

Mexican-American Group to Take Stand in Politics

Editor's note — The Political Association of Spanish-Speaking Organizations claims chapters in 26 Texas counties and more new members every week. PASO expects to take a strong hand in state and national politics next year on the side of President Kennedy's New Frontier.

By PRESTON MCGRAW
Crystal City, Tex. —(UPI)—Negroes call a colored advocate of the racial status quo an "Uncle Tom" and Political Association of Spanish-Speaking Organizations leaders say "Tio Tomas." It means the same thing.

Albert Fuentes Jr., Texas secretary of PASO, said he has never heard of a "Tio Tomas" who voted for a non-Spanish Anglo candidate in Crystal City unless he feared losing his job or economic retaliation if he owned a business.

But there evidently were a few Anglo "Tio Tomas" and more Latin "Tio Tomas" when an all-Latin ticket swept the Anglo-dominated city council out of office in Crystal City last April.

Former Mayor Bruce Holsomback, 65, noted that a total of

1,752 votes was cast and the biggest difference between any candidates was 110 votes. This despite the fact that only 14.5 per cent of the population is Anglo.

Fuentes said that at least 45 Anglos voted for Latin candidates for the city council. He said PASO knew where every Latin absentee ballot was and that the Latin candidates got 45 absentee votes that were not Latin.

Caught By Surprise
Holsomback, who was mayor 33 years, said he was caught by surprise. The old city council was composed of three Anglos, one Latin and a half-Latin Anglo.

Holsomback said it was a well-financed campaign, people were flown in and out to make speeches. He thinks the whole show was run from outside and that the PASO movement is not going to get very far. The Teamsters Union of Jimmy Hoffa plays a role in PASO.

"I think that the fact that the teamsters are connected with it will give it a black eye," Holsomback said. "The town is not being run by the council. It is being run by two organizations

—the Teamsters and PASO."

Holsomback, a banker, said the new mayor has little or no financial experience or knowledge.

Crystal City used to have a top credit rating. But it tried to carry on an urban renewal program after the new council took office and nobody would have them.

PASO's officials and Mayor Juan Cornejo denied that the Teamsters Union and its San Antonio business agent, Ray Shafer, take any hand in PASO's affairs unless asked.

Hired City Manager
Cornejo admitted a lack of experience. But he said he hired George Osuna, 32, from San Antonio's Public Works Department to serve as city manager and to make up for his lack of experience.

Osuna is a civil engineering graduate of the University of Texas.

Fuentes said PASO State Chairman Albert Pena Jr. complained that while Latins are discriminated against in Austin, the state capital, they do no

better in Washington.

Political discrimination led to the formation of PASO. Pena, in 1960, was the only Latin in the Texas delegation to the Democratic National Convention in Los Angeles. He attended a meeting of the Platform committee.

"Every group was represented—racial, religious, labor; you name it and it was there—except for the Latins," Pena said.

Kennedy won Texas by a 46-233-vote margin and Pena thinks the Viva Kennedy movement may well have been the difference. Kennedy sent him a telegram of warm thanks.

In 1961, Viva Kennedy elements helped form Mexican-American Political Action with Latins from other Southwestern states and California. The Texas group subsequently changed its name to PASO.

Pena thinks the Kennedy telegram was the recognition he demanded. Kennedy subsequently appointed Reynaldo Garza as a U.S. district judge in Texas.

Kennedy also appointed Raymond Telles of El Paso as ambassador to Costa Rica and Homer Lopez as assistant U.S. attorney in the South Texas

district.

Pena said Moises Falcon of Crystal City came to him in October, 1962, and asked for PASO's help in the Crystal City election.

It was primarily a job of educating the Latins politically, telling them their rights and getting them out to vote, Pena said.

PASO's leaders believe that a political situation similar to the former one in Crystal City exists along the entire southern border of Texas and that if Latins can be made to vote, they can elect their candidates.

Low wages along the border, so called commuter labor and Mexican contract labor — the Bracero Program — are prime PASO targets.

Pena and Fuentes charge that Latins work long hours at wages as low as 30 cents an hour. Osuna said that when he took over as city manager in Crystal City, many city employees made \$30 a week. He raised the minimum to \$40.

Latin University graduates cannot get jobs in Texas, Pena and Fuentes charged. On the other end of the scale, many thousands of Latins are illiter-

ate and with the increased mechanization of agriculture, there are fewer and fewer jobs for them.

To fight PASO, both Anglos and Latins in Zavala county (Crystal City) have organized a political group called "Citizens Association Serving All Americans."

Fuentes noted that "Mexicano" officials of the new organization are in assistant positions.

"They still don't have any ideas of treating Mexicans as equals," Fuentes said. "They are still using them."

Care of Clothing

Dick West Satisfied Reader Of Official Drycleaning Journal

By DICK WEST
Washington —(UPI)— Among the publications that count me as a satisfied reader is Clothing Care News, official journal of the National Institute of Drycleaning. The circumstances under which I became a subscriber to Clothing Care News have long been forgotten. Most likely at

some point I decided that I needed to broaden my literary intake.

At any rate, Clothing Care News is now ingrained in my reading habits and it has added immeasurably to my reputation as a conversationalist.

At the risk of sounding pompous I believe it is safe to say that I am better informed about drycleaning than any man in my neighborhood.

One of the things I learned from Clothing Care News is that garments have life ex-

pectancy rates. The life expectancy of your wife's negligee, for example, is the same as that of your child's snow suit.

This does not apply, of course, if your child sleeps in his snow suit or if your wife skis in her negligee.

Do you know what a "goffering iron" is? I didn't either until I became a subscriber to Clothing Care News.

Now I know that a goffering iron is used to press lace ruffles on men's shirts and cuffs. Information of that sort is essential to the development of a well-rounded personality.

The Medical Roundup

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Many a Person With a Big Stroke Can Learn to Talk Again

I hear that often when a man has had a bad stroke, which has left him with a little if any ability to talk, the family will feel greatly discouraged, and will get the idea that nothing can be done to improve matters. Actually, if the patient is in a city large enough to have in some one of its institutions, a qualified speech therapist, perhaps employed by the school system or a local university, something can be done. Many a person with an aphasia (an inability to speak, which may be moderate or severe) has been helped to talk again. Such training should be started as soon as possible after the stroke.

the foods eaten are broken down into small units which can then go through the wall of the small bowel into the blood, and eventually through the liver, heart and into our tissues. I got into the habit of saying to the 350 pound type of man — who says he can eat a whole big goose or a suckling pig at a meal — "you have a big laboratory." To the sparely built dyspeptic man, who can never eat a full-sized meal, I say, "You have a small laboratory, and that may be all your trouble."

Interestingly, of late, brain physiologists have been studying another factor in the tendency of some animals and some men to eat little, and this is the phenomenon of satiety (feeling full). Some spare persons, after eating a little, even with a good deal of pleasure, will suddenly feel so full they can hardly bear to take another bite. Some fat people who weigh 300 or 400 pounds tell me that even a few minutes after they have eaten an enormous meal, they begin to suffer from their usual pangs, of almost unbearable hunger. They seem to be without a satiety factor.

Operation Visioned
It may well be that some day a little operation will be performed on a certain area in the brain, and then the 350-pound person may feel full after eating an apple. Let us hope that someday such an operation can be performed easily and with happy results.

As I said here recently, two surgeons at the Cleveland Clinic, working with my good friend Dr. Irvine Page, are now trying out an operation in which much of the small bowel is short-circuited. After this operation, the person, while continuing to eat a large amount every day, will still lose weight because he has a small laboratory. I am much interested to see how this experiment works out.

Small Laboratory Disease

Years ago, I coined a medical term to explain what is wrong with some thin or sparely-built dyspeptic people who throughout a long life have to be careful not to eat much of anything. For instance, my dear father, who at 84 weighed exactly what he weighed when he was 20, early found that if he wanted his abdomen to be comfortable, he must eat very little. The important factor was not so much what he ate as how much he ate. And here is an important point: when he died, an autopsy showed absolutely nothing wrong with his digestive tract, except that it was small.

Three-Star General May Be Marine Boss

Washington —(UPI)—A three-star general with a reputation as a planner is reportedly next in line for the nation's top Marine post.

Lt. Gen. Wallace M. Greene Jr., Marine chief of staff, appears to have the inside track to succeed Gen. David M. Shoup as commandant of the Marine Corps Jan. 1.

Decision Awaited In Shooting of Girl

Calexico, Calif. —(UPI)— An official decision will be made today on whether an inquest is to be held in the fatal shooting of a 13-year-old girl by her trick artist father, Milo Ploof.

Marilyn Ploof was shot in the head at short range Sunday before 300 spectators while participating with her father, "the best shot in the country," in an exhibition of trick pistol shooting.



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