

is. We have the historical justification, the right, and the duty to struggle for our liberty and we are certainly not blind.

We think - and this is what bothers our 'poor rich' - that with all the might of this superpower, we, the Puerto Ricans, can blind them and hit them in the nose in their own house.

For Independence & Socialism! No to Statehood! US Navy out of Vieques!
Freedom for Pablo Marcano and Nydia Cuevas! Hasta La Victoria Siempre!

April 9, 1980
Cook County Jail

It's very important to get Maria Haydee Beltran Torres out of the control unit at Alderson Federal Prison where her life is in danger. Please send telegrams or letters demanding that she be put into the general population to:

Norman Carlson
Director, Bureau of Prisons
320 First St. , NW
Washington, DC 20534

Also, please send letters of support to Haydee:

Maria Haydee Beltran Torres
Alderson Federal Prison
Alderson, West Virginia 24910

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DEMONSTRATION: In Support of the 11 Puerto Rican Prisoners of War
Thursday, August 21 Armed Forces Recruiting Station
4:30 PM 3rd and Market Sts SF

FORUM: INDEPENDENCE FOR PUERTO RICO!
US NAVY OUT OF VIEQUES!
FREE THE 11 PUERTO RICAN P.O.W.s!
FREE NYDIA AND PABLO!

Speaker: Ileana Carrion, President of the National Committee in Defense
of Vieques (Puerto Rico)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 24 7:30 PM
NEW COLLEGE 777 VALENCIA ST, SF

For More Information: Comite de California Contra La Represion, 2632
68th Ave., Oakland, CA 94605 636-1831 or New Movement
in Solidarity with Puerto Rican Independence and Socialism, 1005 Market
St 207, San Francisco, CA 94103 285-9473

LONG LIVE THE HEROIC FALN!



FREE THE 11! FREE PUERTO RICO!

On April 4, 1980, the US government captured 11 Puerto Rican women and men and accused them of being members of the FALN (Fuerzas Armadas de Liberacion Nacional). The FALN is an armed, clandestine Puerto Rican independence organization that has carried out political military actions, particularly bombings, in the US and Puerto Rico for the last five years. All eleven have declared themselves prisoners of war. Puerto Rico has been militarily occupied since the US invasion in 1898, and the eleven are soldiers in Puerto Rico's war of liberation from US colonialism. They should be treated according to the Geneva Accords on the Treatment of Prisoners of War and according to UN resolutions defining prisoner of war status for anti-colonial freedom fighters. They completely refuse to recognize US jurisdiction over them and demand to be tried by an international tribunal or be set free.

One of the eleven, Maria Haydee Beltran de Torres, has been convicted of murder for the 1977 bombing of Mobil Oil offices and sentenced to life imprisonment. She is being held in the control unit at Alderson Federal Prison. Two others, Luis Rosa and Alicia Rodriguez have been convicted of armed robbery, armed violence, possession of a stolen vehicle and conspiracy and have been sentenced to 30 years in prison. The remaining eight POW's were convicted of similar charges and will be sentenced on Aug. 22nd. In August, the UN Decolonization Committee will hear the case of Puerto Rico including the petition of the eleven for international recognition of their status as Prisoners of War. To support the eleven is to support the right, recognized by international law, of a colonized people to use any means, including armed struggle, to secure the liberation of their homeland.

Since the arrest of the eleven, the armed clandestine movement has continued to fight for Puerto Rican independence. The Organization of Volunteers for the Puerto Rican Revolution (OVRP) bombed four navigation stations in Puerto Rico, immobilizing sea and air traffic in the Caribbean for several days. The Revolutionary Commandos of the People (CRP) bombed Post Offices in San Juan and Rio Piedras. Both actions were in support of the prisoners of war, against the Navy presence on the island of Vieques and against the Draft.

Statement from the 11

Comrades,

Greetings and a strong revolutionary embrace to all of you who also struggle for independence and socialism. From behind bars, we assure you that all of us remain strong and sure in our revolutionary convictions and principles. Despite our incarceration the process of struggle for our independence will continue.

Since our capture, we have taken the position that we are Puerto Rican prisoners of war and we refuse to recognize the jurisdiction of the North American courts of the Yanki empire.

We affirm that Puerto Rico is a nation intervened by yanki military aggression since July 25, 1898. We recognize that Puerto Rico has been at war with the United States since that time. We have lost many combatants in our prolonged struggle for national liberation. The first revolutionary insurrection happened in Lares in 1868, and has continued with the Ponce Massacre of 1937, the Jayuya Insurrection of 1950; the 1950 attack on Blair House, and that of 1954 on the U.S. Congress by our Nationalist heroes; the clandestine attacks since the '60's by MIRA and CAL. In the '70's there has developed a clandestine movement of war that has demonstrated a high level of courage and of sophistication. The most active of these organizations have been the FALN in the U.S.; and in Puerto Rico, the FARP, the CRP, the OVRP, the Macheteros, and the Comandos Obreros. All of these military acts have been answered by a continuous campaign of repression by the North American imperialist government against the Puerto Rican people, which supports independence. The most recent example is the assassination, in the federal prison of Tallahassee, Fla., of Comrade Angel Rodriguez Cristobal, a prisoner of war arrested during a demonstration in Vieques, Puerto Rico, demanding expulsion of the Yanki Navy.

What is a 'prisoner of war'? Resolution 2621 of the United Nations Decolonization Committee has declared that the continuation of colonialism in all of its forms is a crime. This resolution reaffirms the right of any colonized people to struggle by any means possible against the colonizers who oppress the right of each people to be free and independent. The U.N. Decolonization Committee has unanimously recognized Puerto Rico as a colony of the United States, since Sept. 12, 1978.

As combatants captured on the front lines of the struggle for the independence of our homeland, we the 11 declare ourselves Puerto Rican Prisoners of War, and we demand to be held in a military compound until they transfer us to a neutral nation where our case can be heard before a court of our peers corresponding to our beliefs or that they give us our unconditional freedom, in accordance with the regulation of the Geneva Convention of 1948, the Treatment designated for POW's.

As part of our position we have refused to collaborate with the enemy. From the moment of our capture we have refused to give our names as a form of resistance and in order to maintain the anonymity of our comrades. Today we believe that our taking the position of anonymity has served its purpose and we will use our own names.

As captured revolutionaries we see that the best way to combat the enemy is with our declaration as POW's. It is our right to not recognize the jurisdiction of the Yanki government and to refuse to go voluntarily through the illegal proceedings of the Yanki courts. We want our people to know that we are very proud to be the representatives of the revolutionary process in our triumphant liberation, and that we are the representatives of the Puerto Rican consciousness in arms in the US. Our victory will come with the support and determination of our people in their struggle towards Independence and Socialism in Puerto Rico.

by 11 Puerto Rican Prisoners of War
Cook County Department of Corrections

THEY ARE NOT TERRORISTS! THEY ARE FREEDOM FIGHTERS!

FREE ALL PUERTO RICAN PRISONERS OF WAR!

AN ARTICLE WRITTEN BY A COMPANERO 'WHO ARE THE REAL TERRORISTS'

The true terrorists, and the greatest, in all human history are the yanki imperialists. The ruling class of this country, with all of its repressive apparatus - the state - are and have been the worst terrorists that humanity has produced, surpassing by a wide margin Hitler's Nazi Germany. Look at Vietnam, where they dropped more bombs than in all of World War II, in order to demonstrate that a push of the button is enough.

They have called us fanatics, terrorists. That doesn't seem strange to us, because ever since it became conscious in class societies, the ruling class has called the oppressed and exploited who struggle against them subversives, terrorists, and criminals. From Spartacus, Jesus Christ, Barrabas, the American Indians and Black slaves, the revolutionaries of Lares and the so-called Seditious groups of '98 in Puerto Rico, Bolivar, the revolutionary bourgeoisie in France, the Communards of Paris, Marx, Lenin, the Bolsheviks; to Albizu and the new liberation movement in Puerto Rico (and we could continue naming them until we filled books) - all have been classified as subversive terrorists.

But one thing is clear - terror exists and has not been created by the revolutionaries, nor the oppressed classes or nations, but rather by the violence of the oppressing classes and nations and their apparatus of organized violence, the state.

And in the same form that the violence of the state exists, there exists the violence which is opposed to it, revolutionary violence in its different forms.

Violence is expressed not only physically, but also in more sophisticated and non-physical forms. The poverty which exists among the masses is violence. Ignorance created and maintained within the most mis-treated sectors of society is violence. Racism and racial and national discrimination are violence. It is violence to reduce the human condition to that of an animal or a vegetable, through the jails and the courts, and the absence or deterioration of essential services; in general, violence is the violation of the right of human beings to live a decent life and to develop themselves in all possible areas.

In our society violence exists as a condition to maintain the security of the power of the ruling class, the capitalist imperialists and all their lackeys. It is thus that the Rockefellers, without even having killed a cockroach with their own hands, have been the causes of the genocide of peoples and the blood spilled by the best of our Latin America.

And then they label as terrorists the revolutionary nationalist patriots who were massacred in Ponce in 1937 by order of the U. S. government. Terrified by the revolutionary violence of the people, they brand us terrorists to save their own perfumed skins.

We are the continuation of the armed revolutionary struggle for the liberation of our homeland. We carry this struggle to the heights which we believe the historical moment demands of us. If we have caused terror it has been to those delinquents who exploit and oppress our people and the workers and super-exploited sectors of their own country. Terror exists in every war. It is inevitable. We the Puerto Ricans have been at war with the Yanki imperialists since they invaded us with their terror in 1898. And from that date to the present they have created TERROR. Don't complain to us now; don't cry or tremble now, nor accuse us of being fanatics. Fanatics are those who have a derangement, or lack reason, or are blind in their enthusiasm. We are well-guided toward our objective and we know who the enemy