

SHARING--the UNITED NATIONS WAY!

(A TRUE STORY FROM THE FILES OF THE INTERNATIONAL LABOR ORGANIZATION)

A SUNNY DAY IN 1958 IN A LITTLE MEXICAN TOWN ...



IT IS A GOOD MARKET DAY, PAPA! TONIGHT AGAIN WE WILL HAVE MANY PESOS. DO YOU THINK I MAY SOON HAVE MY DONKEY?

VERY SOON, I THINK, LUIS!

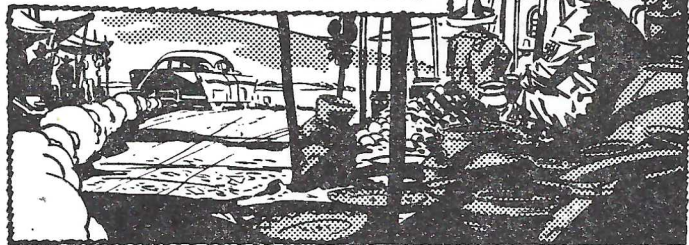
JUST THINK, HERE EVEN A BOY LIKE LUIS CAN HAVE HIS OWN DONKEY. IN MY POOR VILLAGE, EVEN THE MEN DO NOT HAVE ENOUGH PESOS TO BUY ONE!

OUR VILLAGE USED TO BE POOR, TOO, CARLOS--UNTIL THE EXPERTS CAME AND TAUGHT US

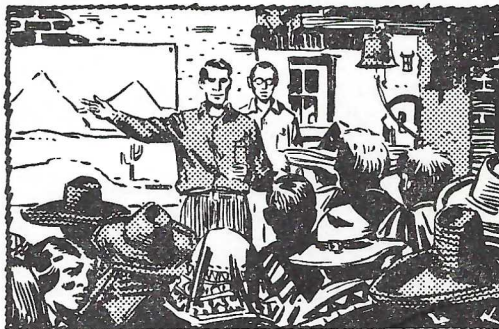


THAT WHEN PEOPLE WORK TOGETHER IT MEANS BETTER TIMES FOR ALL!

"ONLY A FEW YEARS AGO, EACH MAN WALKED TO NEARBY HILLS FOR CLAY WHICH HE CARRIED HOME IN A BIG BAG AND BAKED IN HIS HOME-MADE OVEN. BUT IT WAS POOR CLAY, AND OFTEN THE POTTERY BROKE WHILE IT WAS STILL NEW. CARS ON THEIR WAY TO MEXICO CITY WOULD SLOW DOWN TO LOOK, BUT NEVER STOP TO BUY..."



"THEN ONE DAY, TWO MEN CAME FROM A PART OF THE UNITED NATIONS--THE INTERNATIONAL LABOR ORGANIZATION. THEY SHOWED US A PLACE FAR BACK IN THE HILLS WITH BETTER CLAY, WHICH WE COULD BRING BACK TOGETHER IN A COMMUNITY TRUCK."



THEY HELPED US BUILD A BIG MODERN KILN WE COULD ALL USE INSTEAD OF OUR SMALL OVENS, AND TAUGHT US TO USE DYES TO MAKE OUR POTTERY BRIGHT AND ATTRACTIVE. SOON THE CARS BEGAN TO STOP, AND ORDERS CAME BY MAIL. BUT THAT WAS NOT ALL...



"OUR MEN LEARNED CARPENTRY FROM THEM, AND WE USED THE WOOD IN OUR FOREST FOR FINE FURNITURE. AND OUR WOMEN LEARNED TO WEAVE BEAUTIFUL CLOTH. SO LITTLE BY LITTLE OUR VILLAGE PROSPERED..."



ALL THESE THINGS YOU HAVE LEARNED-- COULD YOU TEACH THEM TO THE PEOPLE OF MY VILLAGE?

GLADLY, CARLOS. WE WANT TO HELP OTHERS, FOR AS THE ILO EXPERTS TOLD US: "POVERTY ANYWHERE IS A DANGER TO PROSPERITY EVERYWHERE."



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