

People

Reagan Will Honor Sadat, Cagney

President Reagan will award the presidential Medal of Freedom next month to 14 celebrities, including James Cagney, author Louis L'Amour and Eunice Kennedy Shriver.

Also to be honored are Sen. Howard Baker, the Rev. Norman Vincent Peale and Tennessee Ernie Ford.

Posthumous awards will be made to baseball's Jackie Robinson, Egyptian President Anwar Sadat and Whittaker Chambers, whose accusations helped lead to the conviction of Alger Hiss.

The medals, the nation's highest civilian honor, will be presented at the White House March 26.

They are awarded at the president's discretion under terms of an executive order signed by President Kennedy in 1963 to honor people "who have made an especially meritorious contribution to the security or national interest of the United States, to world peace or to cultural or other significant public or private endeavors."

About 200 have been given.

Shriver, sister of the late president, is being honored for her work with the mentally retarded.

Also being honored are Gen. Andrew Goodpaster, former commander in chief of NATO; Dr. Denton Cooley, the pioneer in heart transplant surgery; Leo Cherne, an economist who has served as a government adviser on intelligence matters; Dr. Hector Garcia, for his contribution in the field of humanitarianism; and Lincoln Kirstein, for his contribution in the field of dance and the arts.

A top medal for Chambers, Hiss witness

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Reagan will present the Medal of Freedom, the nation's highest civilian award, in the name of Whittaker Chambers, whose testimony against Alger Hiss sent him to jail for perjury.

A White House announcement named Chambers among 13 men and one woman designated to receive the award at a White House luncheon March 26.

Chambers, who died in 1961 at the age of 60, was the celebrated witness before the House Un-American Activities Committee who testified that Hiss, a State Department aide, and others in government passed him official secrets while he worked as a Soviet spy during the 1930s.

Hiss denied the charges, was twice tried for perjury and was convicted after his second trial in 1950 at the climax of a legal battle still being fought by some of its partisans.

Others named to receive the award, which is presented at the president's discretion in recognition of meritorious service, are Sen. Howard H. Baker Jr., R-Tenn.; actor James Cagney; economist Leo Cherne; heart surgeon Denton Cooley; singer Tennessee Ernie Ford; Dr. Hector Garcia; retired Army Gen. Andrew Goodpaster; ballet promoter Lincoln Kirstein; author Louis L'Amour; the Rev. Norman Vincent Peale; the late Jackie Robinson; the late Egyptian President Anwar Sadat; and Eunice Kennedy Shri-

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February 24, 1984

Honorable Hector Garcia, M.D.
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Dear Dr. Garcia:

Congratulations on the Presidential Medal of Freedom Award. You are truly deserving.

Enclosed is copy of resolution passed at our National Convention calling for such an honor.

To us in LULAC you have been a giant in our times.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Mario Obledo", is written over a large, stylized "X" or checkmark symbol.

MARIO OBLEDO
National President

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Enclosures

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) supports the purpose of fostering and enlarging the opportunities for training, education, civil rights, job opportunities, housing, economic development, and welfare of all Hispanic citizens of the United States; and,

WHEREAS, Dr. Hector P. Garcia is known and viewed in the Hispanic community throughout the United States as the founder and first national chairman of our sister organization, the American G. I. Forum; and,

WHEREAS, the American G. I. Forum has become a leading spokesman to the Hispanic war veterans and is dedicated to equal rights for all Hispanic citizens in the U. S.; and,

WHEREAS, Dr. Hector P. Garcia's influence for good in this country has extended beyond the Hispanic community for the benefit of all Americans; and,

WHEREAS, Dr. Hector P. Garcia has served with distinction as a member of the U. S. Civil Rights Commission and as a U. S. Ambassador to the United Nations, and has served many other Presidential boards and commissions; and,

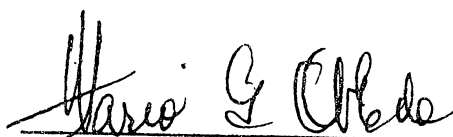
WHEREAS, Dr. Hector P. Garcia has served with distinction as a family physician, loved and respected by his patients and fellow Americans, and through his efforts and devotion has become a living legend among Hispanics and other Americans throughout the country.

Submitted by Washington, D. C. Council 11041 at the LULAC 54TH ANNUAL NATIONAL CONVENTION held in Detroit, Michigan, but approved at the October Board Meeting in Washington, D. C.

Signed by Leo Miranda, President

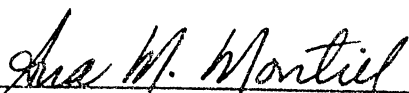
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, LULAC strongly recommends the President of the United States, the consideration of Dr. Hector P. Garcia for the award of the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand for the LEAGUE OF UNITED LATIN AMERICAN CITIZENS this 8th day of October, 1983.



MARIO G. OBLEDO, NATIONAL PRESIDENT

ATTEST:



ANA MIRIAN MONTIEL, NATIONAL SECRETARY