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THIS IS AMERICA!

As citizens we must make some contribution to the American Stream of Life. As members of Lulac we must make that contribution outstanding.

Raoul A. Cortez

EDITORIAL

Today as Lulac finds itself just within the threshold of its twenty-second year of continuous existence, it is only natural that two vital questions should be posed in the minds of all Lulacs, - "Where are we today?" and, "Where do we go from here?" Such questions are vital because individuals or organizations needs must take time out at some period in their existence to gauge their rate of progress in order to justify their existence to date and its continuance in the future.

"Where are we today?" Placing our answer on a comparative basis of time, we are twenty one years older and more experienced. Placing it on a comparative basis of accomplishment, we are farther up the ladder in numbers, in activities, in prestige, in ideas, and perhaps in faith of the possibilities of Lulac than we were in 1929. But when we try to place our answer on a comparative basis with all that could have been accomplished or which we can accomplish today with all that is at our disposal in terms of opportunities, situations, and availability of material with which to work, we find ourselves groping for a suitable answer and finding little if anything with which to formulate that answer. Are our accomplishments to date sufficient to justify the twenty one years spent to bring them about? Are we at the justified rung of the ladder of progress where we should be after twenty one years if the League had worked as a unified organization with each individual Lulac zealously working for that unification and religiously carrying out his share of work in reaching our Aims and Purposes? To answer "yes" would be a gross exaggeration and farther from the truth than the earth is from the moon. The truth of the matter is that today, in spite of the great work of such men as our present National President, Raoul Cortez, Gus Garcia, Arnulfo Zamora, Dr. Geo. I. Sanchez, and several others, past and present, too numerous to mention at this time, we find ourselves greatly removed from that place where we should be.

To be sure, and there is no denying, we have accomplished a great deal in the last twenty one years through the collective and individual work of great Lulacs. The school segregation case which reached its successful and favorable culmination in a federal court just a short time ago, the na-

tional and international recognition accorded this League, the attention and compliance the League has received in federal offices to its requests and complaints are samples of our accomplishments, but these in spite of their great significance and up-surging influence have not quite placed us in the place we should be. "Where are we today?" In the place we deserve as a result of the work of a few and the apathy of so many, - a place that is not high yet not low, but certainly in a state of stagnation.

"Where do we go from here?" Certainly this is a logical question at this point if we are indeed in a state of stagnation. The League must go some place, either forward or backward, because a stagnant organization like a stagnant pool will eventually dry up or become polluted. The League can ill afford to submit itself to the two alternatives that face a stagnant pool for there are many things yet undone which need to be done, and the League must not dry up when its gushing flow has quenched the thirst of so many and its unpolluted ideals have given courage to others. There is one solution, - a resumption of its animated state. But this animation must be of a forward and progressive nature, for there is no profit in retracing our steps over ground that has been covered before and which has given all that it can give.

"Where do we go from here?" The answer is "Forward, ever forward." But before we give this signal let us reset our goals in mind; let us plan carefully and co-operatively our activities that we'll realize those goals, let usre-affirm our faith in and re-pledge our cooperation to Lulac and its ideals; let us, once and for always, resolve to place the comon welfare before our own individual petty desires and selfish motives. This we can do with the full realization that those factors affect us collectively which inevitably affect us individually. "Where do we go from here?" The general answer was given above; the specific answer lies within each of us individually, we will go as far as the goals we set for ourselves with the energy, determination, and courage that we allow ourselves to individually contribute for the benefit of all concerned.



CONVENTION PROCLAMATION
TO ALL COUNCILS OF THE LEAGUE OF UNITED LATIN
AMERICAN CITIZENS
GREETINGS:

By virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and By-laws of the League of United Latin American Citizens, and in accordance with the provisions of Section 1 Article IV of said Constitution, I hereby call for a convention of General Assembly of the League to be held at the city of El Paso, Texas, on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, June 8, 9 and 10, 1950, for the purpose of transacting the official business of the League and such other matters as may be properly presented to the Assembly. Sessions will begin promptly at 10 o'clock A.M. Convention Headquarters, Hotel Cortez.

As to delegates, Section 1 of Article IV, of the Constitution provides as follows:

"A minimum of two (2) delegates and two (2) alternates duly 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 (1) additional delegate and an alternate for every 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."

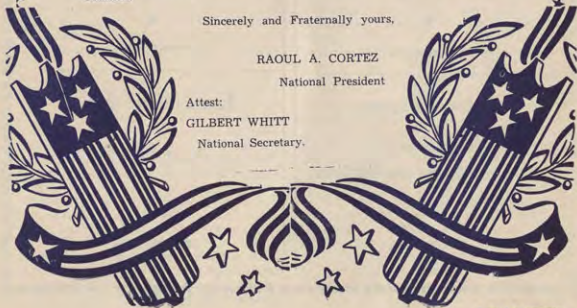
Credential certificates must be duly executed in duplicate and one copy mailed before June 1, 1950 to Gilbert Whitt, National Secretary, International Building, San Antonio, Texas, so that the same may be approved as to financial standing and certified prior to the General Assembly, and the other copy must be presented by the delegates to the Credentials Committee at the Assembly. Delegates will be seated at the General Assembly only if and to the extent that the Council has fully paid up its per capita of National dues including the last quarter ending May 31, 1950. It is imperative, therefore, that all Councils remit their dues to the National Treasurer, Ruly J. Peña, International Building, San Antonio, Texas, not later than June 1, 1950.

Copies of all resolutions to be submitted at the General Assembly should be mailed to the National Secretary for immediate circulation to all Councils.

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A Story of Achievement

By Ike Martinez, President

LULAC Council No. 12

There is a saying, "Where There Is A Will There Is A Way," that can well be exemplified by the life of a boy born of humble parents in San Marcos, Texas, where opportunities for Latin Americans at that time were non-existent. This boy is our present National Director of Junior Lulacs, George J. Garza.

Our story begins with George attending the public schools in San Marcos, and after eleven years of hard work and determination, receiving his high school diploma, - the first Latin American in the history of San Marcos High School to do so. This feat culminated a four year struggle during which George carved for himself a niche in the respect and admiration of the townspeople for his scholastic and athletic ability and his undaunted courage to accomplish that which had not been accomplished before. It was this courage which helped him to become the first non-Anglo-American letterman in his high school in sports, and to achieve the distinct honor of being a four sport letterman in four years of active competition.

Having graduated from high school, George, unlike his fellow graduates, had no idea of attending college. His financial status made that a potential impossibility. However, due to his athletic ability and the respect he had won for his work in high school, arrangements were made whereby he could work his way through college. And so it is that the impossible dream of attending college became a reality for George when he enrolled as a freshman at Southwest Texas State College and began what was to prove a long hard climb to the top. He attended classes and during his off-periods and afternoons worked at jobs ranging from common campus laborer to assisting in classroom and laboratory work. Notwithstanding this heavy load of work, he found time to actively participate in athletics for which he was rewarded

with letters in three major sports and the honor of having been selected the most versatile athlete in college. Some thirty-two months later, a rather unusual span of time in which to finish a four-year college course, he received his B.A. degree and the satisfaction of having once again accomplished the impossible for him. That satisfaction was all the more appetizing when he realized the sacrifices he had made in the skipped meals, the lack of appropriate clothes, and the foregoing of the social activities which go to make up the fullness of the life of the average college student.

Leaving San Marcos after his graduation from college, we next find George as principal of a school in Brady, Texas, - a job he held for three years and which he left to don the uniform of the U.S. Army Air Corps as a Flying Cadet member of Class 38C of Randolph and Kelly Fields. After his service hitch as a flyer, he managed a baseball club and later played baseball in the West Texas and Hill Country Leagues. It was at this time that he turned down lucrative offers from the Houston Buffs and Tulsa Oilers in the Texas League in order to continue his higher studies. In 1940, he again enrolled at Southwest Texas State College and received his M.A. degree in Education. Since then he has begun his work on a Ph. D. degree at the University of Texas under the guidance of Dr. Geo. I. Sanchez, and God willing, he will get that one soon.

During 1941 and 1942, he was elected coach at Hebronville High School where he performed his duties with marked success. Laredo, Texas, well known as the crossroads of two cultures, was fortunate that in 1942, George decided to become part of it. He was elected athletic director for the junior high school in September of that year and in November was transferred to Martin High School as Engineering Drawing instructor and

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A STORY OF ACHIEVEMENT

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Tennis and freshman basketball coach. It was about this time that the Laredo Lucal Council came in contact with him through an article that he wrote in the Texas Outlook and which received wide acclaim in Texas and Oklahoma. He again took an active part in Lucal work, having been vice president of the old Lucal Council No. 79 of San Marcos at one time, and since joining Council No. 12 has held the positions of second vice president, and president. In the national organization he held the post of Director of Publicity and Editor of Lucal News during the two administrations of Arnulfo Zamora and half of Dr. Jose Maldonado's administration. In 1948, he was elected first Vice president General, and in 1949, National Director of Junior Lucals. He has proved himself a zealous and sincere worker in Lucal circles, and a jealous guardian of all that is the welfare of Lucal and the aims and purposes that it lives for.

But to bring George up to date in his career aside from his Lucal work, we find that in 1945, in order to enhance his experience with youth, he accepted a position as Field Scout Executive with the Gulf Coast Council of the Boy Scouts of America with Laredo as his post. He attended the National Training School for Scout Executives in New Jersey from which he graduated with second high honors in his class. This being remarkable due to the fact that he had no previous Scouting experience. As to the success of his work in this line, suffice it to say that today his records still stand and the major activities that he established are still carried out religiously from year to year.

In 1947, when the Laredo Junior College was opened George, with a desire to return to his chosen career of teacher, accepted a position as chairman of the Department of Education and Psychology at this college where we find him in 1950, getting a little closer to the pinnacle of success and the full realization of the dreams of an earnest barefooted boy who never learned the word "quit."

When asked to what he attributes this unstoppable drive that propels him ever forward, George will reply, "To four things, - a dream, an undying faith in God's generosity, the confidence and parallel sacrifices of my parents for me, and the firm belief that nothing is impossible to the man willing to work."

Such then is the story of achievement the author wished to bring you. How can Lucal fail or falter when its ranks number men whose dictionaries fail to reveal the word impossible and whose ideals are worthy of personal sacrifices.

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE TEXAS REGIONAL GOVERNOR

It is now a little over two months, Fellow Lucals from Texas, since you so kindly honored me with election to the post of Regional Governor for our great state of Texas. Since that time I have sent each of your councils an individual message offering my services to you and requesting that you let me know how I may best serve you during the remainder of my term. I have not heard from you with the exception of Houston. Just as a doctor cannot ease pain unless he is given an idea of where the pain is most acute, so it is that I cannot serve you unless I have an idea of where the service is best needed. Please inform me of your needs, or if you have none then let me know through your reports about your activities so I can inform our National Convention of the state of our region.

I would like at this time to offer my congratulations and extend a warm welcome to our newest council in Pasadena, Texas. I am sorry that a previous commitment to Corpus Christi made my attendance at your installation impossible, but perhaps you will invite me to be with you in the near future. To the Houston council I express my appreciation for the splendid job of organizing the new council. Your co-operation in the past is a by-word, and I shall continue to bank on it at all times.

Time is passing fast. It is less than ten weeks until we shall meet in El Paso for the convention. Let us work now so that we will not have the feeling at El Paso that we could have done so much more if we had only exerted ourselves a bit more. Let us see that every council in the state, past and present, becomes active so that our Texas delegation may be the greatest ever: Lucal is a co-operative job. Our motto, "All for one and one for all" signifies that. Let us all cooperate for the general good and individual welfare.

OUR LEGAL ADVISOR COMMENTS ON THE NEWS IN A WEEKLY RADIO BROADCAST

Gus C. Garcia, Legal Advisor for the League of United Latin American Citizens, has begun a series of news commentaries in a radio program inaugurated by Grand Prize Beer over Radio Station KCOR every Tuesday and Thursday.

There is great public interest in Mr. Garcia's "slant" on the news and on his opinions of what the news of tomorrow will be. The commentaries are spiked with interest by his notes from exclusive interviews with high state officials. Plans are now underway to "pipe" the broadcast to the valley in order to give these important news comments the largest possible reception.

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Each year the Gulf Coast Council of the Boy Scouts of America selects three outstanding volunteer Scouters from its vast area of thirteen counties for the purpose of bestowing upon them the coveted "Silver Beaver" award, - the highest award that an area council can confer upon a volunteer Scouter for meritorious service to Scouting over a period of time. In December, 1949, at the yearly banquet-meeting of the Gulf Coast Council, the Silver Beaver was awarded to one of Laredo Lulac Council's sincerest and most energetic members, Francisco J. Flores.

Paco, as he is affectionately called by his innumerable friends, is a most worthy recipient of this award because of his long and faithful service in Scouting, performed solely in the interest of Scouting progress and the welfare of the youth of the community, and not with any thoughts of personal glorification or individual aggrandizement. He became associated with Scouting in 1939, when out of a clear blue sky he found himself a member of a troop committee. This came about when Council No. 12 took the initiative in re-viving Scouting in Laredo, and at an open meeting called by the council, it assumed the responsibility of sponsoring three Scout troops. Paco's knowledge of Scouting at this point was exactly zero, but assuming his responsibility with that sincerity of purpose which has marked his every activity throughout, he began his volunteer career in Scouting which is now in its eleventh year. Such has been his concentration and active participation in the program, that today his knowledge of Scouting can rival that of the trained professional Scouter.

Since his inception in Scouting, Paco's Scouting career has run the gamut of district posts in Scouting while also serving in the area council set-up. This unique distinction has been due to popular recognition of his service. For several

years he has been a member of the Laredo District Committee in various capacities, culminating his service by having been elected District Commissioner for two consecutive years, Vice Chairman of the District Committee during 1949, and Executive Board member of the Gulf Coast Council for the past four consecutive years. At present he holds the four-fold job of Executive Board member of the Gulf Coast Council, Institutional Representative of the Knights of Columbus, Chairman of the District Advancement Committee, and Troop Committee Chairman of Troop 82 sponsored by Council No. 12.

The Scouting work that he does is enough to keep the average man pretty well tied up, but when it comes to civic welfare work, Paco is above average. This is well attested to by the large number of activities that he participates in now, and has participated in the past, simultaneously with his Scout work and his own chosen career of counselor-at-law. Some thirteen years of his life have been spent in Lulac work wherein he has held such posts as Council trustee for several times, president of the council two terms, Legal Advisor for the council, and Secretary General under the administration of Arnulfo Zamora, as well as National Trustee under the old constitution. To these duties can be added any number of other duties in regard to local Lulac activities as well as regional and national.

Many other organizations are happy that Paco's ready and willing aid is available at all times. Among these are the Knights of Columbus whom he has served as Advocate for several years; the Washington's Birthday Association on whose Board of Directors he served for several years and later served as vice president; the Order of the Alhambra of which he is a charter member and an officer since its inception in Laredo; and the Laredo Bar Association of which he is now president. (Continued next page.)

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dent and which during his fifteen years of membership he has served in the capacity of Secretary-Treasurer for four years and vice president during 1949; and the Laredo Civic Music Association of which he is a member and a past vice president. At present he is a member of a special committee organized for the Laredo Boys Club whose duties are varied but will serve as a source for additional members for the Board of Directors. His other duties have included tenures of service with the Red Cross, the Community Chest, the Infantile Paralysis Committee of which he was Vice Chairman, and other similar organizations.

Enumerating the above activities, one wonders if Paco is a millionaire whose hobby is civic and welfare work for it seems that only a retired millionaire would have that much time to devote to all of this, but the truth of the matter is that

FROM EL PASO YOUR CONVENTION CITY

Let's all push together: It is nice to know that when you help someone up a hill you are a little nearer the top yourself.

There is no limit to the good a man can do if he doesn't care who gets the credit for it. Convention days will be June 8, 9, 10. Please remember to mark your calendar so that you will not make any commitments on these dates. They are **Lulac Days**. El Paso Council is preparing for its guests the greatest Convention that Lulac has ever had. The next few months are going to be busy months for us as we are preparing a series of programs wherein all members will participate.

It is not too early to start wording any changes, amendments, and revocations to the new constitution. As it now stands it provides that any of these changes have to be in the National Offices forty five days before Convention time; else two-thirds majority will be necessary before it passes.

The National Office is in full accord with the idea of the El Paso Council and earnestly urges all councils to be preparing any resolutions to be presented to the National Assembly. Send a copy of the resolutions to the National Office as soon as possible so that copies of it can be circulated to other councils.

SEND IN YOUR RESOLUTIONS NOW!

Paco is only an average American working at a profession for his livelihood. In his profession of counselor he plys at his work for a full working day of eight hours plus a few extras at night or holidays. However, Paco is imbued with a spirit of co-operation and magnanimity for all that is for the common good and welfare, and for such a man there is no such thing as "I am too busy" or "I do not have the time." It is because of the men such as Paco that our country has progressed so much in such a short time and has universally been acclaimed as the most "Benevolent" country in the world. It is because of such as he that Lulac has reached the heights it has in the past twenty years with an entirely volunteer staff. Little wonder that he should be called a most worthy recipient of an award, and that we should be proud to number him in our ranks.

P. A. P. A. ELECTS NEW DIRECTORS

Mr. Adolfo A. Garza, San Antonio Attorney, was elected President of the Pan American Progressive Association (PAPA). Other directors elected at the annual election meeting were the following: Virgilio Elizondo, Vice-President; Alfonso Garza, Treasurer; Romulo Munguia, Secretary; . . . Anthony E. Garcia, Pablo Rodarte, Dr. Joaquin B. Gonzales, Carlos C. Cadena, Felix J. Cerda, and Juan Valdez were elected Trustees.

Retained as Executive Secretary is Luis E. Gamez, who has been actively representing his organization in most of the local civic activities.

CREDIT WHERE CREDIT IS DUE

In the March Issue of the News there appeared a very interesting article entitled "How to Tear Lulac Apart in Five Easy Lessons." Inadvertently the credit legend was left out and the editor takes this opportunity to correct that mistake.

This article was prepared and written by the staff of the Santa Anna Lulac News, a newspaper published by that council and edited by Bro. I. A. Gonzales. We have thanked Bro. Editor Gonzales in a letter and herewith thank him again for the use of the article.

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With a nostalgic glance toward the past, and a keen awareness of the lively present . . . the fourth annual "La Feria de las Flores" approaches this memorable Spring. In colorful combinations of the then-and-now, the San Antonio Lulac Council has started preparations for this fiesta in historic La Villita on May 5 and 6. This fete is dedicated to the flowery month of May and honoring the pulchritude of our Colony, and proceeds go towards the Lulac Educational Fund to obtain college Scholarships for deserving high school graduates.

The Lulacs imbued with the spirit of the fiesta are making extensive plans to give La Villita all the necessary color that has made it for many years the center of Spanish and Mexican culture.

Gilbert Fierros' orchestra will play, and the fiesta will be televised by a local television station. Newspapers and magazines will play it up the later part of the month. The climax of La Feria de las Flores will be the coronation of the 1950 Queen, who will be showered with flowers and awarded a 17 Jewel lady's Bulova wrist watch. . . Also, the crowning of the 1950 Rey Feo, popularity contest which is tops among the dons. Then too, there will be a Queen's Ball on May 6, at La Villita, honoring the 1950 Queen.

Mr. Frank Jasso and Mr. Joe R. Martinez have been named co-chairmen of the "Fiesta" and assure us that this will be a year to remember in the annals of the celebration of "La Feria de las Flores."



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Junior Lulac Council Installed At Corpus Christi

The Ladies LULAC Council of Corpus Christi has organized a Junior Lulac Council of approximately sixty members, who have chosen Mr. George Garcia as President of their Council.

Attending the installation ceremonies at Southgate School on March 29, 1950 was George J. Garza, National President of Junior Lulacs; Ed Garza, Regional Governor of Texas Lulacs, and District Governor B. Salinas, all from Laredo. Also attending were the presidents of the Senior councils of Corpus, Mrs. Mary Sánchez and Mr. Elias

Licona as were a goodly number of the members of these councils. Due to the installation ceremonies for the Pasadena Council several of the other National Officers were unable to attend.

The Ladies of the Corpus are to be commended for the great start in Junior Lulac work. We are sure that the members of the Junior Council will always give you reason to be proud of the fact that you had something to do with their beginnings in Lulac.



Johnny Esquivel, President of San Antonio Lulac Council, signs up Leo Carrillo, famous movie star, as a member of the local Lulac Council. Leo Carrillo was in San Antonio for the purpose of filming a large part of his newest movie.



Laredo LULAC Council No. 12 Nominates George J. Garza

For National President
(By BLAS M. SALINAS, Governor for District 3)

Many stories have been written about the Horatio Alger type, who thrived on adversities and then went on to win glory and success in the world. It is a natural thing for people to admire men, who, with nothing to start with but their own initiative, have pulled themselves up by their own boot straps.

This story of sheer determination to succeed against overwhelming odds can best be exemplified in the figure of George J. Garza, member of Lulac Council No. 12, Laredo, Texas. Brother Garza is neither a newcomer to Lulac, nor is he an old-timer. But in the time that he has been in Lulac work, he has earned an enviable name for himself as a man who spends a considerable time of his life preaching and practicing the ideals of Lulac. He explains Lulac as a habit which has become part of him, so convinced is he of the merits of the creed.

Most of us know the story of George, who was born in San Marcos, Texas, over twenty-one years ago; how he worked hard to get an education earning his money at spare jobs, for our country was undergoing the severest economic depression of all times. How his physical prowess enabled him to make the athletic teams, which Latin-Americans seldom made. How he reaped scholastic honors at high school and college in San Marcos, and then went on to teach, having then obtained a Masters Degree, in our State Schools, until he was called to the Laredo Junior college.

It is no surprise then that a man who has suffered set backs in life and then tasted the sweetness of success has been nominated to the highest office in Lulac, that of National President. When George was asked if he would run, he modestly said, "Perhaps the job is too big for me, but I would like to try it." We in Lulac Council No. 12 have no misgivings about our candidate; we feel that he is the man for the job.

George is well qualified to meet the requirements of National President. He has been the National Vice-President in 1948, has presided over an administration of Lulac Council No. 12, and has done wonders as National Director of Junior Lulacs. During three national administrations, he was in charge of Lulac News, and he had every issue mailed to the councils promptly on the dates assigned.

Besides being an ardent Lulac, George has put many feathers in his cap as an eloquent speaker. When he is called on to speak, one is sure that he will not dilly-dally, but will immediately get to the point, and through his analysis of the situation, will make his talk seem convincing even to his most stubborn opponent. His remarks are sometimes interspersed with caustic criticisms which hit their mark with accuracy, but he is never prone to take advantage, and will be the first to compliment or applaud when that is called for.

He has endeared himself to the hundreds of college students at the Laredo Junior College by his patient, thorough teachings. He is a pillar of strength and wisdom to them.

Through all his achievements, none has he taken with more satisfaction than as National Director of Junior Lulacs. For here is the younger generation, ready to enter into life, and George has taken it upon himself to counsel and advice on pitfalls, and help and work with them, molding these young people into a strong united front for the ideals of Lulac.

No wonder then that Lulac Council No. 12 asks that this year, George J. Garza be elected at the national Convention in El Paso in June as the next Lulac National President.



Tentative Official Program
League of United Latin American Citizens
Twenty First Annual National Convention

JUNE 8, 9 and 10, 1950 - EL PASO, TEXAS

Headquarters: HOTEL CORTEZ

Theme of 1950 Convention
THE FOUR FREEDOMS

THURSDAY, JUNE 8

For the convenience of the officers, delegates, and guests, and in order to expedite matters for the business session on the following day, registration of delegates and visitors will begin at 2:00 p. m. in the LOBBY OF HOTEL CORTEZ.

All delegates arriving on the 8th are requested to register immediately upon arrival.

At 7:30 p. m. Cocktail party - Sun Room, HOTEL CORTEZ.

FRIDAY, JUNE 9

1. At 8:30 a. m. Registration of officers, delegates, and guests, Lobby of Hotel Cortez.
2. At 9:00 a. m. Meeting of the Supreme Council.
3. At 10:00 a. m. National Assembly convenes in the Ball Room, Hotel Cortez, Hon. Raoul A. Cortez, National President, presiding.

- (a) Pledge to the Flag - "Order of the Arrow," Boy Scouts of America.
- (2) National Anthem - Sung by the Assembly.
- (c) Official Prayer - Elevated by the National Chaplain.
- (d) Address of Welcome - Hon. D. L. P. Duke, Mayor of El Paso.
- (e) Response -
- (f) Roll call of delegates.

4. At 10:40 a. m. Appointment of Committees:

- (a) Rules
- (b) Credentials
- (c) Resolutions
- (d) Auditing

N. B. The various committees after being appointed will meet at the places that will be assigned to them that they may consider the work referred to them.

5. At 11:00 a. m. Resolutions read and referred to committees and special instructions given.

6. At 12:00 noon RECESS

A \$1.00 plate lunch will be served in the Sun Room of Hotel Cortez. Anyone wishing to avail himself

of this service may do so by arranging reservations with the local council treasurer.

7. At 1:30 p. m. Junior Lulac Councils general session.
8. At 2:30 p. m. National Assembly reconvenes.
(a) Short talks by visiting and local speakers, and entertainment.
9. At 3:00 p. m. Business session.
10. From 4:00 p. m. to 6:00 p. m. The Ladies Council No. 9 will entertain the visiting ladies delegates and lady visitors.
11. At 5:00 p. m. RECESS
12. At 7:00 p. m. Delegates and visitors will be taken to the "Tiradores del Norte" Club, Ciudad Juarez, Mexico. Transportation will be furnished to the delegates and visitors by the local councils. This will be one of the highlights of the Convention in entertainment.

SATURDAY, JUNE 10

13. At 9:00 a. m. National Assembly reconvenes.
(a) Official Prayer - Elevated by the National Chaplain.
(b) Roll call of delegates.
14. At 9:15 a. m. Reports of the National Officers and Committees.
(a) President General (National)
(b) National Secretary.
(c) National Treasurer
(d) Other National and District Officers and Committees.
15. At 11:00 a. m. Voting on resolutions.
16. At 12:00 noon RECESS.
17. At 1:30 p. m. National Assembly reconvenes.
(a) Unfinished Business.
(b) Election of National and District Officers
(c) Selection of 1951 Convention City.
(d) Good and Welfare of LULAC.

18. At 5:00 p. m. ADJOURNMENT

19. At 7:00 p. m. Dinner-Dance - Ball Room, Hotel Cortez.

Principal Speaker:

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SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

How would you like to be hauled off to "El Tabique" by one of these charming "gendarmes"? If you attend the "Fiesta de las Flores" celebration at La Villita in San Antonio, Texas on May 5 and 6th, perhaps you will be lucky enough to answer to one of the members of the Almeria Club who will be on duty to see that everyone is enjoying themselves and joining in the fun.



"YOU'RE UNDER ARREST", will be the cry of this bevy of beauties during the gay "Fiesta de las Flores" celebration at La Villita on May 5 and 6. Perhaps if you attend you will be lucky enough to be called by one of these "gendarmes".



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LULAC COUNCIL NO. 12 IN SCOUTING By ARNULFO ZAMORA

Past President General and Scouter

For Several years Lulac Council No. 12 has been proud and quite boastful of the great part that it plays in Boy Scout work. It is a justified proudness and a well earned boast which can easily be attested to by the council's record of its service in Scouting for the past eleven years.

It was in 1939, when Scouting was at a low ebb in Laredo, that the council sponsored a meeting for the purpose of reorganizing and reactivating Scouting in the city. As a result of this meeting, and in order to get things well underway, Lulac Council No. 12 assumed the sponsorship of three Scout troops. These three troops were kept up in continuous tenure until halfway through the war years when war demands on the council in terms of personnel and time made it a near impossibility to maintain all three troops on equal terms. Sorrowfully one of the troops was dropped with the firm resolve that as soon as matters returned to a semblance of normality, that troop would be reactivated. Some two years later, in 1945, the dropped troop was taken up once more and in addition an extra Scout troop was organized as well as the first and now the oldest, Explorer Post of Senior Scouts in Laredo. This made a total of five Boy Scout units sponsored by this council, giving it the distinction of being the only institution sponsoring that many units in the Gulf Coast Council and possibly in the region which includes the states of New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas. But Scouting is not an exclusive game for boys, and so it is that the council sponsors a Girl Scout troop as well.

In sponsoring these five troops of Boy Scouts, the council has made itself responsible for the Scouting experience of approximately one third of all Scouts in Laredo, and contributes some twenty-odd adults to the overall program on a district and council basis. What is more, the activities program of its troops is a subject that receives weekly attention at the regular meetings of the council. This council's attention plus the excellent and willing work of the troop committee-men and Scoutmasters results in the enviable record established by these troops each year as they participate in District and Council summer camps, camporees, swim meets, and locally, in overnight hikes, advancement, community projects, Scout Olympics, and other activities on a district and individual troop basis.

Council No. 12 is ever vigilant to the requests of its troops for aid in replenishing their equip-

ment, for transportation to and from the various activities in which they participate, and for financial aid in the sale of tickets to supplement their treasuries. At present, the council is in the midst of putting over what is perhaps the greatest project in connection with its Boy Scout troops. It has taken upon itself the gigantic task of sending one representative Scout from each of the five Scout units it sponsors to the Natioinal Jamboree to be held at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, from June 27 to July 7, 1950, at an individual cost of \$200.00 per boy or a total of \$1,000.00 for the five. These boys will help make up some 40,000 Scouts from all over the United States, its territories, and Canada who will congregate at this national shrine of liberty for one week of American participation in American principles and ideals.

Lulac Council No. 12's participation in this jamboree is climaxed by the fact that one of its members, George J. Garza, was ranked first in a council-wide canvass of Scouters to lead the contingent of one hundred thirty four boys and twelve leaders from the Gulf Coast Council. George holds an enviable record in Scouting both as professional and as volunteer Scouter. He is an honor graduate of the National Training School for Scout Executives, was a Field Scout Executive for three years, is now a member of the District Committee, Advisor to an Explorer Post of Senior Scouts, and general trouble-shooter in the district for all Scouting. He holds national training certificates for Scout Fundamentals, Scoutmasters Course, Cubmasters course, Senior Advisor course, Camping, and has been instructor for several courses in Scouting. In addition, he is Brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow, a National Honor Society of the Boy Scouts of America. All of George's Scouting training and experience coupled with his civic work with youth as Vice Chairman of the Laredo-Webb County Child Welfare Board, as one of the founders of the American Legion Junior Baseball League in Laredo, as advisor to Junior Lulacs, as Moderator of the Newman Club, as athletic coach, and as a general friend of all youth made him a logical choice for his election, and certainly came to him as a justified reward for all his unselfish and willing work in the interest of youth.

Council No. 12 feels that its investment in Scouting in terms of time, effort, money, and personnel is a worthy one that will reap large dividends in future years, and with men like George to insure its investment, a market crash is not even a remote possibility. Scouting and Lulac principles go hand in hand: that is why Lulac Council No. 12 goes all out for it, and will continue to support it so long as life remains and there is no justifiable reason to repudiate it.

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LULAC Council is Installed in Bakersfield

by I. A. GONZALES, Santa Anna Lulac Council

Sunday, March 5, 1950, marked the installation of a new Lulac Council in Bakersfield, California. So announced John O. Gonzales of Los Angeles, who holds the position of California Lulac Governor. He was accompanied to the installation by Alex Maldonado, El Modeno, District Governor. A special committee composed of members from the Los Angeles Council took an active part in the installation of the new Bakersfield Lulac Council.

Reports turned in by committees stated that a score of persons were present and showed great interest and pride in seeing their realization of

becoming a full-fledged Council within this prominent and well known national organization come true. Installation of this new Bakersfield Council marks another addition to this fast growing organization which is nation-wide and has its Mother Council in San Antonio, Texas.

Our view being of an optimistic trend because of the fine progress that we have made here in the Golden State leads us to believe that the year 1950 will certainly be remembered as a year of great progress in our Lulac record book.



LULACS INVITED TO ATTEND WASHINGTON CONFERENCE ON CITIZENSHIP

In a letter signed by the Hon. J. Howard McGrath, U.S. Attorney General, the League of United Latin American Citizens is invited to take an active part in the Fifth National Conference on Citizenship to be held at Washington, D. C., May 22-24, 1950.

The letter states in part, "We are looking forward to your participation in this important gathering, which I feel will be beneficial to all of us as we strive to carry out our responsibilities as citizens."

It is such a gesture as this that should make us feel that our work is not unnoticed and should inspire us to put forth an extra effort to do the type of work in Lulac that will make us worthy of such notice.



This means that all resolutions must be in the National Offices by April 24, **this month**, if you wish to have them passed by a simple majority. Any resolution that is received by the National Office later than **April 24** will not be submitted to the local councils nor will it be printed in the May issue of Lulac News. So send them in **Now** and give the other councils time to vote on whether their delegates will support such resolutions.

90 MILLION SOCIAL SECURITY CARDS ISSUED TO WORKERS

There are now more than 90 million holders of social security cards, representing Federal insurance accounts, said Gordon James, manager of the San Antonio Social Security Administration. This makes the Federal social security program the largest single group insurance effort on earth.

Although the Social Security Administration keeps an individual account on each worker, taxes are withheld by the employer, and only one tax report per quarter is made by each firm. One such report will contain from one to several thousand names. This large group handling of employee records lowers the per unit cost.

This pooling of risks of dependency in old age and at death among millions of citizens, plus the savings from economical administration explain in part the high individual benefits paid in comparison to individual taxes paid.

It also helps explain why the law does not provide for selection of risks. There is no need to exclude a person of poor health when so many are in the system.

SEND YOUR RESOLUTIONS IN NOW

Article XIV—Conventions

Section 1.— Resolutions must be submitted forty-five days before convention. All resolutions to be voted on by the Convention must be sent to the National Secretary at least forty-five days prior to the first day of the Convention, and the National Secretary must immediately submit copies of these resolutions to all Councils or if copies are not submitted then they shall be printed in the Lulac News for the month preceding the month of the National Convention. Any resolution not submitted as provided above and offered from the floor will require two-thirds majority of delegates for passage.

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A Heart to Heart Chat About Junior LULACS

By GEORGE J. GARZA

National Director of Junior Lulacs

In scouting around for a title to suit this write-up which I was privileged to submit for publication in Lulac News, I chose the above one because I figured that what I had to say about Junior Lulacs came sincerely from my heart and I hoped that it would appeal to yours.

As most of you who were at the last National Convention in San Antonio will recall, I did not make a bid for this post for I had no idea that this office which had been inactive for so many years was to be activated at that particular time. My nomination and subsequent election was as much a surprise to me as it must have been to you. However, once the die was cast, I was not only ready to accept the honor of the office but its duties and responsibilities as well. This I did with a willingness of heart that I attribute to the fondness, respect, admiration, and sympathetic understanding that I have for youth as a whole. During the course of my life, my associations with youth as a youth, and later in adult life, the nature of my positions as teacher and Field Scout Executive counsellor, and friend to youth, have given me what I am prone to call an affinity with youth that has resulted in successful relationships with them at all times. It is because of this that I have learned to understand them and to appreciate the unlimited amount of potentialities within each one which can be employed for the greatest good if the right guidance and opportunities are offered them. By bringing these youths under the influence of the Lulac Code and The Aims and Purposes, we are not only affording them those wished for opportunities and guidance, but we are actually putting those same Aims and Purposes and Code into concrete form.

It is high time that we adults realize that these youths are not citizens of tomorrow, only, but citizens of today as well. Untutored perhaps, but there is where we come in. As progenitors in many instances, and warriors in a struggle to insure a better life for us and ours, it is our duty now to see that the work we have struggled so hard to accomplish shall be placed in capable and tutored hands for full realization of our dreams and glory to the memory of our work when many of us have passed into the shadows of the Great Beyond. But this cannot be accomplished when we as adults are satisfied to let the youth gather his experiences as best he can, and we are so wrapped up in our selfish pursuit of personal welfare and solution of personal problems that we have no time

to share with our youth.

What happens to the youth when we gather him into Junior Lulac Councils and partake with him of our dreams, our goals, our problems, our fellowship, and our experience? Specifically, it would be too exhaustive a job to attempt, but generally we could say that he will mature with a sense of duty and obligation much keener than otherwise is possible; he will develop an ability to adjust himself to the demands of his environment; he will enhance his capacity for sympathetic understanding of the problems besetting him and others, and for a cooperative spirit that will bring him success where we may fail; and finally, he will become the full realization of all our dreams, and hopes and desires. Can we, with all of this at our disposal to insure a richer, fuller, and more serviceable life, afford to allow the opportune moment to slip by because we are too busy or too engrossed in other activities to care what happens to that youth who can easily take up where we leave off?

I wish that all of you had been at the Texas Regional Convention held in Corpus Christi, Texas, last January so that you could have heard the inspired reports rendered by representatives of the San Antonio and Houston Junior Lulac Councils. Their inspiration was drawn from the enthusiastic success of their activities on their own and in conjunction with their parent councils. There was a feeling of satisfaction that comes as a result of adult recognition of their sincere efforts to be part of the world of their elders. They were justly proud of their efforts in behalf of Red Cross drives, March of Dimes collections, the sale of tickets for activities for their parent councils, their individual efforts in collecting toys for under-privileged children, their exclusive Junior Lulac Convention held last August, and the social activities which they planned and carried out on their own. These young people were living and carrying out the Aims and Purposes of Lulac which we seniors are likely to take for granted and view somewhat objectively.

The business and planning meetings of these juniors is something to marvel about, and, I have often wondered, a sort of co-operative pattern that we seniors could well emulate with no loss of prestige. They are serious in their transactions with horseplay cut to minimum. There is not the cooperative air of the group, for there is no personal biasness as to their personal worth to the
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A HEART TO HEART . . .

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good of their council. They are objective in their reasoning and conscious at all times of the common objective before the group. I am somewhat prone to wish to dare someone to name any other civic organization young or old which is so free of bickering about technicalities that do not amount to a hill of beans, so free of personal feelings and grudges, so free of individualized characters who wish to hog all the show or all the glory, and so free of all pre-determined ideas and opinions as to what should be done as these young people are. If these juniors can grow up with that feeling of unrestricted co-operation, duty, and obligation, then the efforts and time employed to organize and guide them will have been more than justified.

It was my pleasure to have attended and participated in the installation of the recently formed Junior Lulac Council of Corpus Christi. Some sixty seven young boys and girls from junior high school to junior college level took their oaths as members and officers. And as I stood before them and watched as the oath was repeated by them I could read in their eyes a sincerity of purpose as if each word was being carved deeply into their very hearts. Later as each officer made his short and bashful but sincere acceptance of his post and membership, there was no doubt in anyone's mind that these young people meant every word and would work with all at their command to live up to their oath as officers and Lulacs. After the formal installation, my fellow Lulac officers and I were besieged by a barrage of questions concerning the activities they could participate in, how they could help their parent council, requests for sanction of proposed projects, more information of Lulac, increased membership, and similar questions. Their enthusiasm was overwhelming, and it made this warrior's heart feel good to realize that my work and yours would pass onto these eager hands and that it would be carried out with increased vigor and determination.

Like these young people of Corpus Christi, San Antonio, Laredo, Houston, Pecos, Austin, and Santa Fe, we have thousands of others just as eager, just as enthusiastic, and just as stalwart. They are right there in your community, perhaps in your very own home. They are the ones we are working for, why not let them share with us so that they will appreciate their heritage that much more. Sometime ago I mailed a letter to each council in the League requesting your co-operation in organizing these junior councils. Included with the letter were instructions and suggestions on how to go about doing this, and an offer from the Junior Lulac National President and your National Director of Junior Lulacs for all the

additional help and suggestions requested. I am sorry to say that to date I have not received any word from any council other than Corpus Christi and Falfurrias. Corpus Christi has crystalized its objective and Falfurrias is busy working on it. I realize that there may be any number of factors involved in my not hearing from you, and I am sure that some are beyond your control. However, being rather optimistic, I am still looking forward to hearing from the various councils. The success of our job with Junior Lulacs will be gauged by the amount of mutual co-operation between the Director of Junior Lulacs and the various councils. Let us see to it that not one of us winds up the year with a feeling of having fallen down on the job. Luther Burbank, the great American plant breeder once made the statement, "If we gave our plants the same care we give our children, we would be living in a veritable jungle of weeds today." Think about it for a while and then let your choice of a garden or a jungle of weeds prompt your decision in regard to a junior council.

ANTI-RACE DISCRIMINATION GROUP NAMED

The first of a number of community committees to handle discrimination on a local scale has been set up in San Antonio following a meeting of the TEXAS GOOD NEIGHBOR COMMISSION.

A temporary committee to carry out the GOOD NEIGHBOR policy includes Ely Bergman, chairman, Carl Williams, P. W. MacQuellan, Mrs. Edward Huesinger, Mrs. Douglas Sames, Jacob I. Rodrigues, E. G. Luna, Luis E. Gamez, Waldo E. Ximenes, Alonso Perales and Raul A. Cortez.

Attending a luncheon at the Plaza Hotel as guests of the Junior Chamber of Commerce were members of several Latin-American civic groups including Lulacs, PAPA, Mexican Chamber of Commerce, and others. Neville Penrose, chairman of the Texas Good Neighbor Commission was principle speaker.

He said the committees will be set up on the theory that discrimination can be handled better on a local level. The committees will also work for slum clearance and other measures.

Mr. Penrose said that, "One out of every six persons in Texas is of Mexican extraction." He referred to Latin Americans in Texas as "Tejanos" and Anglos as "Texans."

"The Tejanos," Penrose said, are increasing more rapidly than Texans. Statistics prove this beyond a doubt. They are not part of us—they are us."

This group met later at the Casa de Mexico and started preliminary work of setting up as a permanent committee by electing Ely Bergman as permanent chairman.

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ONE MAN'S OPINION

Here is an example of how one individual citizen can express his own personal opinion and give the impression that it is the general opinion of a community or even of a state as in this case. The editorial written in Wharton, Texas paper was given so much importance by the press of Mexico City that the article appeared in a feature story in "Novedades" with this headline,

Wharton, Texas — Writing in the WHARTON SPECTATOR, a newspaper published in Wharton, Texas, an individual by the name of Frank A. Shannon has published in the October edition an editorial titled "Frankly Speaking" in which he not only praises the discriminatory attitude against persons of Mexican origin held by the authorities and residents of the place but he also exhorts them to continue "vigorously and uninterruptedly" until Wharton County is rid of that class of

On the other hand here is an example of the type of citizen of a community who is actually fighting to give equal rights to all citizens in his community. This is a letter to the President of the Board of Trustees of Corpus Christi's Inde-

831 1/2 Savage Lane
Corpus Christi, Texas
April 6, 1950

Mr. Ray West, President
Board of Trustees
Corpus Christi Independent
School District
Corpus Christi, Texas

Dear Sir:

Shame on Corpus Christi!

The school trustee election the first of April brought out an unprecedented number of voters to squelch a Latin-American candidate and return three incumbents to office.

A vigorous whispering campaign spread the word. "Oscar Phillips is a Mexican. Dr. Héctor P. García is behind him. —wants to slip him in and take over the School Board." The ladies got busy on the telephone.

It is amazing how people who give lip-service to democracy in the abstract, can go to such lengths to thwart its development in their own home town.

racially inferior elements. The editorialist expresses his feeling when he states that "he would prefer to sweep the street or collect garbage before he would accept a Mexican as his equal." He congratulates the Mayor of Wharton, Mr. Robinson, for the energetic way in which he has refused to cooperate with those who, by necessity, are trying to eradicate discrimination in the region. This necessity comes from the farmers who are trying to obtain Mexican farm workers. Inasmuch

These are the facts: The Corpus Christi Independent School District is governed by a seven-member Board of Trustees. One member, Mr. Arnaldo Lerma, is a local pharmacist by profession and a Mexican in the eyes of Corpus voters.

Dr. J. A. García was a member of the Board for some time. It seems we have accepted with good grace the idea of allowing one Mexican to deliberate with us on a seven-man board—token representation, so to speak. This practice never gives his minority a decisive vote, so his capacity is more advisory than representative.

But just let a second Mexican candidate file and we turn out in droves to make sure that one-third of the population is restricted to one-seventh of the vote on the Board.

The essence of democracy is majority rule, of course. Democracy also preaches the freed-

"Discrimination Encouraged in Texas Daily." The words of one narrow-minded editor who enjoys the American right of Freedom of the Press and uses that privilege for the purpose of expounding on Nazi-sounding theories, can tear down the good relations established by intelligent and sincere citizens of the two countries. Following is the article from "Novedades.":

as the Wharton Spectator is the only newspaper in Wharton and generally interprets the feeling of the residents of the place, the editorial written by Shannon has special significance.... Certainly, the position of the majority of the inhabitants has been always discriminatory, perhaps because of the German origin of these elements and for this reason the Mexican Government should be very careful not to permit braces to be contracted to go suffer abuses in that district.

pendent School District, written after a school election. The writer could probably have said the same to the San Antonio School Board. Following is the letter: Dear Sir:

oms, the rights and privileges of minorities. When the majority is determined to suppress every aspiration of a minority for its just voice in community affairs. It thwarts the ambitions of a few Mexican leaders, perhaps; but more important, it subverts its own democratic principles.

The candidacy of Oscar Phillips was never intended as a shrewd maneuver to "take over" the Board. Two men cannot dominate a seven-man board. His candidacy was a bid for something more than token representation, more than nominal participation in public affairs. And this modest, reasonable desire was resented by Corpus Christi. Shame!

Now that the returns are in, we know that Phillips lost by a 57-vote margin out of 5600 votes cast. In order to be elected he needed favorable votes on a clear majority of the ballots. It is strange indeed that the voter who chose to support the three in-

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cumbents was allowed to cast three votes, while a backer of Mr. Phillips could cast only one vote in his favor.

As the board is now set up, a slim majority (which might be dubbed the Six Points Crowd or the Ocean Drive Clique) can elect every school trustee if it so desires. Mr. Lerma is at the mercy of a 51 per cent majority of the city-wide turn-out when he runs for re-election.

It seems to me that the C. C. Independent School District should be divided into seven wards or sectors, each ward electing its own trustee. This would guarantee each sector of the city its own representation. At the same time it would forestall the present tendency of either the Six points Crowd or the Agnes Street Bunch to pack the Board in his favor.

Geographic representation as

described above is the best answer. However, I might also suggest that the seven trustees-at-large be elected by a process known as proportional representation. This method assures representation to a group casting a large minority vote, as follows:

If three posts are open, and at least a third of the voters favor a particular candidate, say Mr. Phillips, he is elected. If all seven posts are to be filled and five-sevenths of the vote cast is for the Six points Party, they get five seats.

I was ashamed of Corpus Christi when I saw how we forgot about democracy and threw one block of votes against another block. I was ashamed to know the amount of malicious slander that was used in the campaign to drive the voters to the polls like so many sheep.

The majority faction, proclaiming loudly its warm regard for

our Latin-American brothers at the banquet table, professing infinite faith in democratic ideals and great love for sportsmanship and fair play, must have forgot its upbringing Saturday.

I hate to write a letter like this, but I believe it is urgently needed. The majority faction has seen fit to deprive a large and awakened minority of anything but farcical representation. As the election procedure is now constituted, there is no safeguard to assure a large minority of the voters any say in school affairs. Reform of this procedure is imperative.

After all, back in colonial days we resented taxation without representation. Why should we expect the Mexican population of Corpus to submit to school taxes without a fair voice in school matters?

Yours very truly,
R. N. JONES

Welcome and Congratulations

Congratulations to the Councils that are active in recruiting new members and a most hearty welcome to the newest members of Lulac.

Recently initiated as members are the following:

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Houston, Texas: Chas Albidress, Jr; Milton L. Polakoff.

The editor would like to publish a comparable list in every issue of the News, so send in the names of all new initiates or if I have mistakenly left any new member that has joined since January, 1950 please let me know.



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