

March 4, 1961

Hector P. Garcia M. D.
3024 Morgan
Corpus Christi, Texas

Dear Sir:

I am inclosing a clipping of the latest G. I. Forum news. I will Brief you a little on the clipping, on the part of the education for the Migrant children in Oregon.

I am the original Author of it. I will explain to you when you arrive in Nampa. I was with the Interim Committee from Washington D. C. while they were in the State of Oregon.

In 1960 I went to Colorado where I also informed Senator Roth of Colorado on the Migrant movement. He accomplished a great deal through the paper in Denver.

What the ad means when I helped organize labor in Orgon is that in the by laws for the latin American organizations. I made it possible that they would be sure to always review the Migrantory program which we had already started in the State of Oregon in 1958, that was education for children, sanitation in the fields, better housing an \$1 minimum wage.

I would like to ask you to help put through Senate Bill No. 80 which is now being presented in the legislature, that is to continue the program that has been on trial basis here. They gave a grant of \$5,000 in the State of Oregon. We are now requesting \$175,000. If we can get this Bill through on school program the rest of the Nation will follow, it is strictly for migrantory children.

I am looking forward to meeting you sometime in the near future.

Very truly yours,

Gilbert P. Lopez

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Lopez Elected To Organize For G.I. Forum

Gilbert Lopez, Nyssa, has been elected to do organizational work for the G.I. Forum in Central Oregon and Washington.

The G.I. Forum is a veteran's organization for Latin - Americans.

One of the present projects of the Forum is encouraging the continuance of the summer school for migrant children which was operated on a pilot school basis in Ontario and several other Oregon towns last summer.

Al Hicks, principal at May Roberts school, said that whether the school would continue this year would depend upon whether the legislature provided the money. He said the program had been endorsed by the legislative interim committee on education. There is now a bill before the legislature which would provide for the school.

Lopez last year did organizational work in Colorado. Governor Steve Mickelson of Colorado signed the proclamation to charter the National Latin-American organization.

GOVERNOR SIGNS: S. L. R. McNichols, Governor of Colorado, is pictured signing a proclamation which gave a charter to the National Latin-American organization which Gilbert Lopez, Nyssa, on the left, helped organize the group. Mrs. Lopez is on the right.

