

1901 Mier Street  
Laredo, Texas  
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American GI Forum  
Dr. Hector P. Garcia  
3024 Morgan Avenue  
Corpus Christi, Texas

Dear Dr. Garcia:

We are glad to hear of the progress of the Forum all over the state. It is quite a surprise to hear that the smallest towns are doing the best work in the Forum. It is very encouraging to hear that our people are finally beginning to cooperate.

Our Forum in Laredo received some publicity on the April 27th issue of the Laredo Times. It was a report of the organization and of your address to the members. We received the same report over Radio Station KPAB.

The News Manager of Radio Station KPAB expressed his willingness to cooperate with us in getting some time on the air for public service announcements. The announcement you gave us in reference to laborers migrating to the north was announced for six days over Station KPAB.

We are making plans to organize the Ladies Auxiliary this week. There is much more enthusiasm among the ladies of Laredo to organize for the protection of their Civil Rights than the men. At the same time an effort is being made to bring new members into the Laredo GI Forum. We have to be very careful in inviting anyone to join the Forum because some will join only to break it up or to gain control of the Forum.

On Sunday May 7th, George Amparan, Jesus Hernandez, Leonel Guerra, and I went to Carrizo Springs and talked to Mr. Pedro Castellanos to see if the veterans in that community would like to organize the GI Forum. They already have an organization which they named the Veteran's Club which is very similar to the GI Forum. They will put the matter before the members at the next meeting. Personal opinion was that it was likely that they would become part of the Forum. They will advise us by the end of the week.

Sincerely,

  
Librado Pena, Reporter