

X -- MIMI'S RACIST RANTINGS

When I wrote the above statement in my early years that is the way life was in most of the country. When the Filipino laborers came to our little town there was work to go around for everyone. That held true for the Japanese, the Castillians and the Chinese as far as I know. I recall very few Mexicans living in our area at that time.

As time went on and the world turned so did the immigrants and their followers. The local schools were filled to capacity with children. As the knowledge of the students expanded they were looking for better jobs with better pay. Many of the farmers found it difficult to find workers to do their labor for the amount of pay they could afford.

When the farmers and others realized they could bring workers from across the southern border into our country to do this work at a reasonable wage they sent for many of them. Each harvest season truck loads of men who they called farm workers came to the United States to earn more money than they could possible earn at home. They lived meagerly in camps that the farmers often set up for them. This left them with money to send back to their families in Mexico.

Many of these farm workers followed the crops from one area of California to the other. When one crop was completed they would go to another area until the seasons ended in California. The following year they would return to these jobs. They not only increased the style of living for their families in Mexico but were a great help to the farmers here.

It wasn't many years before they started bringing their families into California with them. Most of them did not return to their own country after the harvest season but stayed on. Finding our style of living so different in California and living expenses so low they soon sent for their relatives in Mexico.

As they crossed the Mexican border our government took them under their wings and saw to it that they had medical and any attention that they needed -- dental, etc. That also included the population explosion one baby after another came into the world. These babies were citizens of our country. As soon as these babies grew old enough to have babies there were more of which the nursing and doctors' and hospital fees were taken care of by our dear old Uncle Sam.

When Ted and I moved out to our home in Green Valley we were surprised to see how Watsonville had grown -- not by the original residence but by the new population that had exploded there since we had left in 1966. It was said in 1970 that the Mexicans would take over California. I couldn't believe it but now I do.

I have some wonderful Mexican or Chicano friends. They, too disapprove of some of the things that their countrymen are doing.

On the other side of the ledger the dope that is smuggled in from Mexico is causing shootings and gang wars in California and thousands and thousands of robberies are ruining our own state in order to satisfy their dope addiction. It is almost beyond belief. I realize that other states have their troubles also with illegal aliens but when you live right in the midst of it, it hits home.

As I said at the beginning we are all God's children and created equally. This dilemma that we are in this day of 1994 only God can solve

Nearly half a century has passed since I wrote that first paragraph. I am now living in a different world with different kinds of people. I thank God that all of my family have adjusted to the change that I have experienced and have love and understanding in their hearts for all.

PS -- Prior to the time that I just now wrote about. If any of our ancestors from the old country wanted to come to the United States they had to have someone here that would sponsor them and make sure that they were taken care of -- fed clothed and help them find a job. Before our relatives came from the old country were allowed to enter the United States they had to stop at Ellis Island, the immigration station where they had to prove that someone would be responsible for them as soon as they set foot on United States soil.

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