



VILLA SIN MIEDO:

FAMILIES ANSWER EVICTION WITH BULLETS

Fighting with guns, clubs, rocks and their bare hands, 300 courageous Puerto Rican families made the colonial government pay a heavy price for the eviction and destruction of their squatter community, Villa Sin Miedo (Village without Fear).

When heavily armed police and national guardsmen assaulted and teargassed the community in the early morning of May 18, the residents resisted, killing one policeman and seriously wounding two others. The colonial police, however, were able to break through the defenders' barricades. They went from house to house, pulling out families and setting fire to the buildings. Over one hundred people were arrested for resisting the assault.

Those who escaped arrest marched ten miles to San Juan where they staged a demonstration inside the colonial capital building. There they were again attacked by police and forced out of the building after a fight. They have taken up temporary residence on a farm near the site of Villa Sin Miedo, where they vow to return in the near future. Large demonstrations denouncing the eviction took place in San Juan and New York City.

Villa sin Miedo was created 18 months ago by homeless families who seized a piece of vacant government land and created a cooperative community. Over the months their militant stance of resistance against all efforts of the colonial government to force them off the land won them widespread support among the poor and working people of Puerto Rico. The government increased its pressure on Villa sin Miedo as it became aware of the value of the land on which the community was situated. Located alongside a major highway in a growing suburban area, the land is also believed to contain valuable mineral resources.

The resolve of the 300 families not to leave was encouraged and strengthened by the support they received from armed clandestine organizations which carried out several actions in defense of the community. Following the eviction, the Macheteros issued a warning that the colonial government and their U.S. imperialist masters will pay for their aggression against the Puerto Rican nation.

ALERT: People are urged to join in a telegram campaign demanding the return of Villa sin Miedo to its residents and an end to attacks against them. Send to: (1) Carlos Romero Barcelo, Palacio de la Fortaleza, San Juan, Puerto Rico; (2) Corrada del Rio, Resident Commissioner of Puerto Rico, U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C.

"Operation Jobs" Terrorizes Mexicanos

[Beginning April 26, the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS or "Migra") began a massive campaign called "Operation Jobs" to arrest and deport undocumented workers who were holding down "well paying" jobs (i.e., over the minimum wage). In one week 5400 workers, primarily Mexicanos, were seized and two-thirds of them were immediately deported. Demonstrations were held in a number of cities protesting these raids and future actions are being planned. We asked a representative of the ChicanoMexicano Commission of the Movimiento de Liberacion Nacional (MLN) to comment on the significance of "Operation Jobs."]

WHY ARE THE RAIDS COMING AT THIS TIME?

Faced with the current economic crisis, the U.S. seeks a scapegoat to appease the mass of unemployed white workers, while it continues to marginalize oppressed Third World people within (cont.)

CLANDESTINE FORCES ATTACK NAVY, COLONIAL AGENCIES

Clandestine forces of the Puerto Rican independence movement attacked U.S. military personnel and carried out numerous other actions on the island during the past month. The following is a summary of their activity.

-- On May 16, armed combatants opened fire on U.S. sailors returning to the USS Pensacola in San Juan. One sailor was killed and three others seriously wounded. In a call to a radio station, the EPB-PRTP (the Macheteros) took responsibility for the attack, saying it was in response to Ocean Venture '82, the massive sea-air Naval exercise being conducted on and around the island of Vieques.

-- On April 29, the Comando Obrero Armado Puertorriqueno (Labor Commandos) commemorated International Workers Day by bombing the offices of the Natural Resources Department and the Puerto Rico Labor Relations Board in San Juan. They also fired into the new Justice Department headquarters in Miramar. Their selection of the Natural Resources Department as a target was in support of the growing mass movement to oppose U.S. imperialism's plans to exploit Puerto Rico's mineral resources. In a call to the press, the Labor Commandos also urged the Puerto Rican working class to unite against increasing government repression being directed against the independence movement.

-- On April 29, Grupo Estrella, a clandestine organization of utility workers, took responsibility for blowing up an electrical substation that knocked out power to wealthy suburban areas around San Juan. They also fired shots into the home of the Director of the Communications Authority and sabotaged numerous telephone cables that caused loss of service to the eastern portion of Puerto Rico.

-- On May 11, the Macheteros raided a National Guard Armory in San Juan and expropriated \$15,000.

-- In the city of Mayaguez, police discovered several bombs attached to construction equipment that was being used to build a dam for one of the mining projects.

-- Police also recovered undetonated bombs from the headquarters of the National Guard.



COLONIALISM IS GENOCIDE: Part 2: THE 2020 PROJECT

(This is the second of a three-part series on the genocidal 2020 Project in Puerto Rico. In the first article we discussed U.S. plans to exploit the island's mineral riches and the destruction of the environment that this would cause.)

U.S. imperialism has begun to implement a plan for Puerto Rico that is intended to convert the island into a vast military/industrial complex. This undertaking is called the 2020 Project because of its projected completion by the year 2020. It proposes the creation of 11 military/industrial zones around the perimeter of the island, accompanied by massive strip mining of minerals from the island's interior, and drilling for oil along the coast. 3700 acres of land have already been approved for strip mining by the colonial government under the project. The implementation of the plan would require the elimination of much of the island's population.

The aim of the 2020 Project is to turn Puerto Rico into a bastion for U.S. military and economic interests in the Caribbean region. However, their plan will never be realized because of the growing strength of the Puerto Rican independence movement and its armed clandestine leadership.

The 2020 Project and the 11 proposed zones are described in a report from Puerto Rico's Dept. of Commerce. Within these zones would be located large industrial parks, devoted primarily to high technology, capital-intensive, highly polluting industries. These industrial complexes would be located in close proximity to U.S. military bases, many of which already exist.

Most of the industrial production would focus on the processing and refining of raw materials extracted from Puerto Rico and other Caribbean Basin nations. Many of these materials are required for U.S. imperialism to expand its production of military weapons. Oil, which has long been a target of U.S. strategic planning, has been discovered in the region off Puerto Rico's southern coast. Nickel, which is an essential component of containers used to house and transport nuclear weapons is abundant in the mountains of Puerto Rico (the largest deposits in the "Free World"). Other metals present in exploitable quantities, such as manganese and molybdenum, are used in weapons and aircraft production.

By exploiting these and other strategic resources in its direct colony Puerto Rico, the U.S. hopes to offset its losses in other parts

NEW NAME FOR NEW MOVEMENT

The New Movement in Solidarity with Puerto Rican Independence & Socialism has changed its name to New Movement in Solidarity with the Puerto Rican and Mexican Revolutions. Not any less of a mouthful, but it does reflect our commitment to build solidarity with the struggles of the Chicano Mexicano people on both sides of the U.S.-imposed border for socialism and reunification. This change also recognizes the uniting of the New Movement with the former San Patricio Corps of Denver, which has been carrying out solidarity work with the ChicanoMexicano movement in that region for several years.

of the Third World, and assure itself a steady supply that can be defended from both internal and external attacks, even during a world war. This is a major reason for locating the industrial zones alongside military bases.

In this large-scale plan for the defense of U.S. imperialist interests on a hemispheric and global scale, there is virtually no concern for the Puerto Rican people, except as obstacles to its implementation. The environmental devastation caused by the mining and oil drilling, along with the pollution from the industrial parks ("liberated" from environmental restrictions that would be necessary within U.S. borders), would make the island a wasteland. People not needed to work in these zones would find it increasingly difficult to lead a human existence in their homeland. What will happen to these people? Under the 2020 Project, they are to be sterilized, relocated and wiped out.

However, the Puerto Rican people will never permit the complete destruction of their homeland. In recent years mass struggles have successfully stopped a number of planned military and industrial projects: a Superport for oil tankers, a chemical factory, the use of the island of Culebra for military exercises. The development of an effective pro-independence armed clandestine movement capable of leading these movements and confronting U.S. colonial power is the major obstacle to the completion of the 2020 Project.

The U.S. is aware that 84 years of colonial occupation have failed to uproot the Puerto Rican people's strong sense of nationhood. The imperialists know that the implementation of their strategic plans for the Americas depends on the destruction of Puerto Rico as a nation. (The actual steps that the U.S. has already taken, and is planning to take, towards this goal will be the subject of the final article in this series.)

"Operation Jobs" (cont.)

its borders; in this particular case, Mexicano people. These raids are a continuation of the implementation of the Trilateral Commission's blueprint for fascism in the U.S. These raids, along with increased police repression and the further pauperization of oppressed people, are the prelude to U.S. fascism.

WHAT IS THE ROLE OF THE I.N.S. IN RELATIONSHIP TO THE PEOPLE OF OCCUPIED NORTHERN MEXICO?

We must recognize that the I.N.S. and the Border Patrol are special armies of occupation created by the U.S. federal state in 1924. Prior to that white Europeans could enter the expanding U.S. at will. The "Migra" was created in direct response to the increasing number of our people who were fleeing the Mexican Revolution of 1910-1927. Since then, its primary role has been to intimidate, harass and terrorize the Mexicano community. The Migra has consistently stopped Mexicanos regardless of their birthplace.

WHAT SHOULD OUR RESPONSE BE TO THESE ATTACKS?

Our protests/demonstrations must challenge the existence of the state and of the militarily-imposed border. We must go beyond calling for reforms. Our opposition must be geared to the demand that if we controlled our homeland, we would not be subjected to the Gestapo terror tactics of the Migra.

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