

**INTERNATIONAL DAY OF
SUPPORT FOR HUNGER
STRIKE BY THE PUERTO
RICAN PRISONERS OF WAR**

**ALL OUT TUESDAY
MAY 26 !**

On Tuesday May 26, 1981, the National Committee to Free Puerto Rican Prisoners of War is calling upon the Puerto Rican and Chicano/Mexicano communities, in particular, and all progressive and freedom loving people to demonstrate their support for the eleven Puerto Rican Prisoners of War by attending a picket to be held at 219 S. Dearborn at 12:00 noon. Similar activities will take place in Puerto Rico, Mexico, Canada, Quebec, and in the U.S. in New York, Chicago, Milwaukee, Denver, San Francisco, and Los Angeles.

The following statement was issued by the Eleven Puerto Rican Prisoners of War at the initiation of their hunger strike:

On April 30, 1981, in a continuing example of United States government's repression against the Puerto Rican independence movement, U.S. federal agents secretly kidnapped Puerto Rican Prisoner of War, Alfredo Mendez. Comrade Mendez, his whereabouts unknown, has been kept hostage and incommunicado for over two weeks, and with the full support of the yanqui judicial, correctional and law enforcement department continues to be desaparecido - a disappeared person; a form of repression not unknown to all people struggling for liberation in Latin America.

A grave concern for comrade Mendez's safety is clear not only when we see his name and his credibility defamed by the slanders and lies perpetrated by yanqui propaganda, but more importantly in light of the recent CIA ordered assassination of Puerto Rican Prisoner of War Angel Rodriguez Cristobal while in federal custody at Tallahassee, Florida. Representatives and members of the Puerto Rican community, comrade Mendez's immediate family, his legal consultants - Michael Deutsch and Mara Siegel, and members of the National Committee to Free Puerto Rican Prisoners of War have been denied direct access to our kidnapped comrade. We adamantly, and in the strongest way possible, condemn this criminal act of abduction by the U.S. government. Furthermore starting today, Monday,

May 18, 1981, we the ten Puerto Rican Prisoners of War have initiated and commit ourselves to a hunger strike until the United States government ceases this hostage situation in the form of direct and free access to comrade Mendez by his family, legal consultants, and the Puerto Rican community.

We state clearly that we will remain on the hunger strike until this situation is resolved, and Mendez's person is produced and free and direct access to him be afforded his immediate family, legal consultants and members of the Puerto Rican community.

We also take note of the fact that today an Emergency Addendum to our Petition for Prisoner of War Status has been submitted to the United Nations Human Rights Commission requesting that an immediate inquiry be initiated into the whereabouts and status of Comrade Mendez. In this document we state that this is a high point in the U.S. government's attempt to destroy our unity and solidarity. Since our capture we have been subjected to inhuman treatment which has included denial of proper and necessary medical care, interference and disruption of legal mail and access to lawyers, as well as legal assistants. We have been forced to work under conditions injurious to our health, and singled out for special punitive treatment, including being placed in isolation on false charges of prison rule violations. Above all we are denied a basic right accorded all prisoners, the right of access to each other as well as our supporters.

We urge all supporters of dignity and liberty, all justice minded people, to actively condemn the action of the U.S. government and demand that it produce alive and well comrade Alfredo Mendez.

The 10 Puerto Rican Prisoners of War

MESSAGE FROM THE M.L.N. IN SUPPORT OF THE IRISH LIBERATION STRUGGLE

The following telegram was sent by the political commission of the Movimiento de Liberacion Nacional, immediately following the death of comrade Bobby Sands:

The great apostle of Cuban independence, Jose Marti, once wrote that "When a life is well lived, death becomes a victory". Today Bobby Sands offered his life to that the most supreme of all causes: the right of his homeland to complete and total independence from foreign domination. As revolutionaries, we do not accept death, for Bobby Sands lives on in the struggle to free his beloved Ireland. Today in Puerto Rico, Ireland, and occupied Mexico, many a new Bobby Sands were born.

For the last sixty-six days Bobby Sands became the international standard of revolutionary struggle when he lived the words of Kwame Nkrumah who once said "A revolutionary only loses when he admits defeat". Bobby Sands' death like his life are clear testimonies that the Irish people will never admit defeat and that the Irish nation will be free and reunited, for any struggle which produces men the caliber of this heroic comrade must triumph. In the last sixty-six days, Bobby Sands' words became his gun. His absence from our midst challenges us to take up his gun for only from the guns of the Irish Republican Army (IRA) will come the flowers of a free, reunited Ireland.

It is with this understanding that we within the Movimiento de Liberacion Nacional (MLN), together with the eleven Puerto Rican Prisoners of War, offer our most heartfelt condolences as well as our uncompromising and militant solidarity with the cause of the heroic Irish people.

LETTERS

Taken from SUBSTANCE (Substitutes United for Better Schools), Vol. VI, No. 7, April 1981.

Teachers Back Eddie Negron

Dear SUBSTANCE,

The transfer of Eddie Negron from his classroom position in the De Diego program at Tuley was done because the board decided the charge against Negron makes him a controversial figure. This was not based on observation of Negron in his classroom or among his fellow teachers.

The charge alone, before any court proceedings or decisions have been made, was enough for the board to remove him from the classroom. As a founder of the De Diego Program, Eddie has known many of his students and parents since they first entered the school. As former director of the program, he knows most of the De Diego students and their parents and has good relations with them. He is a resident of the community and is known and respected there for his work in education. After his removal, over half of his class and their parents, as well as students in other classrooms and their parents supported his return to the classroom where he had worked and planned since September. Fellow teachers and school staff members also support his return. Eddie is known as a teacher who likes working with students. This is not often the case with classroom teachers, many of

whom look at non classroom jobs with the board as a step "up" and something to work towards.

The remark, "I wish it had happened to me" was made by several teachers referring to Eddie's transfer to a non-classroom position.

Unfortunately, it happened to a classroom teacher who likes students.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Borgardt, Teacher
Jose De Diego, Tuley

Dear Substance Editor,

I met Eddie Negron when I started working in the Jose De Diego Program six years ago. He demonstrated to me a capacity for working with children and co-workers. He was a coordinator of the Jose De Diego Program, and as coordinator he helped me out with my questions and gave me advice concerning my students. He has always shown his love and concern for the children in the program in which he was working. It is a shame that someone like Eddie Negron has been taken out of the classroom.

Zulma Melendez
Teacher, Jose De Diego/Tuley

Dear SUBSTANCE,

I have worked with Eddie Negron for over 9 years. In 1971 we were part of a

committee which worked to establish the Jose De Diego Program, a bilingual program for Spanish speaking children in the West Town Community.

As director of this program, Eddie was very cooperative and helped me in my position as an aide in that program. He encouraged me to continue my education and become a teacher. After I became a teacher, he continued to help and support me.

Eddie is a person who likes to work with people. He has encouraged other community members and parents to further their education. He likes to work with children and encourages them to study and become good students.

As a person, Eddie is sensitive to the problems and needs of the people in the community. He takes a special interest in the students of the Jose De Diego Program. I would like to see Eddie Negron back in the classroom working among the students who know and love him.

Carmen Zayas, Teacher
Jose De Diego, Tuley

MESSAGE TO THE IRISH REVOLUTIONARY FORCES AND THE IRISH PEOPLE FROM THE ELEVEN

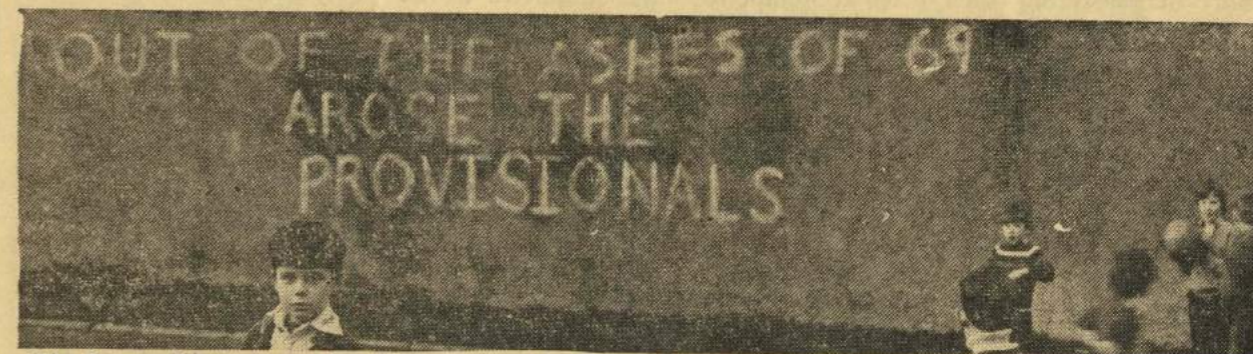
Today we salute Bobby Sands and all the Irish comrades who courageously continue to give the world guarantees of their strength and determination in order to obtain freedom for their homeland.

May 4th 1981 brought to all progressive people of the world indignation, as well as a real sense of victory! The act of these valiant comrades, has unleashed the wrath of the international community against the bloody British executioners. Their valor pointed out to the world that the destiny of a single person is not at stake, but rather the freedom and destiny of humanity. The plight of the Irish people is clearly understood by the Puerto Rican nation, because we are also victims of the same suffering, foreign intervention, imperialism. We live totally under the hypocrisy of the U.S. government. Both Britain and the U.S. hold hands in this bloody orgy of fascism.

Colonialism and all of its consequences must face a hard death. The belated attempts of the British Government to restrain the wrath of the people, to restrain mounting national feelings have been crushed by the relentless struggle of the IRA. World peace is not possible without the complete liquidation of colonialism and the total liberation of people everywhere.

Wherever there is the possibility of conflict because of the refusal of human rights and the denial of the inalienable right of prisoner-of-war status, as in the case of the comrades in Long-Kesh, the peace of the world is threatened. Freedom can never happen without the consistent pressure of all the struggling people of the world.

The international proletariat must never forget that the active solidarity displayed during critical moments fortifies and strengthens the positions of



The Puerto Rican nation has been under colonial rule for the last 83 years. Yet this deceitful government pretends that this colonial condition is non-existent. We must follow the example of the continuous struggle of the IRA comrades; we must continue bringing this reality to the public eye even if it takes our lives. These determined comrades have not permitted the world to forget that Britain's evolution into democracy was not at all peaceful. It was only a little over three hundred years ago that they chopped off the head of the King and made their middle class revolution, and installed Cromwell as their dictator. U.S. history is also full of historical contradictions, yet today this fascist government is also classifying us as "Terrorists".

The efforts of the enemy in trying to defame the Irish struggle has been in vain. There is no question of the dedication and continued support of the IRA. The thousands of people who attended Comrade Sands' funeral showed the British empire and the world that the Irish people recognize Comrade Sands as a hero, not a terrorist.

those struggling. We are guaranteed from our own experiences that the energetic display of solidarity helps us ward off the blows of the enemy with greater ease and strengthens our revolutionary commitment. The voices of all the struggling people must become one concerted voice. The wrath of the proletariat must not permit any more Bobby Sands or Francis Hughes to be murdered!

Stand together against the imperialist forces which are engineering our destruction, until colonialism and imperialism in all of their various forms and manifestations have been completely eradicated. Do not rest! Imperialism is Imperialism! Bobby Sands lives in us! Long Live Francis Hughes! Long Live the IRA! Long Live a Socialist Puerto Rico! We are not terrorists, we are Prisoners of War!

With all our revolutionary love and respect, the Eleven Puerto Rican Prisoners of War.



CARIBBEAN RECORDS ANNOUNCES ITS NEW RECORD BY TONY ORTIZ

Caribbean Records recently issued its first 1,000 records by Tony Ortiz, stepfather of prisoner of war Dick Jimenez. The record, a 45 includes two decimas composed and sung by Tony, "Despierta Boricua" and "A los Once". Hundreds of records have already been sold.

If you want to sell or buy records, please inquire at: Angel Rodriguez Cristobal Bookstore, 1313 North Western, Chicago, Il. 60622.

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The government refused to address itself to the substantive issue and instead raised irrelevant questions, once more demonstrating their utter contempt for the law they claim to uphold.

An international letter writing and telegram campaign has been initiated in response to this latest maneuver by U.S. imperialism. Thousands of letters and telegrams from throughout the U.S., Canada, Quebec, Puerto Rico and Mexico have been sent. From Chicago alone, over 3,000 letters have been mailed and hundreds of telegrams have sent.

We urge every freedom loving person and every defender of human rights to write to the U.S. Attorney General Wm. French Smith, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, D.C., and denounce this blatant attack against Prisoner of War Alfredo Mendez, and the Puerto Rican liberation movement. We are mailing the following form letter:

To: U.S. Attorney General, William French Smith
Washington, D.C.

"I demand that you produce the person of Puerto Rican Prisoner of War Alfredo Mendez, reveal his whereabouts, allow him legal and personal visits, and make known his physical and mental condition. I have cause to believe that he has been subjected to torture. I hold you personally responsible for anything that may happen to him or the Puerto Rican liberation movement, as a result of his disappearance."

Sincerely, (your signature and address).

We also urge you to mail a copy of the letter to Judge McMillen and Assistant U.S. Attorney Jeremy Dirksen Federal Building, 219 S. Dearborn, Chicago, Illinois.

An Addendum to the previous Petition for Prisoner of War Status - document presented to the U. N. Decolonization Committee - regarding the mysterious disappearance and whereabouts of Prisoner of War Alfredo Mendez, engineered by the U.S. Government, was submitted to the U. N. Commission on Human Rights on Monday, May 18th.

The National Committee to Free Puerto Rican Prisoners of War called for an international Day of Press Conference on Monday, May 18th. The Press Conferences were held across the U.S. - Los Angeles, San Francisco, Denver, Alamosa, El Paso, New York, Milwaukee, and Chicago; and also in San Juan, Puerto Rico, Canada, Quebec, Mexico City, Chihuahua City, and Ciudad Juarez in Mexico. The Comité de Defensa Popular (CDP) bought a half page ad in one of Mexico's biggest daily newspaper which contained the statement by the ten remaining Prisoners of War.

Also on May 18th, the New Movement in Solidarity with Puerto Rican Independence, held a picket which draw about 80 persons in front of the Illinois Building, 160 North La Salle. The building was closed immediately and dozens of F. B. I. agents including Dean, photographed and taunted the militant crowd, which shouted slogans like "The FALN alive and well, the F.B.I. can go to hell". One of the policemen, a well known member of the Red Squad told the spectators: "These are the same people who bombed the Pan Am Terminal and the U.N. U.S. Mission. This comment was in reference to the attacks by the Resistencia Armada Puertorriquena that weekend. According to the F.B.I. and newspaper accounts the bombs were placed demanding freedom for the eleven and as an attack on U.S. policy in El Salvador.

TO AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL

A CALL FOR INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT

We urgently request the aid of the European and Latin American sections of Amnesty International in the effort to locate and assure the physical and psychological security of the disappeared Puerto Rican Prisoner of War, Alfredo Mendez. Mendez was taken from a cell in Pontiac State Prison in Pontiac, Illinois on or about April 29, 1981. Prison authorities offered varied explanations of his disappearance, and finally referred his family and attorneys to the United States Attorney, Jeremy Margolis.

F.B.I. sources have spread rumors about Mendez; but U.S. Attorneys, in an open court hearing on May 14, refused to answer inquiries by U.S. Federal Judge Decker regarding Mendez's whereabouts. The U.S. authorities subsequently had the case transferred to the court of Judge Thomas McMillen, the judge in the original U.S. case against the Eleven Puerto Rican Prisoners of War, among whom was Alfredo Mendez. Up to this date, Judge McMillen has not been willing to grant a Writ of Habeas Corpus to produce Mendez.

In light of these circumstances and the refusal of U.S. authorities to reveal the whereabouts of Alfredo Mendez, his family, legal advisors and supporters are convinced that Alfredo has been kidnapped and that he is "disappeared" because of his activity in support of Puerto Rican independence.

The U.S. government has historically targeted independentistas for repression and has not hesita-

ted to kill them when they deem necessary—witness the case of Angel Rodriguez Cristobal, who was murdered in a cell in a U.S. Prison in Tallahassee, Florida, U.S.A. In the only conversation she has been allowed with Alfredo, his wife reported that he seemed drugged, disoriented, and that he did not even know where he was. This circumstance, so similar to the case of Rodriguez Cristobal, indicates the danger of Alfredo Mendez's situation.

A campaign to call attention to this violation of rights presumably guaranteed by national and international law is being mounted. An Emergency Addendum to the Petition to the United Nations on Prisoner of War Status by the Eleven Puerto Rican Prisoners of War was presented to the United Nations Commission on Human Rights on Monday, May 18. Thousands of letters asking the U.S. Attorney General to act have been sent. An inquiry by Amnesty International will be an invaluable aid in this urgent effort to secure the safety of Alfredo Mendez.

Thank you. Please find enclosed photocopies of newspaper articles, statements from Mendez's family and attorneys, statements from the remaining Ten Prisoners of War, and the Petitions for a Writ of Habeas Corpus and to the U.N. Commission on Human Rights.

Civic and Religious Committee to Defend the Rights of the Puerto Rican Prisoners of War, National Committee to Free Puerto Rican Prisoners of War.

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officials such as Mr. Margolis are paid with public money to act as servants of the people. Instead they are lording over the people, resorting to secrecy, mental and physical abuse to exploit the captured status of prisoner such as Alfredo Mendez. Other 10 Prisoners of War who are advocating free Puerto Rico have in other ways been intimidated, harassed and isolated. We demand that all this be stopped immediately.

We appeal to the people and the press to support us in contacting Alfredo Mendez under seizure by the federal and state officials.

NEXT ISSUE: FOLLOW-UP ON MAY 1st IN EL PASO OCCUPIED MEXICO AND CIUDAD JUAREZ



WRITE TO THE COMPANEROS

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March

DWIGHT CORRECTIONAL CENTER - P.O. Box C, Dwight, Illinois , 60420

Carlos Alberto Torres - No. NO3000

September

Luis Rosa - No. NO2743

August

MENARD CORRECTIONAL CENTER - P.O. Box 711, Menard, Illinois, 62259

Elizam Escobar - No. NO2996

May

Freddie Mendez - No. NO2999

April

PONTIAC CORRECTIONAL CENTER - P.O. Box 99, Pontiac, Illinois, 61764

Adolfo Matos - No. NO2998

September

Dick Jimenez - No. NO2997

April

STATEVILLE CORRECTIONAL CENTER - P.O. Box 112, Joliet, Illinois, 60434

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Fed. Correctional Inst.
Otisville, N.Y. 10963

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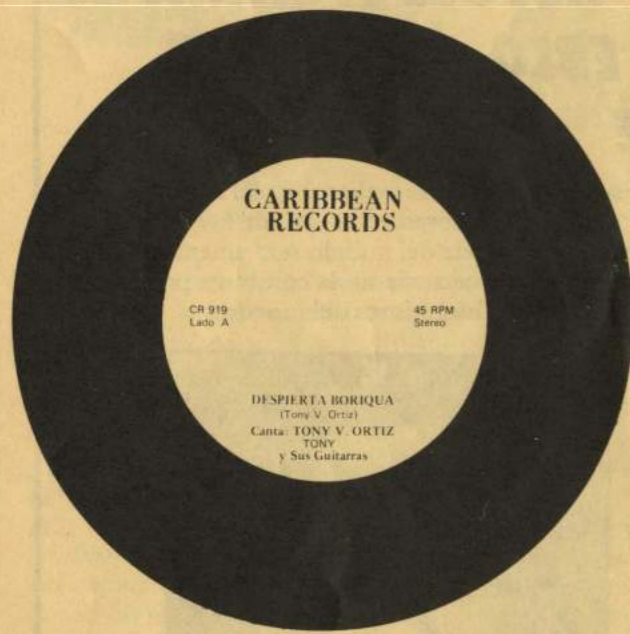
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CARIBBEAN RECORDS ANUNCIA GRABACION DE SU NUEVO DISCO DE 45 REVOLUCIONES

Caribbean Records recientemente imprimio los primeros mil discos por Tony Ortiz, padre del prisionero de guerra, Ricardo Jimenez. El disco de 45 revoluciones, incluye dos decimas compuestas por el companero Tony, tituladas "Despierta Boricua" y "A los Once". Cientos de discos ya se han vendidos.

Si usted esta interesado en comprar o vender los discos, favor de solicitarlos en la libreria Angel Rodriguez Cristobal, 1313 North Western Ave., Chicago, Il. 60622.

MILLARES DENUNCIA ENCUBRIMIENTO DE SECUESTRO. (CONT. DE PRIMER PAGINA)

diatamente el licenciado Michael Deutsch sometio un decreto de emergencia al gobierno, para que el caso se viera antes del lunes 15. La corte fijo la fecha de miercoles 20 de mayo y se llevo a cabo a las 10:00 de la mañana. El gobierno, con la ayuda del juez, rehuso dirigirse al asunto sustantivamente y escogio enfatizar tecnicidades e irrelevancias. Una vez mas el gobierno estadounidense demostro su descarado desden utilizando las mismas leyes que se supone defiendan, y como las leyes son creadas por los que tienen el poder de manejarlas, se salieron con la suya.

Miles de cartas y telegramas de todas partes de los EEUU como tambien del Canada, Quebec, Puerto Rico y Mejico han sido enviados a Washington. De Chicago se han enviado 3,000 cartas y centenares de telegramas. Si desea enviar cartas a Washington denunciando este ataque contra nuestros prisioneros de guerra puertorriquenos, dirijala a: U.S. Attorney General William French Smith, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, D.C. El formato de la carta que estamos enviando es el siguiente:

"I demand that you produce the person of Puerto Rican Prisoner of War Alfredo Mendez, reveal his whereabouts, allow him legal and personal visits, and make known his physical and mental condition. I have cause to believe that he has been subjected to torture. I hold you personally responsible for anything that may happen to him or the Puerto Rican liberation movement, as a result of his disappearance".
Sincerely, (su firma y su direccion)

Puede enviar copia de esta carta al Juez McMillen, y al Assistant U.S. Attorney Jeremy Margolis, Dirksen Federal Building, 219 S. Dearborn, Chicago, Illinois.

El Comite de Defensa Popular (CDP) compro una media pagina en uno de los diarios de mayor circulacion en Mejico, en el cual se publico la declaracion de los diez prisioneros de guerra puertorriquenos y las razones de la huelga de hambre.

El lunes 18 de mayo, el Nuevo Movimiento en Solidaridad con la Independencia de Puerto Rico, llevo a cabo un piquete frente al Edificio del Estado de Illinois. El edificio fue inmediatamente cerrado al publico y docenas de agentes FBI, incluyendo a Dean comenzaron a retratar y a hostigar a los quienes militantemente gritaban consignas como: "Las FALN estan vivas y salvas - el FBI se puede ir para el infierno". Uno de los policias, muy bien conocido como miembro del Escuadron Rojo les dijo a los espectadores: "Estas son las mismas personas que bombardearon el terminal de aerolineas Pan American y la Mision estadounidense de la Naciones Unidas". Este comentario fue hecho en referencia a los ataques por la Resistencia Armada Puertorriquena el pasado fin de semana. De acuerdo con el FBI y reportajes en los periodicos la accion fue llevada a cabo para exigir la libertad de los once Prisioneros de Guerra y denunciando la intervencion estadounidense en El Salvador.

Un suplemento a la Peticion de los Once para Estatus de Prisionero de Guerra ante el Comite de Descolonizacion, respecto a la misteriosa desaparicion y el paradero del Prisionero de Guerra Alfredo Mendez fue sometida ante la Comision de Derecho Humanos de la O.N.U. el lunes 18 de mayo.

El Comite Nacional Pro Libertad Prisioneros de

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AMNESTIA INTERNACIONAL

LLAMADO A APOYO INTERNACIONAL

Nosotros urgentemente solicitamos la ayuda de los sectores Europeos y Latinoamericanos de Amnesty International (Amnistia Internacional) en el esfuerzo de localizar y determinar la seguridad fisica y psicologica del desaparecido Prisionero de Guerra Puertorriqueno Alfredo Mendez. Mendez fue sacado de su celda en la prision estatal de Illinois en Pontiac en o al rededor del 29 de abril de 1981. Las autoridades de la prision ofrecieron algunas explicaciones de su desaparicion y por fin refirieron a su familia y a sus abogados al procurador federal Jeremy Margolis.

Fuentes del F.B.I. han diseminado rumores sobre Mendez; pero los fiscales federales en vista publica ante la corte el 14 de mayo, rehusaron contestar las preguntas del Juez Decker respecto al paradero de Mendez. Las autoridades estadounidenses posteriormente transfirieron el caso al juez Thomas McMillen, el juez que juzgo el caso de los Estados Unidos contra los diez Prisioneros de Guerra Puertorriquenos, entre quienes se hallaba Alfredo Mendez. Hasta esta fecha, el juez McMillen no ha estado en disposicion de conceder el Writ of Habeas Corpus (Decreto de Habeas Corpus) para que se produzca la persona de Mendez.

En vista de estos acontecimientos y la negatividad de las autoridades estadounidenses a revelar el paradero de Alfredo Mendez, su familia, sus representantes legales y simpatizantes estan convencidos que Alfredo ha sido secuestrado y que esta "desaparecido" por su actividad en apoyo a la independencia de Puerto Rico.

El gobierno estadounidense historicamente ha enfocado su campana represiva contra independentistas puertorriquenos y no ha vacilado en asesinar

cuando lo cree necesario - como fue evidente en el caso de Angel Rodriguez Cristobal, quien fue asesinado en la celda de una prision federal en Tallahassee, Florida, EEUU. En la unica conversacion que se le ha permitido a su esposa con Alfredo, ella expreso que el parece estar endrogado, desorientado, y que ni el sabia donde estaba. Las circunstancias, muy similares a las del caso de Rodriguez Cristobal, indican el peligro de la situacion de Mendez.

Una campana para llamar la atencion a esta violacion de derechos presuntamente garantizados por leyes nacionales e internacionales se esta llevando a cabo. Un Addendum de Emergencia a la Peticion a las Naciones Unidas sobre el estatus de Prisioneros de Guerra de los Once Prisioneros de Guerra Puertorriquenos, fue presentado a la Comision de Derechos Humanos de las Naciones Unidas el 18 de mayo, 1981. Miles de cartas han sido enviadas al procurador general estadounidense para que intervenga en esta situacion. Una investigacion por Amnesty International (Amnistia Internacional) seria una ayuda invaluable en este urgente esfuerzo de determinar la seguridad de Alfredo Mendez.

Muchas gracias. Favor de encontrar adjunto fotocopias de articulos periodisticos, declaraciones de la familia Mendez y abogados, declaraciones de los Diez Prisioneros de Guerra Puertorriquenos y las peticiones del Decreto de Habeas Corpus y a la Comision de Derechos Humanos de las Naciones Unidas.

Sometido por: El Comite Civico-Religioso para Defender los Prisioneros de Guerra, El Comite Nacional Pro-Libertad Prisioneros de Guerra Puertorriquenos y el Nuevo Movimiento en Solidaridad con la Independencia de Puerto Rico.

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Guerra Puertorriquenos hizo llamado a participar en el Dia Internacional de Conferencia de Prensa el lunes 18 de mayo. Conferencias de Prensa se llevaron a cabo en EEUU - Los Angeles, San Francisco, Denver, Alamosa, El Paso, New York, Milwaukee y Chicago. Tambien en San Juan, Puerto Rico, Canada, Quebec, y Mejico.



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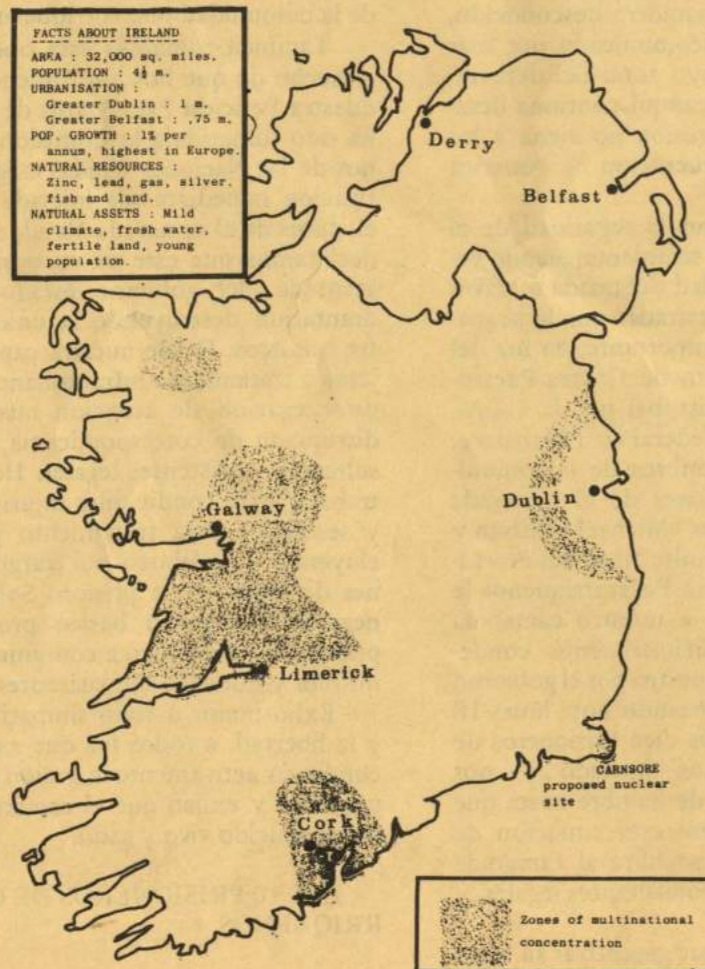
MENSAJE DEL M.L.N. EN APOYO DE LA LUCHA DE LIBERACION IRLANDESA

El siguiente telegrama fue enviado por la comision politica de el Movimiento de Liberacion Nacional, inmediatamente despues de la muerte de el camarada Bobby Sands:

El gran apostol de la lucha por la independencia cubana, Jose Marti, dijo antes de morir: "Cuando se ha vivido bien, la muerte es una victoria". Hoy Bobby Sands ofrecio su vida a la mas suprema de las causas: el derecho de su patria a su completa y total independencia de dominacion extranjera. Los revolucionarios no aceptamos la muerte, por tanto Bobby Sands vive en la lucha para liberar a su querida patria, Irlanda; y hoy, en Puerto Rico, Irlanda, y en el territorio ocupado de Mejico, muchos Bobby Sands han nacido.

En los ultimos sesenta y seis dias, Bobby Sands ha sido el estandarte internacional de la lucha revolucionaria porque supo vivir lo que Kwame Nkrumah dijo: "Un revolucionario solo pierde cuando admite derrota". La muerte de Bobby Sands, al igual que su vida, son testimonios de que el pueblo irlandes mas nunca admitira derrota; y que la nacion irlandesa sera libre y reunificada. Cualquier lucha que produce hombres del calibre de este heroico camarada tiene que triunfar. En esos sesenta y seis dias, las palabras de Bobby Sands fueron su fusil. Su ausencia de entre nosotros nos reta a tomar su fusil porque de los fusiles del Irish Republican Army (IRA) (Ejercito Republicano Irlandes) florecera una Irlanda libre y reunificada.

Es con este entendimiento que nosotros en el Movimiento de Liberacion Nacional (MLN), junto a los once Prisioneros de Guerra Puertorriquenos, le ofrecemos nuestros mas sentidos pesames, como tambien nuestra intransigente y militante solidaridad con la causa del heroico pueblo irlandes.



MENSAJE A LAS FUERZAS REVOLUCIONARIAS IRLANDESES Y AL PUEBLO IRLANDES DE LOS ONCE

Saludamos hoy al camarada Bobby Sands y a todos los camaradas irlandeses que valientemente continuan dandole al mundo ejemplos de su fuerza y determinacion con el proposito de obtener la libertad de su patria.

El 4 de mayo de 1981 ocasiono la indignacion de toda persona progresista en el mundo, como tambien un sentido real de victoria! La accion de estos valientes camaradas ha despertado la furia de la comunidad internacional en contra de los verdugos britanicos. Su valor demostro al mundo, que no es el destino de una sola persona el que esta en juego sino la libertad y el destino de la humanidad. La condicion del pueblo irlandes se entiende claramente por la nacion puertorriquena, porque nosotros tambien somos victimas del mismo sufrimiento: la intervencion extranjera, imperialismo. Vivimos totalmente bajo la hipocrecia del gobierno estadounidense. Gran Bretana y los Estados Unidos son socios en esta sangrienta orgia de fascismo.

La nacion puertorriquena ha estado bajo el dominio colonial por los ultimos 83 anos. Sin embargo este gobierno enganador pretende que esta condicion colonial no existe. Tenemos que seguir el ejemplo de la lucha continua de los camaradas del IRA; tenemos que exponer esta realidad al pueblo aunque arriesguemos nuestras vidas. Estos camaradas determinados no le permitiran al mundo olvidar que la evolucion de la democracia de Gran Bretana ha sido pacifica. Hacen mas o menos 300 anos que decapitaron al rey, hicieron su revolucion burguesa, e instalaron a Cromwell como su dictador. La historia de los Estados Unidos tambien esta llena de contradicciones, sin embargo hoy este gobierno fascista nos clasifica como "terroristas".

Los esfuerzos del enemigo para defamar la lucha irlandesa ha sido en vano. No cabe duda en la dedicacion y el apoyo continuo del IRA. Los millares que asistieron al funeral de el camarada Sands demostraron al imperio britanico y al mundo que el pueblo irlandes reconoce al camarada Sands como un heroe - no como terrorista.

El colonialismo y sus consecuencias tienen que enfrentar una muerte dura. Los retardados intentos del gobierno britanico para reprimir la furia del pueblo irlandes, para reprimir los crecientes sentimientos nacionales han sido aplastados por la lucha implacable del IRA. Paz en el mundo no es posible sin la liquidacion completa del colonialismo y la liberacion total de todos los pueblos.

Dondequiera que haya la posibilidad de conflicto debido a la violacion de los derechos humanos y

la negacion del derecho inalienable del status de Prisionero de Guerra, como en el caso de los camaradas en Long Kesh, la paz del mundo sera amenazada. La libertad no puede ocurrir sin la constante presion de todos los pueblos luchadores del mundo.

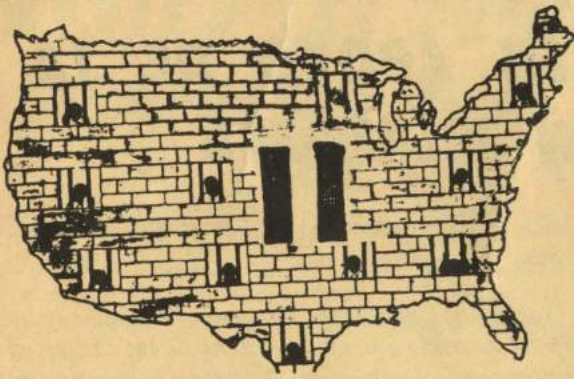


Bobby Sands.

El proletario internacional nunca debiera de olvidar que la solidaridad activa manifestada en momentos criticos fortifica y fortalece las posiciones de los luchadores. Nuestra experiencia nos asegura que esa expresion energetica de solidaridad nos ayuda a detener los golpes del enemigo con menos dificultad, y fortalecera nuestro compromiso revolucionario. Las voces de los pueblos luchadores tendran que convertirse en una sola voz. La furia del proletario no puede permitir mas asesinatos de camaradas de la talla de Bobby Sands y Francis Hughes!

Luchemos juntos contra las fuerzas imperialistas que planean nuestra destruccion, hasta que el colonialismo y el imperialismo en todas sus diversas formas y manifestaciones sean completamente destruidas. No descansen! El imperialismo es imperialismo! Bobby Sands vive en nosotros! Viva Francis Brandon Hughes! Viva el IRA! Viva Puerto Rico Libre y Socialista! Somos Prisioneros de Guerra - no terroristas!

Con todo nuestro amor revolucionario y respeto, Los Once Prisioneros de Guerra Puertorriquenos.



DIA INTERNACIONAL DE APOYO PARA LA HUELGA DE HAMBRE POR LOS ONCE PRISIONEROS DE GUERRA PUERTORRIQUENOS

i TODOS AL EDIFICIO FEDERAL MARTES, EL 26 DE MAYO!

El pasado 30 de abril de 1981, en un continuo ejemplo de represion del gobierno estadounidense en contra del movimiento independentista puertorriqueño, agentes federales secretamente secuestraron al Prisionero de Guerra Puertorriqueño, Alfredo Mendez. El camarada Mendez, su paradero desconocido, ha sido mantenido rehen e incomunicado por mas de dos semanas, y con el apoyo total del departamento judicial, y correccional yanqui continua desaparecido - una forma de represion no ajena a los pueblos que luchan por su liberacion en America Latina.

Una preocupacion grave por la seguridad de el camarada Mendez, es clara no solamente cuando vemos su nombre y su credibilidad defamada a traves de calumnias y mentiras orquestradas por la propaganda yanqui, pero aun mas importante, en luz del reciente asesinato del Prisionero de Guerra Puertorriqueño, Angel Rodriguez Cristobal por la C.I.A., mientras estaba bajo custodia federal en Tallahassee, Florida. Representantes y miembros de la comunidad puertorriqueña, los familiares de el camarada Mendez, sus consultantes legales - Michael Deutsch y Mara Siegal y miembros del Comite Nacional Pro-Libertad de Prisioneros de Guerra Puertorriqueños le ha sido negado acceso directo a nuestro camarada secuestrado. Nosotros incondicionalmente condenamos este acto criminal de secuestro por el gobierno estadounidense. Ademas comenzando hoy, lunes 18 de mayo de 1981, nosotros, los diez Prisioneros de Guerra Puertorriqueños hemos iniciado y nos comprometemos a una huelga de hambre hasta que el gobierno estadounidense cese esta situacion de rehen en forma directa de acceso libre al camarada Mendez por sus familiares, sus consultantes legales, y la comunidad puertorriqueña.

Los Estados Unidos tiene que garantizar su seguridad como tambien su bien estar fisico y psicologico.

Hemos declarado claramente que permaneceremos en huelga de hambre hasta que esta situacion sea resuelta y la persona de el camarada Mendez sea producida y acceso libre y directo a el sea proveido a sus familiares, sus consultantes legales, y miembros de la comunidad puertorriqueña.

Tambien tomamos esta oportunidad para notar el hecho de que hoy un Addendum de emergencia a nuestra Peticion Para Status de Prisionero de Guerra ha sido sometida a la Comision De Derechos Humanos de las Naciones Unidas exigiendo que una investigacion inmediata sea iniciada sobre el paradero y el status de el camarada Mendez. En este documento declaramos que este es un punto culminante en el atentado del gobierno estadounidense para amedrantarnos destruyendo la unidad y solidaridad entre nosotros. Desde nuestra captura hemos sido sujetos a tratamiento infrahumano, el mismo ha incluido: negacion de atencion medica; intervencion y disrupcion de correspondencia legal y acceso a consultantes y asistentes legales. Hemos sido forzados a trabajar bajo condiciones injuriosas a nuestra salud; y senalados para tratamiento punitivo especial incluyendo el calabozo por cargos falsos de violaciones de reglas de la prision. Sobre todo hemos sido negado el derecho basico proporcionado a todo prisionero, el derecho a comunicarnos entre nosotros mismos y nuestros simpatizantes.

Exhortamos a todo simpatizante de la dignidad y la libertad, a todos los que aman la justicia, a que condenen activamente la accion del gobierno estadounidense y exijan que el camarada Alfredo Mendez sea producido vivo y sano.

**LOS 10 PRISIONEROS DE GUERRA PUERTO-
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