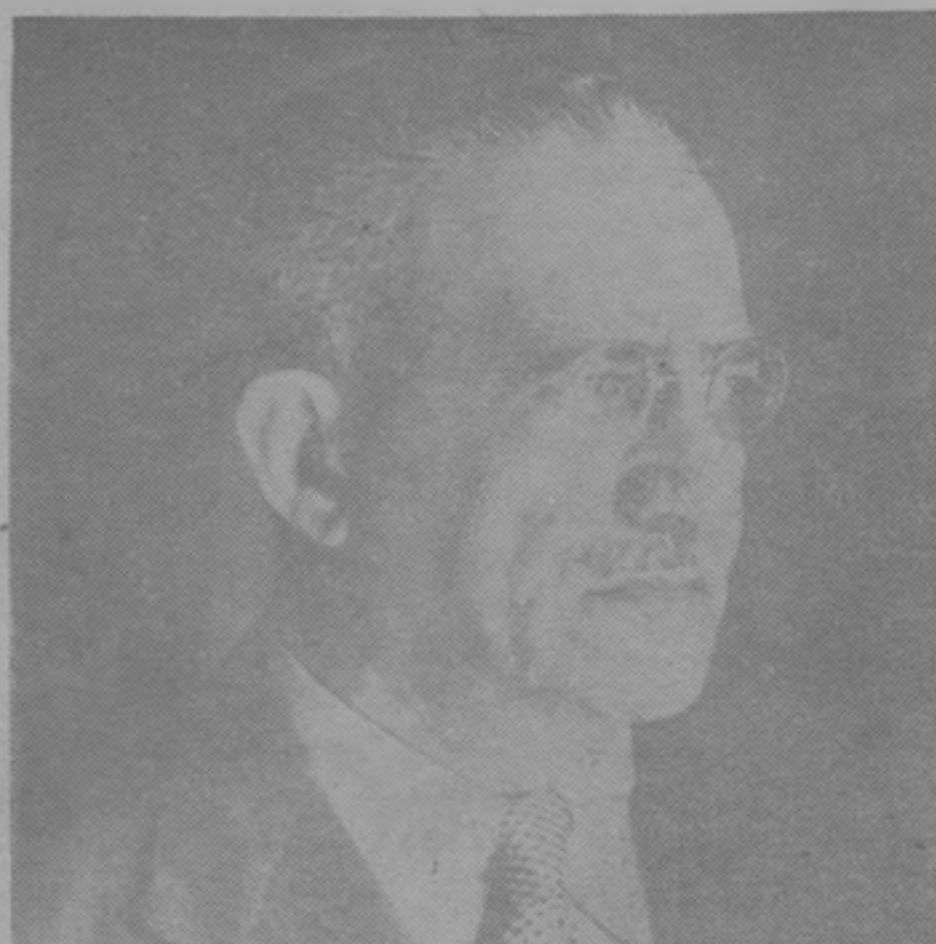


# Men of Influence in Our Lives



**MAJ. GENERAL J. C. MEHAFFEY**  
Governor of the Panama Canal



**DR. RICARDO J. ALFARO**  
Panama's Minister of Foreign Relations



**COLONEL FRANK H. WANG**  
Assistant to the Governor of the Panama Canal

We are of the opinion that we should never hesitate to tell our friends how much we appreciate them, and their beneficence on our behalf. Local 713, United Public Workers of America-CIO, has many friends on the Isthmus of Panama. Friends in high places, friends of character and integrity, friends of sterling worth; and so today we salute them.

We have been very fortunate in securing the friendship of no less a personage than Don Enrique A. Jimenez, President of the Republic. This department opines that the friendship of Don Enrique, from the very beginning, has been like a priceless jewel among the treasures of Local 713. It is our opinion that the shelter afforded us by the Republic of Panama has been the greatest gift of friendship bequeathed on the harried and exploited "silver" workers since the birth of the Republic forty-three years ago. So, today we say, Viva Don Enrique A. Jimenez, Presidente de la Republica de Panama, Amigo de los Obreros, y Paladin de la verdadera democracia.

We also know that on the other side of the line we have a few friends who have been sympathetic; friends who have realized the difficulties surrounding the "silver" employee of the United States Government on the Canal Zone. We know that Major General J. C. Mehaffey, Governor of the Panama Canal is alive to the facts and that both he and Colonel Frank Wang, Assistant to the Governor and for many years Executive Secretary of the Panama Canal, are humanitarians, and sincere in their efforts to inject changes into the status quo.



**DON E. A. JIMENEZ**  
President of the Republic of Panama



**DON VICTOR NAVAS**  
Governor of the Province of Colon

We are sincere in the belief that no man can long fight for himself without fighting for others; that no man can portray the crying need of his people without reflecting the similar needs of others. For a job well done in the assembly halls of the United Nations, we find ourselves co-partners in indebtedness to Dr. Ricardo J. Alfaro, Panama's Foreign Minister.

We count among our greatest friends that man of sterling qualities, friend of the people; scholar, linguist and three times Governor of the Province of Colon, Don Victor Navas, who by his evident sincerity and interest in the affairs of the common people has earned for himself a special place in the hearts of his countrymen and foreigners.

We must emphasize here that we have many friends among white American employees on the Canal Zone. Men and women who are seriously concerned about the flagrant discrimination against and exploitation of "silver" workers. They are concerned because they know that these symbols of racism are un-American and should not exist in any place the Stars and Stripes—that true banner of democracy—is unfurled.

Today, friends of Freedom and of Liberty, friends of Fairness and Equality, we salute you. We salute you through the medium of "ACCION", official organ of Local 713, and in the name of Christendom which teaches the Fatherhood of God and the Universal Brotherhood of man.

FOSTER B. BOURNES.