

## **US PEACE COUNCIL**

**To the Family of Manuel Terrazas**

**To Fellow Fighters for Peace**

**To Friends:**

**The call from Mexico to inform me of the death of my dear friend and comrade in the struggle for peace and justice, Manuel Terrazas, was a shocking message.**

**The message was delivered by the well-known sculptor, Glenda Hecksher, to whom Manuel had introduced me. It was another facet of Manuel's wide-ranging interests that art is a messenger of peace and justice. He was advocating a Plaza of Peace in Mexico City that would feature Glenda's work: "Peace is in our Hands". He was also encouraging my organization, the International Association of Peace Messenger Cities, to which he and his co-worker, Elizabeth Haro Revera, convinced Mexico City to join, to use a replica of Glenda's work as a symbol of our mission.**

**I have known and worked with Manuel in the international peace movement for many years. He was a dear friend and a respected comrade in the common struggle. We managed to overcome our language barrier and I looked forward to these gatherings because I knew Manuel would be there.**

**Manuel was an outstanding representative of Mexico deeply devoted to the needs and aspirations of his people. He was eloquent, articulate and analytical, fully understanding the absolute need to build the broadest front for peace and justice. Yet, while reaching out in that effort, he never sacrificed his principles and his core beliefs, for a society governed by the people for the needs of the Mexican people.**

**Recently, when I attended the NGO Conference in Mexico, a Conference that was entrusted to Manuel and his co-worker Elizabeth, I witnessed the deep respect and feeling the delegates from Mexico displayed towards him.**

**Manuel initiated the Trilateral meetings of the Canadian, US and Mexican Peace Councils. We share a common continent and face a common enemy, US imperialism.**

**The global peace movement, Mompade, and the people have suffered a deep loss with the death of our dear friend, Manuel Terrazas. His voice may be stilled, but his lessons have been learned. His memory will be with us. Presente!**

**Alfred L. Marder**

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