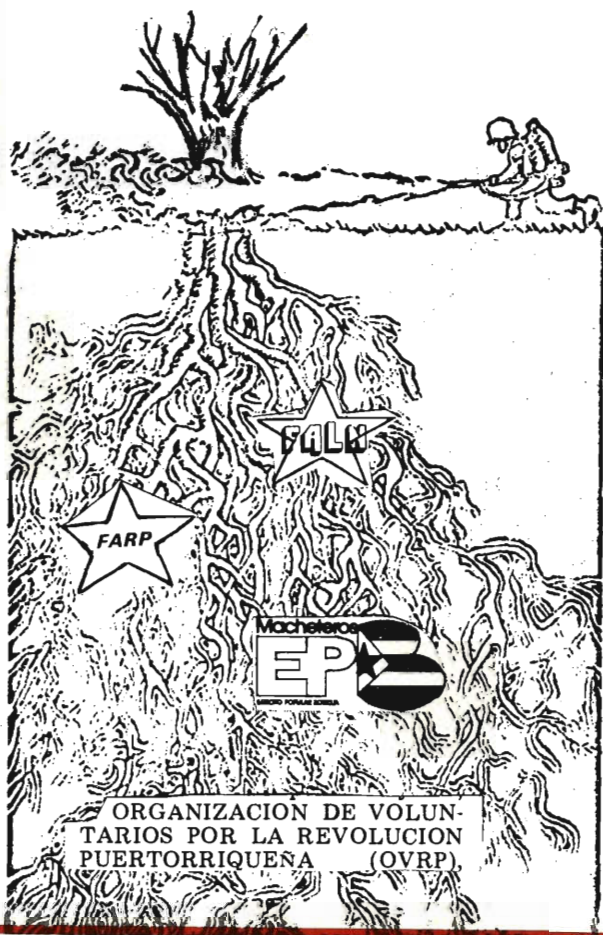


FIRST JOINT MESSAGE  
FROM THE CLANDESTINE  
ORGANIZATIONS TO  
THE PEOPLE



# INTRODUCTION

Because of the long suppression and repression, dominant on the life of our masses, because of the successive defeats of the peoples movement, our masses, more than before, have accepted the notion that the existing conditions are unchangeable... these deeply rooted beliefs cannot be changed by mere words... rather the possibility of the destruction, of the suppressing power, MUST BE SHOWN IN PRACTICE.

Massoud Ahmad-Zadeh (OIPFG)

Perhaps, it is only proper that we within the Movimiento de Liberacion Nacional (MLN) choose to introduce this document with a quote from a member of the vanguard organization of the Iranian revolution. For we, within, the MLN have come to respect and love the many brave people of Iran in general. But, most importantly we have consistently felt a particular kinship to those comrades who understand that the struggle was not only an anti-Shah struggle, but was a struggle against all forms of imperialist reaction. The struggle continues for them and our kinship continues for it was forged in the heat of an anti-imperialist understanding that in a war to the death there is no compromise.

So we choose this opportunity, awkward as it may seem, to once again extend our solidarity to the companeros and companeras of the OIPFG and those who were once the cadres of the I.S.A. For these companeros and companeras have shown us through their examples how truly enriching a real revolutionary process can and will be. We also salute them for

having the revolutionary understanding that, in this the era of neocolonialism, no accommodation can be reached with imperialism or the forces of imperialist reaction - and we must be on guard against imperialist solutions which disguise themselves as the peoples' victories. Rather we must recommit ourselves to the understanding that true revolutionaries have but two things they can offer to the imperialists WAR & DEATH.

It is with this understanding that we present this brief summary of the critical revolutionary period Puerto Rico finds itself in. For just as a strategy sparked the imagination and consciousness of the people of Iran and Nicaragua, Puerto Rico finds itself in a period of emerging peoples' war.

One need only understand the mass support with which the Puerto Rican toiling masses have embraced the revolutionary politics and strategy put forth by the armed clandestine movement to understand the advanced stage and maturity which characterizes the whole of our people and movement. Witness Vieques, for example, where the brave Viequenses and their supporters have resisted every attempt by both the state and reformist sectors of the independence movement (most notably the P.S.P.) to remove the struggle from the people's hands and lay it on the lap of the imperialist courts. The net impact of this struggle is best exemplified by the courageous and correct position advanced by the heroic member of the Puerto Rican Socialist League (L.S.P.) Angel Rodriguez Cristobal, who refused to acknowledge the jurisdiction of the

Yanqui imperialist courts over his person and our nation. Companero Rodriguez was sentenced to six months in jail in Tallahassee, Florida, but, the struggle continues and resistance grows.

Another clear example of the sharpening political struggle and heightened consciousness of the Puerto Rican masses was demonstrated on the 4th of July when between 5000-10,000 people demonstrated on the first anniversary of the takeover of the Chilean Consulate by Pablo Marcano Garcia and Nydia Esther Cuevas. This despite the police-state character surrounding the Pan-American games. If this was not enough, this demonstration was the largest ever held without the participation of either the P.I.P. or P.S.P., which in fact attempted to sabotage the event by calling on all sectors of this stunning defeat of the reformist sectors of the Independence movement is best understood when one comes to realize that the event was planned and carried out by a broad sector of unaffiliated independentistas who make up the groupings such as the Vieques support committee and the Soto-Rosado committee.

The ability of these groups to unite around a revolutionary politics, freedom for all Puerto Rican P.O.W.'s - U.S. Navy out of Vieques - justice for Soto-Rosado - has as its point of importance, perhaps, an embryonic mechanism which may flourish into a true anti-imperialist front. A visualization of this potential revolutionary unity can be had in the militant welcome given by over 100,000 people to our national heroes: Oscar Collazo, Lolita Lebron, Rafael Cancel Miranda, and

Irvin Flores. The emergence of such an important grouping has as its bottom line the understanding that the revolutionary potential of the independence movement must be realized outside of the reformist-legalist strategy put forth by either the P.S.P. or P.I.P.

It is clear, to us, that this understanding and struggle has been actualized only because of the activities of the Armed Clandestine Movement and the wide support it enjoys. Armed Clandestine Movement and the wide support it enjoys. For as we wrote two years ago in the MLN & The Freedom of the 4, "it is clear that there can be no armed struggle without mass struggle and mass struggle cannot develop successfully without armed forces capable of retaliating against the repressive machinery of the bourgeoisie State and ultimately destroying their capacity for violence."

The notion above is indeed a widely embraced guide to action. We look forward to the next period when the whole of the patriot sector will begin the political offensive of the masses. It is with this understanding that we offer this document.

(The following message was received by mail on September 24, 1979.)



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July 25, 1979 marked 81 years of the occupation of our nation by the forces of North American imperialism. The imperialist military aggression perpetrated since then has impeded the process of our people towards total independence. The Grito de Lares guided and concretized Puerto Rico as an independent nation, intimately linked to other Latin American nations.

Those years of domination have been characterized by ruthless repression against all manifestations of struggle for our national independence. The fact that our heroic combatents were incarcerated for more than 25 years is not only an example of the repression against them and their party, but also a threat against independentistas; as the sentences imposed on Nydia Esther Cuevas and Pablo Marcano Garcia proved so well. Repression is carried out on a daily basis in Vieques by the U.S. military as a reminder to the people of Puerto Rico that they can do it throughout our nation. In this way they repress the Independence movement and threaten the entire Caribbean. At the same time, repression against the working class and its unions has increased: its leadership and progressive unions have been harassed; weak contracts and wage ceilings have been imposed; strikes have been broken; and threats have been made to force public workers into a repressive union. The persecution against the Independence movement has resulted in three deaths in the last two years.

The case of Cerro Maravilla is a clear indication of how far they will go to fabricate situations to annihilate the independence movements.

As part of this policy, they supported Luis Munoz Marin and the Popular Democratic Party, always infested with demogoguery, as a trampolin and mechanism of transition to assimilate our people. The name adopted, as a result of their political impositions, Free Associated State, is an example of those intentions.

Pressured by the international crisis of capitalism and the great need for natural resources, they now seek to intensify the exploitation and assimilation of the Puerto Rican nation. The New Progressive Party, under the leadership of the rich whose wealth was created by the North American system, intimately linked to it and now raised to the level of colonial administrators, seek to use this crisis to transform our nation into a state of the United States.

The crisis of capitalism, at the international level, is characterized, among other things, by the loss of absolute control over the inperialist nations as a result of the strides made by underdeveloped nations in defense of their interests and national patrimony. The capacity of imperialism to control resources in yesteryear, such as petroleum, nickel, copper, manganese, and other strategic materials has been greatly reduced. It is for this reason that the potential existence of rich fields of petroleum and minerals in our nation are determinant factors of the aspirations of sectors of the imperialistic bourgeoisie to make our nation a new state of the

North American union.

The systematic annexationist-statehood process in our nation has covered various aspects: the military and economic control of our people and territory. Today, both reach tragic levels for our population. The political control is exercised through the colonial parties at its service. What is left is the most important of all; to destroy our identity as a people: our national consciousness. This is what constitutes the new imperialist offensive!

For this, it is necessary to ideologically capture our popular masses, something they seek to accomplish through the imposed participation of our people in the national politics of the metropolis. This is called bringing statehood through the back door. The fact that Puerto Ricans would actively participate in the party politics of imperialism is equivalent in practice to the destruction of our nationality. This demogogic and pseudo-democratic deceit is a daring and skillful maneuver that depends on the aid of the treacherous Puerto Rican leadership of the New Progressive Party and the New Democratic Party of Puerto Rico orchestrated by the CIA and directed by Franklin Delano Lopez and Juan Manuel Garcia Passalacqua. Neither can we eliminate the responsibility of the demogogues of the Popular Democratic Party in this act of deceit and treason. The PPD is worried about its loss of influence in the circles of power in the metropolis. However, they do not combat the celebration of the primaries of the North American parties and the other processes that integrate us with the party politics of the United States.

The so-called "democratic primaries" celebrated at the end of last year, the presidential vote, the announced Republican primaries, the presidential campaigns, and all the importations of the U.S. are to tighten up the political mechanisms for the execution of a well defined plan of assimilation, in the constitutional order, with the consent of a people habitually deceived.

While the elements of the colonial bourgeoisie seek to surrender our people and nation to total assimilation, Puerto Rican workers are forced to massively emigrate to the United States, where racism makes exploitation worse. In Puerto Rico, we live in conditions of uncertainty, suffering from the painful effects of inflation, unemployment, and the constant begging for food coupons and federal funds. These are the most indignant parts of this campaign. The blackmail used with these federal funds and food coupons hangs over our heads, like the sword of Democles, threatening to crush us if we refuse its pretensions.

We, the Puerto Rican workers, must make a decision of struggle against the present conditions. No leader of the bourgeoisie is capable of confronting this situation in any way. There is only one alternative. It has predominated in all the nations that have been victims of colonialism and neocolonialism: **TO COMBAT IMPERIALISM AND ALL THE TRAITORS THAT SERVE IT UNTIL FINAL VICTORY.**

With all our energies, we must proclaim:

NO TO STATEHOOD  
NO TO THE FREE ASSOCIATED STATE  
FOR INDEPENDENCE AND SOCIALISM

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