gonzalez, a practicing lawyer of that city is to be lauded. Mr. Gonzalez is heading the committee that is making all efforts and arrangements to take a band composed of all latin boys and girls to the General Convention at Santa Fe next year.

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L. P. BOTELLO, Member Council No. 12

Introducing Brownsville, Texas, for the 1941 National Convention

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Now, that the 1939 Convention held in San Antonio becomes a thing of the past and is recorded as one of the outstanding gatherings of the Latin-Americans, not only because of the great number of delegates present but also because of the great achievements accomplished such as the ratification of the new Constitution, the election of Honorable Ezequiel D. Salinas of Laredo, Texas, for President General of our League, and the selection of city of Santa Fe, New Mexico, for our next Convention, we take great pride in putting before you for your consideration Brownsville, Texas, for the 1941 National Convention.

Brownsville, the southernmost point of the United States, has the privilege of having one of

the most pleasant temperatures all the year round. We are part of one of the most famous agricultural sections of Texas, the Lower Rio Grande Valley. Brownsville has the ability to offer you transportation by auto, rail, air, and water. Our Highways in this section are above par and in excellent condition. Brownsville is served by two of the most outstanding railroad lines in the country, the Missouri Pacific Lines and the Southern Pacific Lines. One of the most famous airports in the nation is located in our city. It serves as a gateway for all the Latin American Nations of the South as well as the United States and Canada. Although, we have one of the youngest seaports of the nation, it is considered one of the most progressive and you can take a ship from our port and go to any part of the world.

As a summer and winter resort, Brownsville takes her place among the best. Many tourists from the North and East make Brownsville their headquarters in the winter, and likewise in the summer. Our weather is ideal. A thirty minute drive takes you to the Gulf of Mexico where you can enjoy good swimming and the best of fishing.

We may be a little premature in inviting you to Brownsville for the 1941 Convention, but we want to have "our hat in the ring" first.

E. B. DUARTE,
President, LULAC Council No. 3,
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