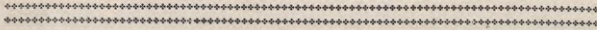




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★ ★ Editorial ★ ★

"Gestapo Agents Invade Laredo." Federal Agents Use Gestapo Methods in Their Work." Either one of these phrases or some similar to them could easily have been used by a newspaper to describe the antics of two Border Patrol officers against a young man just recently in Laredo. Nor would the headlines have been any more surprising to read than it was to hear of the strong-arm methods used by these two officers on this young Laredo veteran when they approached him as he waited on the highway for a ride to San Antonio.

According to the details of a story sworn to by this young man, who incidentally is a member of Council No. 12, and vouched for by a witness, the federal officers approached him with a demand for identification. After presenting his army discharge and birth certificates the officers demanded to see the contents of his billfold, and upon refusing to surrender the billfold with the claim that it was his personal business one of the officers struck the veteran on the ear and applied a headlock while the other took the billfold.

To many this may seem an insignificant and isolated incident, but to this young veteran who for six years wore the khaki uniform of his country's army and who spent more than half of that time fighting against the men who practiced the very antics of which he became a victim in his own country, the incident has been a shocking experience and certainly a source of doubt as to the veracity of the theory of liberty as preached in this country. Moreover, to every liberty-loving American such an act by any officer of the government is a direct violation of Article IV of

the Bill of Rights of the United States Constitution which states:

"The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated;"

Certainly any officer who infringes upon the Constitution-guaranteed rights of a person is faithless to an oath he took upon assumption of office when the oath incorporated the up-holding of the Constitution. And even if such were not the case, no officer, whether federal, state, or local, has the right to strike or manhandle any person, prisoners included, unless it is in defense of his life against a bodily attack. Any officer who resorts to an act of unwarranted brutal force renders himself unfit for duty as an officer and brings discredit upon the branch he represents.

To permit such an act to go uncorrected, and to fail to take steps to lessen the possibilities of the recurrence of such an act is to engender and to foster further inroads into the individual liberties of citizens. What may be an isolated incident now can readily turn into a general practice wherein any one may be subjected to unwarranted acts of force and authority.

The question may arise as to what is Lulac's relationship to this incident. The best answer can be found in Lulac's own Aims and Purposes. Section 3 states:

"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 section 7 states:

"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"

The above act has been referred to the person in charge of the Border Patrol in the Laredo District, and communications have been forwarded the national president of the American Veterans Committee of which the young veterans is a member and the congressman from the Laredo district. All three recipients of these communications have promised thorough investigations and actions. The League of United Latin American Citizens in keeping with its Aims and Purposes should act if it feels that the unwarranted

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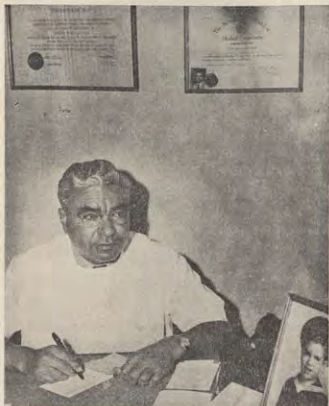
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★ PRESIDENT'S GENERAL MESSAGE ★



As your President General realizes the need for 100% support of our Special Educational Fund, he decided to make an extended tour of Texas. Another reason for the President General's visit was to install a new council at Texas City, Texas, and also to inject some encouragement into other councils.

At Corpus Christi, Joe Garza organized a luncheon in honor of the President General at the Driscoll Hotel. Several dependable Lulackers attended the luncheon. The visit was short but quite profitable. Several problems facing the organization were discussed and the President General urged the Corpus Christi group to get behind the Special Educational Fund **now**. The national

officer had to rush from Corpus to Houston for another meeting.

At Houston the council had organized a banquet and installation of new officers. The Regional Governor for Texas, Raoul Cortez and Gus Garcia and Rudy Peña joined the President General. John Herrera, Dr. John Ruiz and the Houston group were the congenial hosts. The next day a large delegation from Houston joined the President General, Regional Governor, District Organizer and the San Antonio visitors at a Banquet in Texas City. After eloquent speeches by the visitors and guests, the new Texas City Council No. 150 was installed.

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AROUND THE LULAC SHIELD



President Rudy Guerrero and Vice-President Joe Rodriguez beside Council 48's parade entry at the San Marcos Armistice Day parade.

SAN MARCOS COUNCIL No. 148

For the past three weeks this Lulac Council has been conducting a drive to urge all citizens to protect their rights by paying their Poll Tax before Jan. 31, 1948. Props for putting over the campaign included films on citizenship that were shown to the public and placards in bold black and white that were made by Bro. Joe Rodriguez and placed in conspicuous business places.

This being general election year the council believes it is of utmost importance for everyone to have his voting rights. A good citizen not only demands but exercises his rights and privileges.

Realizing full well the great need of training youth in all that America wants of her citizens, Council 148 has started the sponsorship of Boy Scout Troop 122 of San Marcos. The organizational work of the troop has been largely carried out by Bro. Joe Rodriguez, Vice President of the Council. Ten Scouts are now enrolled in the troop and the objective is twice that number within a short time.

Serving on the committee are Bros. Joe Rodriguez, chairman; Arnulfo Rios, and Jesse Saldaña. Bro. Rudy Guerrero, president of the Council, is the Assistant Scoutmaster.

SAN ANTONIO COUNCIL No. 2

Them thar' Bros. from Council 2 are really hitting the ball. On December 7, some 32 candidates were initiated into Lulac in the class

honoring the late Ben Garza, first president general of Lulac; on the 18, they were scheduled to enjoy their Annual Tamalada; on the 30, they held a general special meeting with President General Maldonado of Santa Fe, New Mexico, and visiting Lulacs from Raymondville, Austin, and Nixon, Texas; they assisted at the installation of the Houston council officers, the installation of a new board of directors of Galveston, and the formation of a new council at Texas City; have ratified the three amendments to the constitution as asked for at Santa Fe; have now approached the Director of Publicity for advice in the formation of a junior Lulac council; and boast a membership of 236 members to date. All of which could be the result of a recipe as follows: a cup of energy, two cups of willingness, a tablespoon of enthusiasm, two heaping teaspoons of faith, a dash of spirit, and several ounces of co-operativeness. Mix well, cook at even temperature, use while hot, and the result is a livewire council.

HOUSTON COUNCIL No. 60

This council with the regional organizer for Texas, Bro. J. J. Herrera, has recently completed its task of organizing the Texas City council and reorganizing the Galveston council. Their ambition is to revive Baytown, Bay City, and Boling as well. Incidentally, well wishes for a prosperous administration are in order for the newly installed officers, and congratulations to J. J. Herrera and Council 60 for your organizing job.

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Past President General, **ARNULFO ZAMORA**, National Chairman of the Organizer General Fund Committee, and member of Council 12's Scholastic Segregation Fund Committee.



Past President General **ARNULFO ZAMORA** administering the oath to the Ben Garza Class of Council No. 2 at San Antonio.

RETIRED



BRO. REYES ORTIZ

After 41 years of efficient and loyal service, Bro. Reyes Ortiz a Lulac workhorse and member of long standing, retired from the U. S. Post Office Department on Nov. 30, 1947.

Bro. Ortiz was first appointed a letter-carrier by Postmaster John A. Grey on Oct. 1, 1906, at Laredo, Texas. On Dec. 1, 1906 he was made Regular Clerk in the International Money Order Exchange Office, and Chief Clerk in the same office on Jan. 1, 1911. From Nov. 1, 1914 to July 1, 1932, he served in the position of Assistant Postmaster, and again as clerk in charge of the International Money Order Exchange Office from Nov. 16, 1932 until his retirement on Nov. 30, 1947. It is Bro. Ortiz's pride that during his tenure as Regular Clerk at the Post Office in Laredo he worked in every division there except the janitorial. It might be added that Bro. Ortiz's tenure of 41 years in the U. S. Post Office Department were spent exclusively in the Laredo post office.

Bro. Reyes Ortiz was born in Laredo, Texas but went with his family into Mexico at an early age where he received his education in an English School. Most of his stay in Mexico was spent in the states of Coahuila and Durango where he served as fireman and clerk on one of the railroads. At the age of 18 he returned to Laredo, Texas, where he has lived until the present.

In 1932 he became a member of Lulac and has held an uninterrupted membership in that organization since then. He has held the offices of council vice president, secretary, and chaplain.

He has been elected delegate to many of the national conventions, and has served as chairman of several committees for council 12. He has also served as Chaplain general for the League.

His membership in the League has been highlighted with unselfish and co-operative service and an undying faith and loyalty for all that Lulac stands for. In appreciation for this untiring service Council No. 12 recently named the newest class of membership candidates in his honor,—the "Reyes Ortiz Class". A fitting tribute to a hardworking and loyal brother Lulac.

In spite of his great service to Lulac, Bro. Reyes Ortiz has found time to take part in other organizations and other activities. He is a member of the Elks Club, Woodmen of the World, and the Knights of Columbus where he is a 4th degree knight and has held the post of Deputy Grand Knight in the Laredo Council. In the Boy Scout Organization he has served as troop committeemen on many occasions and has sponsored a number of boys in various troops. One of his favorite activities is to sponsor boys in various boys organizations where the boys themselves are not financially able to handle their fees. He is a great baseball enthusiast and at one time was manager of a Laredo ball club that created quite a name for itself. He was also a well known and able exponent and participant in gymnastics.

Bro. Ortiz's hobby is billiards.

Lulac Council No. 12 joins the Post Office Department in congratulating Bro. Reyes Ortiz on the completion of an enviable tenure of service in a government position.

December 22, 1947

Mr. Reyes Ortiz,
Laredo, Texas.

Dear Mr. Ortiz:

It has come to my attention that you have retired from the position of clerk in the post office at Laredo, Texas.

You may be very proud of your record and the loyal and efficient service you have rendered.

I extend my personal congratulations and hope you will enjoy many years of happiness.

Sincerely yours,
J. M. DONALDSON
Postmaster General



Joe Castanuela, left, and Pres. Rudy J. Peña are holding a huge poster that announced and served as an inspiration to the ever active San Antonio Lulacs, who staged a Harvest Time membership campaign. Theme of the drive was "You Can't Miss Bagging a New Member If You Execute LULAC's Aims Right"—which in fewer words meant that if the Lulacker explained our purpose and aims he couldn't have help signing up a new member. The successful campaign was loaded with strong selling points—each showing some phase of Lulac service, such as Pay Your Poll Tax campaign, School Defense Fund, Scholarship Fund, Americanism Programs, Civic Programs. App-getters were awarded the "write" prizes, from pencils to Parker 51's in the contest that ended Nov. 26.

AROUND THE LULAC SHIELD—

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RAYMONDVILLE COUNCIL 56

It may be because of modesty or bashfulness that the News has not been informed about it, but indirectly it has been heard that this council is rapidly growing and on its way to practically organizing all of Raymondville into the council. Let's do it.

SANTA ANA COUNCIL No. 147

From the west coast comes word that requested information from headquarters is not forthcoming, and that help is sorely needed. This council is holding its own, but reports indicate that the Los Angeles and Alhambra councils are in the rigor mortis stage. Such a situation must not be allowed to continue. Come on, fellows, get some of this good ole Texas enthusiasm that is sweeping the state at this stage of the game, and help start the new year with vim.

LAREDO COUNCIL No. 12

This council has just finished the successful task of putting on its ever-popular New Year's

Eve Ball, and is well underway with its plans for its internationally known "Noche Mexicana." Moreover, on January 12, a fine class of young men was initiated and was welcomed with hot "puppies" and cold beer.

Politicalism has already started for the various aspirants to office in the council since that enthusiastic election meeting is due to occur the latter part of this month.

LAREDO JUNIOR LULAC COUNCIL

This most enterprising young council of Lulac juniors is busy at the present time with preparations for their annual "Sweetheart Presentation Ball" that is scheduled to take place February 14. On this particular occasion the Juniors will not only honor and present their new sweetheart but will hold a cavalcade of their past sweethearts and presidents in connection with the celebration of their 5th anniversary as a unit. In connection with their ball they always have an excellent program presented by teen-agers of the city.

Activities Of Santa Fe Ladies Lulac Council No. 18

By MRS. ALBERT GONZALEZ

As I look back at the year 1947 I ask myself and the girls, "What have we accomplished or have we accomplished anything during the past year?" Our answer to that question can sincerely be that probably not as much as we would have liked to but that we have done a little something to help someone along in some way.

In January of 1947, we started with a new set of officers which we elected for two years consisting of: President, Mrs. Joe G. Chavez; Secretary, Mrs. Alice C. Martinez; Treasurer, Mrs. Eppie Valdez. Up to now, they have served us efficiently and well and we know they will continue to do so for this coming year. This December, at our last meeting, we elected officers for the other three offices as follows: Vice President, Sarah Aguirre; Assistant Secretary, Doris Gousson; and Chaplain, Mrs. Fred Gonzalez. Committees in our Council are appointed by the President for a year and Mrs. Chavez will appoint her committees for the ensuing year at our next meeting in January.

In the spring of 1947, we were a bunch of busy little bees. Together with the men, we worked hard to raffle a car in order to raise money for the LULAC National Convention held in Santa Fe and we helped plan and carry out the plans for the Convention. "Teamwork" was our Motto, and we stuck to it. Everyone did their part and did it well. It gave us all the greatest of pleasure to participate in the Convention and help in entertaining our delegates and visitors—we worked hard but it was really a lot of fun, and we will never forget the many nice people we had the pleasure of meeting.

I will now mention briefly some of the donations and contributions which we have made during the past year: Every year, we give a scholarship to one of the girls in the Opportunity School and we give a silver medal or pin to the outstanding student in the Spanish Class of the Santa Fe High School; this year we gave a donation to the Catholic Clinic to pay for two tonsilectomys of under-privileged children; we are sending an orphan girl from St. Vincent's Orphanage to Loretto Academy this school term; we donated for the purchase of musical instruments for school children who cannot afford to buy them and these children will be given free instruction by LULAC member Pablo Mares, who is the music

instructor at the Santa Fe High School; we gave a donation to The Boys' Club and the Garcia Street Club; we gave a year's subscription of Look Magazine to the USO Club; last year for Christmas, we donated candy and toys to the Catholic Clinic for under-privileged children and this year we have adopted one of the needy families here in Santa Fe—we are giving them food and clothing.

During the yearly Santa Fe Fiestas held in August and September, we take active part. This year, we had a float in the pet parade and we sponsored Miss Elvira Trujillo, as princess, whose picture you saw in the November issue of the LULAC News. This we did in conjunction with the Men's Council. By the way, I will take this opportunity to say that the Men's Council have been swell in cooperating with us in every way. We appreciate this.

We hold our meetings once a month in the homes of the different members with two hostesses entertaining. After our business sessions, we have some entertainment and a social hour during which time delicious refreshments are served by our hostesses. We all really enjoy and look forward to our monthly gatherings.

But it's not all work, we also have fun. This year for Hallowe'en in conjunction with the Men's Council, we had a Hallowe'en Tacky Costume Party—and a tacky party it was. Mr. Sostenes Delgado, member of the Men's Council and quite an artist, I'll have you know, made some very clever posters and decorations—they really added to the atmosphere of witches, bats, spookiness and what have you of Hallowe'en. A piñata filled with goodies, confetti, noise makers, etc., was broken by Alice C. Martinez and what a mad scramble to pick up the contents. A prize was given to the tackiest couple and it was won by Andy Martinez and Sarah Aguirre. I won't tell you what the prize was—that's a secret.

In closing, in behalf of myself as your Second Vice-President General and in behalf of Ladies LULAC Council No. 18 of Santa Fe, I wish you all a very successful and Happy New Year! And to the Austin Council, our best wishes for a very successful LULAC National Convention—we're looking forward to it and we'll see you all in Austin, bull fight or no full fight.

Did You Know That--

By GEORGE J. GARZA

Director of Publicity

In the treaty under which Texas was joined to the union, practical Texans reserved the right for their state to divide itself into five states if it later seemed advisable, but that the salute to the Texas flag, adopted in 1933, calls for "Texas, one and indivisible"?

The route of the famous "Santa Fe Line" (railroad) does not include Santa Fe, New Mexico?

We could use a lot of oddities or features of your particular state or community if you would mail them to us?

Texas is 260 times as large as the smallest state, five times as large as the average state, and that the largest county in Texas, Brewster, is about six times as large as Rhode Island?

Over two billion lollipops are eaten in this country each year — and that grown-ups get a goodly share of them?

There were only three convicts at Huntsville, Texas, when the penitentiary opened in

1849? Of course 100 years can make a lot of difference, and its centennial next year should show a definite increase.

Nature offers many hints to observant weather prophets? Bees are very sensitive to weather conditions, and when they return to the hive and do not come out for a time rain is indicated. The Morning Glories will close their blossoms before a storm.

The brave man is not he who feels no fear,
For that were stupid and irrational;
But he, whose noble soul its fear subdues,
And bravely dares the danger nature
shrinks from?

The child without a playground is father to
the man without a job?

Speech is the mirror of the soul; as is the
man, so is his speech?

A good man's countenance may fall, but it
remains for some better man to break it?



SEWELL PARK at Southwest Texas State College located in the heart of San Marcos, home of Council 148.

SKITS AND BITS

(All About You and Me)

The political machines of Lulac Council No. 12 are rapidly being oiled for the big election night of local officers the last Monday of January. The number of candidates is unusually large and with the number of votes each one claims we wonder where all the votes will come from.

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Regional Governor Raoul A. Cortez of San Antonio, in company with Bro. Gust Garcia of the same city, passed through Laredo on Monday, Jan. 19, on his way to Mexico City and a conference with President Aleman. A final visit to Laredo and El Paso will close a tour of the whole region of Texas for the governor. The result of this tour has been the installation of 4 new councils and the revival of some dormant ones. A fine record and justly deserving of praise.

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Praises are in order for Bro. J. J. Herrera and his team mates from Houston council for their splendid work in the organization of Texas City. And congratulations to the new members and fellow Bro. Lulacs in that city.

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Vice President Felix Garcia of Laredo still at walking since his unexpected job of ushering at the New Year's Eve Ball.

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Bro. Isadore Gonzalez of California bemoaning the non-answering of his communications by the general officers, and his unsuccessful attempts to unite that state. Perseverance is still his strong tool and success usually follows that. Keep trying.

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These capitalistic Lulacs are still money-minded. Council and individual contributions are still welcomed for the scholastic anti-segregation fund and the Organizer general funds. Incidentally all councils in arrears with their quarterly dues to the general council should be taking care of that matter pretty soon.

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Sad but true. The president general was guest at several councils in Texas, but failed to give the News his itinerary and completely bypassed Laredo. However his trip was quite profitable to Lulac and we forgive him.

Bros. Joe Rodriguez and Rudy Guerrero and their fellow members from the San Marcos Council quite the hustlers in the civic affairs of their community. All it takes is confidence and willingness plus a little boost from friends. They have the first two and the rests so of us can furnish the boost.

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Your editor bemoans the fact that many councils are left without publicity mention in the News, and wishes to do something. Let us have news from you and give your councils a boost. The large councils get all the publicity and they need it the least. Come on, littl' 'uns, get into the picture.

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Of course June is still some 5 months away, but this periodical would like to start a series of write-ups complete with photos about your favorites for general offices come the next convention. Send in all particulars and pictures as quickly as possible and let us start letting the League know before hand whom they may select in June. Remember this is a democratic organization and the qualifications of the candidate will determine his fitness for office, and not the size of his council.

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Past president general Arnulfo Zamora, and Alfredo Garza from Laredo and vice president Joe Garza from Corpus Christi in San Antonio for another mass initiation of new candidates in Council No. 2. San Antonio is certainly working toward that old slogan—The Largest Council in the Largest State.



EDITORIAL

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act is contrary to what it stands for. As is the case in most instances as the above, the person involved does not have the influence or the experience to bring pressure to bear, and those persons who could do something have either ignored requests or feel themselves unequal to the task. The result is that whatever action is taken must be brought about by organizations and persons such as the above and Lulac who believe in justice and the actual practice of democracy.



ROAUL A. CORTEZ, Texas' Result-getting Regional Governor pictured above with Polio Victims during a drive in San Antonio in which he actively participated.



Laredo Junior Lulac members and their sponsor, GEORGE J. GARZA, pictured at a past banquet. Junior Council is waiting for Feb. 14 to present their club Sweetheart and celebrate their fifth anniversary.

Informal Meeting At Sportman's Social Club

An informal meeting was held Tuesday night at the SPORTSMAN'S SOCIAL CLUB to honor Dr. Jose Maldonado of Santa Fe, New Mexico, President General of LULAC; some 150 local Lulackers and out of town delegates were present.

The LULAC Executive reviewed the accomplishments of the local Council after visiting other Texas LULAC Councils in Houston, Galveston, Texas City, Austin and other cities in Texas.

Dr. Maldonado made the following statement while addressing the local LULAC group:

"Being one of the oldest and the closest-knit Latin-American organization in the country, LULAC owes a duty far in excess of that due to its membership alone. It owes the responsibility of providing the kind of Americanism program our people are so desperately seeking. Never before in our history have we so needed strong organizations and men capable of leading them. Being a Lulacker is today one of the most positive symbols of identification with progressive Latin-American spirit. In a certain sense, the group represents the highest citizenship aims and the most unifying factor in the Latin-American communities, and membership in it becomes a testimony to the desire to foster that life."

"As the years go by," Dr. Maldonado continued, "the work of LULAC, covering many facets in Latin-American problems, takes on a new pattern. New tasks unfold themselves and become civic responsibilities of our members. While the group is non-political, and supports all benevolent causes, LULAC concentrates in bringing the spirit of America to the vast Latin-American communities in the Southwest, and developing the Latin-American leaders of tomorrow. Also, in counteracting discrimination and striving to eliminate prejudice through education."

PRESIDENT GENERAL'S MESSAGE—

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The next day the President General motored to Port Arthur to talk Lulac and try to get a new council there. After the visit was finished, he motored to San Antonio where he was the guest of honor of the Monte Carlo Club at the Anacacho Room of the St. Anthony Hotel. The San Antonians were so hospitable that there were memories of the "Palomino ride" at the Santa Fe convention. Those who were delegates to this convention will appreciate this. On Dec. 30th, the President General spoke to all Lulacs reached by station KCOR of San Antonio. The Regional Governor for Texas, Raoul Cortez, was most kind to donate the radio time.

In the evening a most enlightening meeting was held with the San Antonio Council at the Sportman's Club through the courtesy of Brother de la Garza. The President General again urged all Lulacs to get behind the Special Educational Fund. He emphasized the great need which exists at this time for such a support. All councils, all members who have not contributed should do so now. Send the Contributions to Dr. George I. Sanchez, Trustee, University of Texas, Austin. Make your contribution very generous because the need is great and we must have this help before the 20th of January of this year!

M. C. Gonzalez, of San Antonio gave a most educational speech on his experiences at a peace discussion held in Mexico. He pointed out the great danger which exists for democracy. At that meeting there were people who claimed that the United States and Mexico were responsible for the last war. The persons claiming this also stated that they were citizens of the world and not of any one country. That should be enough to tell us who they are. Let us not be fooled by people such as these.

A delegation from Raymondville travelled over 200 miles to attend the San Antonio meeting. There were two charming representatives from the Austin Ladies Council at the meeting.

Aims and Purposes of the League of United Latin American Citizens

The aims and purposes of this Organization as amended at El Paso on June 24, 1944.

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 political intents and tendencies to establish discrimination among our fellow-citizens on account of race, religion, or social position as being contrary to the true spirit of Democracy, our Constitution and Laws.

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

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

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

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

7. 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. We shall oppose any tendency to separate our children in the schools of this Country.

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

9. We shall create a fund for mutual protection, for the defense of those of us who may be unjustly prosecuted and for the education and culture of our people.

10. This organization is not a political club, but as citizens we shall participate in all local, State and National political contests. However, in doing so, we shall ever bear in mind the general welfare of our people, and we shall disregard and abjure once and for all any personal obligation which is not in harmony with these principles.

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

12. 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.

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

14. We shall pay our poll tax and urge all our fellow-citizens to do likewise, in order that we may enjoy our rights fully.

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

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

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

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

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

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

EDITOR'S NOTE:

This Amendment to the Constitution has not been submitted to the local Councils for approval or rejection, but will be submitted for their consideration in the near future.

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