

Mexican-American Coalition With Labor Wins Control

By PRESTON MCGRAW
United Press International
CRYSTAL CITY, Tex. (UPI) — A Mexican-American organization has blended political education and the friendship of James Hoffa's Teamsters union to take over the government of Crystal City and spread into 50 Texas counties.

The group calls itself the Political Association of Spanish-speaking Organizations (PASO). PASO has the help of the Teamsters' union though its leaders deny the Teamsters have any hand in the organization's direction.

The leaders of PASO have their sights set on a coalition with the National Association for Advancement of Colored People, labor unions and ultra-liberal Democratic Anglo-Americans that would enable them to control the Democratic party in Texas and the state government.

Almost nobody outside PASO had ever heard of the organization last April when it put a five-man, all-Latin city government into office in Crystal City, which calls itself the "spinach capital of the world."

An Anglo-American administration had always controlled Crystal City, as is the case with nearly all of south Texas, despite the region's heavy Mexican-American population.

Loses to Teamsters
Mayor Bruce Holsombeck, 65, a banker, lost his unsalaried political office to Juan Cornejo, 33, the Crystal City representative of the Teamsters union. The other four new members of the council also are of Mexican ancestry.

The council the Latins defeated had three Anglo-Americans, one Latin and a half Latin-half Anglo on it. Crystal City's 9,500 residents are 85 per cent Latin, 14.5 per cent Anglo and .5 per cent Negro. Negroes started attending public schools with Anglos and Latins in 1958.

There has been little or no trouble in Crystal City. Nine Texas Rangers were in the city when the election was held. Ranger Capt. A. Y. Allee remains. The Anglos do not like their new government and the new government does not like Allee's presence.

Dale Barker, editor and publisher of the weekly Zavala County Sentinel, sums up the "anti" attitude toward the new government as follows:

"We have no objection to officeholders of Spanish extraction. What we do object to is outside interests coming in, directing things and putting puppets in office."

Oppose Outsiders
"If they would just let us alone," Major Cornejo said, "we would have something real nice here."

Albert Pena Jr., 43, state chairman of PASO, and Albert Fuentes Jr., 33, state executive secretary, believe a county government which will recognize the special interests of Latins can be elected in Zavala county (Crystal City) next year.

If PASO maintains its momentum, they expect to see similar governments in cities and towns all along the Mexico-Texas border and PASO, with the help of the NAACP, exerting a powerful, if not controlling, force in statewide Democratic politics.

Pena and Fuentes both live in San Antonio, which is 120 miles northeast of Crystal City. Pena is a county commissioner and lawyer and Fuentes has a business which he calls the "State Government Research Bureau."

PASO is an outgrowth of the Viva Kennedy clubs, which Pena organized in Texas for the Kennedys in 1960. He organized the clubs with the provision that they be recognized for their effort and that they report directly to the Kennedys, bypassing Texas Democratic leaders.

President Kennedy carried Texas by 46,233 votes. Pena thinks the Viva Kennedy clubs

may well have provided the margin.
Kennedy Says Thanks
In any event, Kennedy telegraphed Pena his thanks. Kennedy subsequently appointed Reynaldo Garza as a U.S. District Judge, Raymond Telles of El Paso as Ambassador to Costa Rica and Homer Lopez as an assistant U.S. attorney in south Texas.

In February, 1961, Viva Kennedy leaders joined the Mexican-American political action group. They subsequently renamed the Texas organization PASO.

Moises Falcon of Crystal City went to Pena in October, 1962, and asked for help in Crystal City. PASO leaders held political education classes in Crystal City and explained election laws to Latins.
They made sure Latins registered and paid their poll taxes and that they voted. The great majority of Latins in Crystal City are poorly educated laborers.

The Teamsters union is the bargaining agent for about 300 workers at the California Packing Corp.'s (Del Monte) plant

in Crystal City. According to Pena and Fuentes, these workers provided the nucleus of the Latin victory.
Often Lose Jobs
Pena and Fuentes complain that Latins who step out of line in south Texas frequently find themselves without jobs. The cannery workers, under a contract signed with an outside firm, did not fear retribution.

Ray Shafer, business manager of the Teamsters union in south Texas, is frequently quoted about PASO. The union's membership in south Texas runs heavily to cannery workers.

Shafer is a member of PASO and he said he works for the organization, when asked, as a member. The Teamsters union participates through its political arm — Democrat-Republican Independent Voters Education (DRIVE).

According to Shafer, PASO and DRIVE do not always agree on candidates, as was the case in the last gubernatorial election in Texas. Shafer said the Teamsters do not contribute financially as a union to PASO; the law forbids it.

Mayor Cornejo, whom the Anglos of Crystal City call "Corney-Joe," said no Anglos would run on his ticket, there was a heavy resignation of Anglos at city hall after the election and only two Anglos have applied for city jobs since April.

Deny Accusation
Pena and Fuentes deny they are interested in electing all-Latin governments. They said PASO will support a candidate of any race, as long as PASO is sure he will recognize special Latin interests and problems.

Mexican-Americans, on the other hand, lack a solid cause. They can go anywhere but everywhere they find themselves tolerated, not accepted.
Privately, PASO's leaders admit that desire for acceptance plays a large part in their campaign for improved economic conditions and political equality for the Latin.

According to PASO figures, there are more than 900,000 Latins and 850,000 Negroes of voting age in Texas. If these votes

were channeled the way Latin ins and Negroes could control the government of Texas.

can demonstrate and go to court to win their rights.

Another "Meat Stravaganza" at Thunderbird!

Where the selection is large and varied — Where you can always put a "Change of Pace" in your menu. Of course you always get more meat for your money too!

CUBE STEAK
Western Pride
Beef & Veal Fresh Frosted
Pkg. of 10... **79¢**

YOUNG BEEF LIVER
Fresh Sliced For a Good, Tasty Economical Meal... **29¢ lb**

Delicious 3 1/2 Oz. Pkg. Bar 5 Smoky Canyon
CHIPPED BEEF 3^{PKGS}\$1

Caveman Brand, Plump, Juicy Full Pound Pack
Skinless Wieners 39¢

Direct from the Cool Pacific—12 Oz. Jar
FRESH OYSTERS 49¢

Swift's Premium Tender Grown Real Meaty
Whole **29¢ lb.** | Cut-up—Pan Ready **35¢ lb.**

SAVE ON PORK

"Your family headquarters for the Finest in Meat"

PORK CHOPS 69¢ lb
Just the nice lean center cuts—small loins from young corn fed porkers from the Midwest. Tasty and tender.

PORK LOIN ROAST Meaty Rib End Cuts. Loin End Cuts—Real Lean **39¢ lb.** 49¢ lb.

Spare Ribs Small Lean Ribslets—Real Meaty—Nice for Sweet 'n Sour **39¢ lb.**

Sausage Rolls Morrell's Pure Pork Pleasing Flavor. 1 Lb. Rolls **3/98¢**

Slab Bacon Armour Star Hunter's Special. Lean End Cuts. (3 to 4 lbs.) **39¢ lb.**

Canned Bacon Real lean with a fine flavor. No refrigeration required, handy to take on that hunting trip. **1 lb. 69¢**

PORK ROAST 29¢ lb
Fresh Picnic Style Short Shank—Tender Young Pork.

ROSEDALE FROZEN DESSERT
Fruit Pies
20-oz. Pie **23¢**

ALL-SAF 100% SAFFLOWER
Margarine
Reg. 33c — 1-lb. Pkg.
59¢ FOR

LADIES CHOICE
JELLY
Mixed Fruit Apple or Grape
20-oz. Jar **29¢**

LIPTON'S ORANGE PEKOE **TEA BAGS** 48 Bag Cr. **59¢**

GERHARDT'S **BARBECUE SAUCE** 8 Oz. Can **10¢**

KRAFT'S LO CALORIE **ITALIAN DRESSING** 8 Oz. Bottle **19¢**

SWISS MISS INSTANT **COCOA MIX** 6 Env. Pkg. **19¢**

GERBER'S BABY **HI-PROTEIN CEREAL** 16 Oz. Pkg. **37¢**

LYDEN'S **EGG SALAD** Delicious for Easy to Make Sandwiches 7 1/2 Oz. Can **28¢**

FRISKIES **HORSEMEAT** 15 Oz. Can **2 for 39¢**

WELCH'S **WELCHADE** Reg. 33c 32 Oz. Can **4 for 99¢**

PHEASANT BLUE LAKE **GREEN BEANS** No. 303 Can **8 for 99¢**

PAYETTE VALLEY **CORN** Cream or Whole Kernel No. 303 Can **8 for 99¢**

FOLGER'S INSTANT **COFFEE** 10 Oz. Jar **\$1.39**

ARMOUR'S **SHORTENING** 3 lb. Cr. **49¢**

KRACKLE, MR. GOODBAR **HERSHEY BARS** Giant Bar **29¢**

WHIFF **DOG FOOD** 15 Oz. Can **12 for 99¢**

MEADOWBROOK ICE MILK
FROZEN DESSERT Strawberry, Chocolate or Vanilla 1/2 Gal. **39¢**

FROZEN **TOM TOM DRINK** 12-oz. can **5¢**

RINSO BLUE The Modern Detergent King size box **79¢**

HUME FANCY CUT **YAMS** No. 2 1/2 can **23¢** 4 for **89¢**

HUMES WHOLE **BAKED APPLES** Reg. 27c No. 303 can **6 for 99¢**

HI-C **DRINKS** PINEAPPLE-GRAPEFRUIT or ORANGE-PINEAPPLE 46-oz. can **5 for 99¢**

AA LARGE EGGS Dozen **49¢**

FOLGERS **COFFEE** 1-lb. can **49¢** 2-lb. can **97¢**

SUNNY ISLE **Sliced Pineapple** No. 2 can **4 for 99¢**

OCEAN SPRAY **Cranberry Juice** Quart Bottle **49¢**

20-MULE TEAM **Borax Powder** Nature's Sweetener 3 1/2-lb. Box **29¢**

STA. PINE **Disinfectant** Reg. 49c 16 oz. Bottle **29¢**

EARLY CALIF. RIPE CADET **Pitted Olives** No. 211 can **4 for 99¢**

STALEY'S WAFFLE AND **Pancake Syrup** Quart Bottle **49¢**

Welfare Check Cashing Challenged
GRESHAM (UP) — A local attorney said today he believes "a lot of welfare checks have been cashed at the dog and horse races."
Attorney A. W. (Al) Gustafson said he plans to ask the State Supreme Court to order the Welfare Department auditor to show him canceled welfare checks.
Gustafson is chairman of the Multnomah County Intermediate Education District and attorney for Gresham High school and Parkrose school districts.
He said his campaign for permission to study endorsements on the checks was "just as a citizen" and had no connection with his education posts.
Gustafson said he had been refused permission to look at canceled checks last week, being told they were not a matter of public record. He said he then decided to go to the high court.

Always More For Your Money
Thunderbird
Discount MARKET
CORNER JACKSONVILLE HIWAY AND LOXIE LANE

OPEN 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Prices Effective Thursday Through Sunday, September 22
We Reserve the Right to Limit No Sales To Dealers

HI WEST **FROZEN VEGETABLES** 10 Oz. Pkg. **8 for 99¢**

THUNDERBIRD **SALAD DRESSING** Qt. Jar **33¢**

THUNDERBIRD **MAYONNAISE** Qt. Jar **39¢**

ALL PURPOSE **BISQUICK** 40 Oz. Pkg. **39¢** 60 Oz. Pkg. **57¢**