

# URGENT! URGENT! URGENT!

## SAY NO TO POLITICAL INTERNMENT!



Within days these five people will be sent to jail for 15 years. Their "crime"? Refusing to talk to a federal grand jury attempting to destroy the Puerto Rican independence movement. This is political internment!

## DEMONSTRATE TO STOP GRAND JURY REPRESSION!

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# DON'T COLLABORATE!

People in the U.S. are being jailed right now in 1983 for their political beliefs. On June 10, five Puerto Rican and Mexicano activists will be jailed for criminal contempt in New York. They have been charged with no crime other than refusing to testify before a federal grand jury "investigating" the Puerto Rican independence movement. Yet the government is asking for prison sentences ranging from 15 years to life and said that if they could give these activists the death penalty they would.

Why? Because unable to contain the F.A.L.N. in the U.S. and the armed clandestine organizations in Puerto Rico that are fighting to free their nation from 85 years of U.S. colonial control, the government is trying to destroy the public revolutionary movement. The five activists facing jail -- Steven Guerra, Maria Cueto, Julio and Andres Rosado, and Ricardo Romero -- are members and supporters of the Movimiento de Liberacion Nacional (MLN), a public revolutionary organization of Puerto Rican and Mexicano people in the U.S.

It is almost unbelievable that the government is asking for such long sentences for people who have only been convicted of contempt of court. The government is really seeking to jail them for an imagined conspiracy for which the Five have neither been charged or convicted. In fact, no legal charges for any other crimes have been brought against the Five. Yet the government continually slanders them as "terrorists" and says they should be jailed forever because in their speeches they advocate independence and the revolutionary overthrow of the U.S. government. U.S. prosecutors also allege that the Five are "secret leaders of the F.A.L.N."

Apparently it is now becoming illegal in the U.S., as it is already in some Latin American countries and in West Germany, to advocate armed struggle in public or support armed underground organizations. In the U.S. in 1983, as in Ireland and South Africa, people are being jailed for advocating revolution. This is political internment and is a step on the road to fascism.

The government is using the grand juries and the federal courts as extensions of the FBI's aggressive war against the Puerto Rican movement. The FBI can't legally make you talk, so they haul you in front of a grand jury and then if you refuse -- you can go right to jail, which until the case of the MLN Five was for up to 18 months. This is a way of not only intimidating political people but of terrorizing the entire Puerto Rican nation. Since the 1930's the Puerto Rican independence movement has upheld the principle of non-collaboration. Today several Puerto Rican activists are in jail for refusing to talk to grand juries and two other Puerto Ricans and two North Americans now face the same criminal contempt charge and long prison sentences as the MLN 5.

The stance of non-collaboration has won widespread respect. Thousands of letters have been written to the presiding judge protesting the repression. Four bishops of the Episcopal Church testified as to the right of Puerto Rico to its independence and the legitimacy of non-collaboration.

What can we do? Build a wall of resistance! We can't give in to this new stage of government repression. Non-collaboration with the grand juries or the FBI must once again become the standard of our movement. Write and send telegrams protesting the imminent jailing of the MLN Five to Judge Charles Sifton, U.S. District Court, 224 Cadman Plaza West, Brooklyn, New York 11201. Demonstrate your support for the grand jury resisters on the day of the sentencing, June 10th.

# BUILD A WALL OF RESISTANCE!