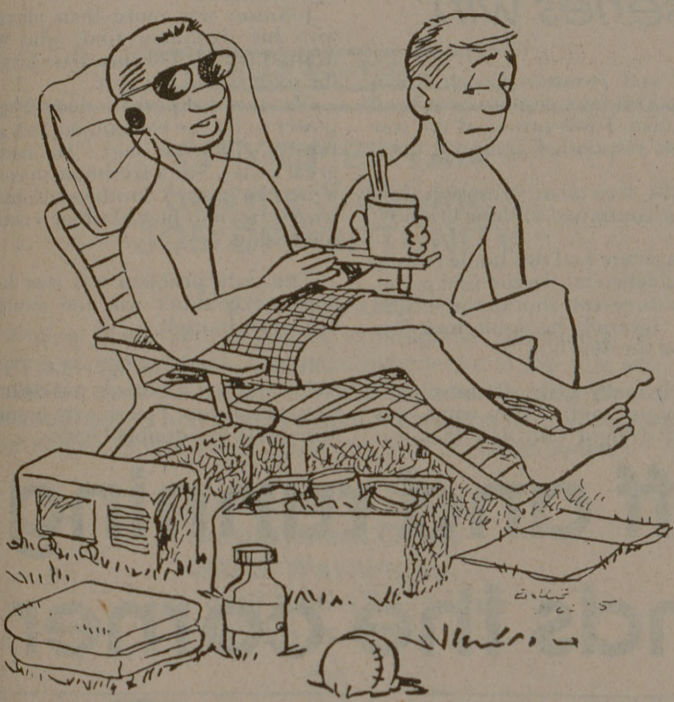


Slouch

By Jim Earle



"I wanted to get set up and do a little studying, but guess what I forgot to bring — my books and notes."

# Ancestors may sue Texas for lost land

Associated Press

CORPUS CHRISTI — Almost 150 years after their South Texas ancestors were chased off their land, a group of Mexican-Americans plans to continue its legal battle for compensation despite an adverse decision by the U.S. Supreme Court.

The president of the Asociacion de Reclamantas said the group may be forced to sue Texas for repayment of \$1 billion worth of land.

"We're not going to give up no matter what happens," the group's president, Yolanda Zarate, told nearly 200 members at a meeting here Saturday.

Last Monday, the U.S. Supreme Court refused to hear the Asociacion's case against Mexico. The Asociacion was seeking more than \$1 billion for 12 million acres of land lost through an 1848 treaty between the United States and Mexico.

Another suit may be filed in Texas, probably in San Antonio, said the group's attorney, Robert Salazar of Denver.

Zarate said the Mexican government had indicated a willingness to settle the dispute diplomatically.

"But they haven't done anything to settle with us," she said, "and seven years have gone by."

The Edinburg woman said the de-

scendants will make a final attempt to negotiate with Mexico through lawyers.

"But if we don't get anywhere, we will sue Texas," she said.

The final recourse, Zarate said, would be to sue the United States.

The U.S. got what was believed to be clear title to Mexican land located between the Nueces and the Rio Grande rivers, including the King Ranch and Padre Island, through the 1848 Treaty of Guadalupe.

The descendants, who number about 2,500, claim the two governments should not have let private citizens lose their land. They have fought for compensation through the Asociacion since 1978 in federal courts in Mexico and the U.S.

"If we can get somebody to see what's in black and white in the treaty," said Zarate, "then they'll see that we're entitled to the repayment."

Aminta Zarate, mother of Zarate and treasurer of the Asociacion de Reclamantas, said the organization is in financial trouble and asked its members to pay their \$25 annual fee.

The organization, Aminta Zarate said, has spent the \$69,477 collected in 1984.

"We need to get money together," Zarate said, "because our project is very expensive."

# Pressure

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Brock said the estimates were obtained by students who wished to remain anonymous. He also said that the students were only interested in a fair election and that they had no interest in the outcome of the election.

But Brett Shine and Jeff Danzinger were identified as the persons who obtained at least two of the estimates.

Danzinger was a candidate for student body president but withdrew from the race on Sunday because of personal reasons.

Two of the printers identified pictures of Shine and Danzinger as the men who requested the estimates on Royall's campaign material. They

disclosed the information on the condition that they would not be named.

The third printer could not be reached for questioning.

The printers said Shine and Danzinger brought copies of Royall's flyers, brochures and cards into their shops to be priced.

The printers identified the written estimates contained in the complaint as the same ones that they had given Shine and Danzinger.

Shine and Danzinger told the Battalion's editor, Brigid Brockman, on Thursday that they had received anonymous phone calls informing them that Sean Royall had gone over the spending limit for campaign materials.

They also said the caller told them that a complaint was being filed with

the election commission.

All the other candidates denied receiving phone calls telling them of Royall's overspending.

Shine and Danzinger told Brockman that the Battalion should run a story on the complaint against Royall because the election commission "doesn't have the backbone to take action."

Danzinger said the Battalion "would be doing the student body a favor by telling them about Sean breaking the rules."

Shine and Danzinger said Royall should be disqualified from the race because he exceeded the spending limit.

Shine was told by the Battalion that Brock filed the complaint. He admitted that Brock was on his campaign committee but said he didn't

know that Brock was planning to file a complaint.

Late Sunday night, Brock contacted the Battalion and said he no longer had any complaints about Royall's campaign. Brock said he had met with Royall and was convinced that Royall had not gone over the \$300 spending limit.

Earlier in the day, Royall told the Battalion that his printing receipts were not available and that they would have to be mailed from Houston. Royall later said he verbally disclosed his printing expenditures to Brock.

Royall said he showed Brock receipts for construction materials used to make campaign signs and that Brock was satisfied that Royall had not exceeded the campaign spending limit.

# Accusation

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second printer said the cost would be \$380.03.

The complaint said Royall admitted to having 2,500 of the two-color flyers.

Brock said the 1,000 number of brochures and the 100 number of push cards were used because they were "conservative estimates."

Royall said the numbers used in the estimates are wrong, but declined to reveal the amount of material he bought. He said only his spending has been questioned and not the other candidates.

A third printer estimated Royall's

printing expenses at \$295.91.

Also, according to the complaint, Dan Salisbury of Kwik-Kopy said Royall had 4,000 brochures and not the 1,000 that Brock had made allowance for.

Salisbury told The Battalion that Royall had brought in two boxes of brochures to be scored. Scoring is the process that creates a piece of paper so that it can be folded easily.

Salisbury said that each box normally holds 2,000 each and that each box was full.

He said he billed Royall for scoring 4,000 brochures and that Royall did not complain.

Salisbury said he would charge \$346.09 to print 4,000 brochures similar to the brochures Royall brought in.

Royall said he had his printing done in Houston and that he had received a "good deal" on the price.

"I spent a lot of time finding a printer that would enable me to have these things for under \$300," he said.

Royall said he did some of the work on the printing and it cut down on some of the cost.

According to Collins, even if a candidate spends more than \$300 on campaign materials, that doesn't

mean he is automatically guilty of breaking the rules of the election commission.

Collins said the cost of the campaign material that is "used" during the campaign is defined as an expenditure.

"If a person buys 4,000 brochures and uses 1,000 of them, then we count the 1,000 as an expenditure and not the whole 4,000," Collins said.

All the candidates in the student body presidential election have denied going over the spending limit.

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