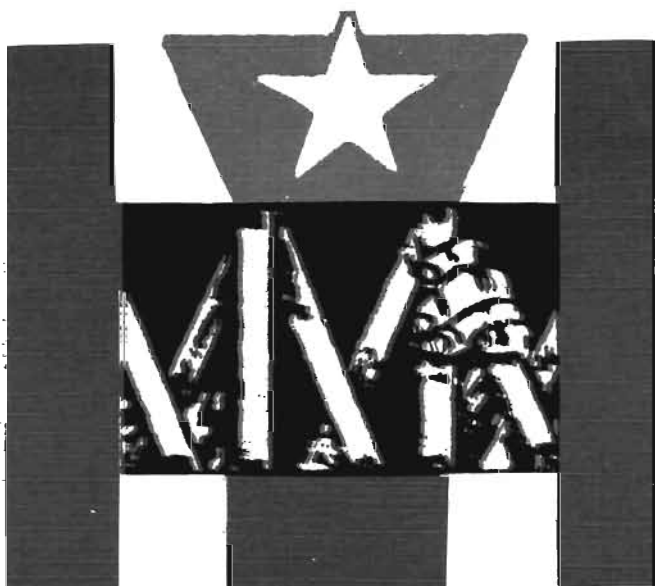




Seven Years After:
**FREEDOM FIGHTERS,
NOT TERRORISTS!**



*“...The position of POW is a reaf-
firmation of the state of war which
only independence can end...”*

**Conmemoración Captura
Prisioneros de Guerra Puertorriqueños
(Commemoration of the Capture
of Puerto Rican POWs)**

**Semana Cultural Puertorriqueña—auspicia
Unión Pro-Estudiantes Puertorriqueños de UNI
(Puerto Rican Cultural Week—
sponsored by the Union for Puerto Rican Students at UNI)**

30 de marzo (March 30)—2 de abril (April 2)

lunes, (Monday) 30 de marzo
10:00 am—2:00 pm
Festival de Películas
(Film Festival)

Manos a la Obra
—*La Carreta*
Julia de Burgos
Room CC218

jueves, (Thursday) 2 de abril
almuerzo en homenaje
(luncheon in honor)
Dr. Ben Coleman
Unicorn 12:30—2:00 pm

martes, (Tuesday) 31 de marzo
Exposición (Exhibition)
9:00 am—2:00 pm
Village Square

miércoles, (Wednesday) 1ro de abril
9:00 am—2:00 pm
Venta de dulces y panes boricuas
Village Square

viernes, (Friday) 3 de abril
almuerzo (luncheon) en honor a
Orlando González-Claudio
auspicia (sponsor)
National Lawyers Guild Sub-Committee
on Central America
People's Law Office
343 S. Dearborn — Suite 1607

viernes, sábado y domingo
(Friday, Saturday and Sunday)
3-5 de abril
9:00 am—5:00 pm
1671 N. Claremont

Video: *Have You Seen La Nueva Mujer Puertorriqueña?*

Se transmitirán cuñas radiales y entrevistas por el *Show de Raul Cardona* (WCRW 1240AM) y *Radio Club Familiar* (WONX 1590AM)

NOMBRES INOLVIDABLES

*Es para que no se borre
mas nunca de nuestras mentes
a estos once valientes
Como Dicky, y Carlos Torres
La historia de nuestros heroes
todos la recordarán
Alicia, Lucy sabrán
Oscar, Adolfo y Luisito
Haydeé, Elizam que bonitos!
Carmen y Dylcia Pagan*

MESSAGE FROM LUIS ROSA

Camaradas, Pueblo Digno,

The struggle for the independence and socialism of Puerto Rico has produced many reactions, opinions and assumptions by all who have encountered it. With the intensification of both resistance and repression has come the polarization of the people of Puerto Rico and Puerto Ricans living in the US into two spheres: the defeatist and the unbendable optimist. Since our capture and incarceration seven years ago, our movement has suffered many setbacks. The arrests and imprisonment of *independentistas* and the lack of a unified strategy of struggle has given the pessimist fuel for their criticisms and cynical attacks against the movement. The pessimists argue that these setbacks outnumber our political and military advances, that we face a mightier enemy and therefore our struggle is fruitless. We have heard these whining and defeatist remarks from those who have never gone beyond the periphery of the struggle. Yet time and again, history, has proven the pessimist wrong.

In our own history, we have seen qualitative growth arise out of moments of crisis and defeat. Clear and effective positions, the result of sound analysis and revolutionary adaptability have helped accelerate the process of liberation through the development of political consciousness and initiative. Positions such as *retraimiento*, first utilized by the **Nationalist Party** during the grand jury repression of the 1930's and today a political discipline practiced by the revolutionary movement and many of its supporters, are based on a historical praxis. Another such position was the Prisoner of War stance taken by the eleven anti-colonial freedom fighters in 1980. This position, also in the Nationalist struggle of the 1930's, sought to define the status of Puerto Rico and defended the Puerto Rican people's inalienable right to free themselves of yankee imperialism's colonial yoke by any means necessary. More importantly, the POW position proved to the enemy that there were Puerto Ricans who no longer feared their jails and who were willing to take the struggle out of their institutions and into the streets.

The FBI has made their intentions clear—they will terrorize and invade our community to instill fear and discredit our movement. This repression also extends to the prisons, to the isolated corridors of the Marion and Lexington Control Units where physical, psychological and sexual attacks have been perpetuated against our freedom fighters. Yet our will to struggle remains unbroken.

But mistakes have been made and the consequences have been profound. We have lost supporters through dogma and lack of initiative, but we've also become more analytical and adapted to the subjective and objective conditions of our movement. We have learned to appreciate every contribution to our struggle, no matter how small, and gained new comrades that have revitalized our struggle with their sincerity and consistency.

Thus, the pessimist will see no solution for the Puerto Rican people. On the other hand, the optimist will not only see change occurring as the result of the inevitable clash between oppressor and oppressed, but will also incorporate him/herself into the process of liberation. The optimist will put into motion a revolutionary strategy, fortifying it with courage and sacrifice.

Political discussion must replace sectarian silence. Revolutionary education must replace political ignorance. We must transform ourselves into that which we want to accomplish for our nation—free men and women—for only those who have liberated themselves from the tendencies which enslave us can be at the forefront of our national liberation struggle.

In closing, I would like to share with you a passage from Che's *Socialism and Man*: *The road is long and full of difficulties. At times we wander from the path and must turn back; at other times we go too fast and separate ourselves from the masses; on occasion we go too slow and feel the hot breath of those treading on our heels. In our zeal as revolutionaries we try to move ahead as fast as possible, clearing the way, but knowing we must draw our sustenance from the masses and that it can advance more rapidly only if we inspire it by our examples.*

Let us march as free men and women, let us expose the atrocities of colonialism, the conditions of our captured freedom fighters but most of all, let us take the initiative.

MENSAJE DE IDA LUZ RODRIGUEZ

Queremos tomar la oportunidad que nos presta el séptimo aniversario de nuestra captura para darle reconocimiento a todos los camaradas y organizaciones que de una manera u otra luchan por un Puerto Rico libre y por la excarcelación de los presos políticos y prisioneros de guerra.

Queremos dar nombramiento especial a todas las organizaciones armadas clandestinas, a los Comités Pro-Libertad Para Prisioneros de Guerra y Prisioneros Políticos, al Movimiento de Liberación Nacional (MLN), al Comité Unitario Contra la Represión (CUCRE), a la Liga Socialista Puertorriqueña, y al Nuevo Movimiento en Solidaridad con la Independencia y el Socialismo para Puerto Rico.

Para los Prisioneros de Guerra estos siete años han sido duros. El aislamiento físico del movimiento se profundiza. Nuestros seres queridos envejecen y se mueren. Los hijos crecen. Toda esa parte de la vida se da aparte de nosotros.

Así que con el paso de cada año le damos mas carne y hueso al becho que la Patria es exigente y que la guerra dada en su defensa es ardua y larga.

Pero ya hemos dicho un sinnúmero de veces que para la nación puertorriqueña, y mas aun para toda la humanidad, no queda otra alternativa sino la guerra popular prolongada y la justicia social. Eso es si verdaderamente amamos y respetamos la vida y le deseamos un futuro a las próximas generaciones. Gracias a todos ustedes por su fuerza, ánimo y apoyo. Pa'lante, que Puerto Rico será libre y socialista.

Ida Luz Rodríguez, PDG

24 de marzo, 1987

Pleasanton, CA

*Programa
(Program)*

4 de abril

*Siete Años Despues:
Transformando Derrotas en Victorias
Son Patriotas, No Terroristas*

*Seven Years After:
Transforming Defeats into Victories
Freedom Fighters, Not Terrorists*

*Maestra de Ceremonia (MC) Dora García-López
Comité Nacional Pro-Libertad
Prisioneros de Guerra Puertorriqueños*

*Bienvenida/Welcome Julio Cortés
Movimiento de Liberación
Nacional Puertorriqueño (MLN-PR)*

Reconocimientos Especiales/Special Acknowledgements

*Orador Principal Orlando González Claudio
(uno de los 16 Independentistas de Puerto Rico)–
(one of the Puerto Rico Independence iG)*

Clausura/Closing Remarks. Dora García-López

Acto/Cultural Act Grupo Cultural Moriviví

Fecha/Date	Acto/Event	Lugar/Place
domingo (Sunday) 5 de abril (April) 3:00 pm—5:00 pm	Recepción (Reception) para Orlando González Claudio	3024 N. Racine New Movement
martes (Tuesday) 7 de abril 9:00 am	Vistas preliminares (pre-trial hearing) en Corte Federal Jaime, DORA, Oscar y Kojo	Salón (Courtroom) Judge Hart Piso 23 219 S. Dearborn
viernes (Friday) 10 de abril 6:00 pm	Drama—West Town Story Escuela Superior Puertorriqueña \$5.00 incluye comida (includes dinner)	Salón de Actividades 1ra Iglesia Congregacional 1305 N. Hamlin
domingo (Sunday) 12 de abril	Video: Movilización a Lexington—Día Interna- cional de la Mujer	1212 W. Roscoe
miércoles (Wednesday) 22 de abril 4:30 pm—5:30 pm	Manifestación en Defen- sa El Yunque (Rally in support of El Yunque rainforest)	Federal Plaza (Dearborn & Adams)
sábado (Saturday) 25 de abril 6:00 pm	Recepción-Cena en honor de las madres de los heroes y mártires de Nicaragua (Re- ception/Dinner for the mo- thers of the heroes and martyrs of Nicaragua)	Café Teatro El Batey 1671 N. Claremont
viernes (Friday) 1ro de mayo (May)	International Worker's Day (Día Internacional de los trabajadores)video The Official Story Gratis—habrá refrigerios y empanadas argentinas a la venta	Café Teatro 1671 N. Claremont

sábado, 9 de mayo 6:00 pm	Banquete (Banquet) Pro-Desfile del Pueblo \$27.00	Palm Terrace 1216 N. Milwaukee
sábado, 16 de mayo 9:30 am—3:00 pm	Recolecta Pro-Recaudo de Fondos Décimo Desfile del Pueblo (Collection for People's Parade)	En las calles del barrio
viernes, sábado y domingo 12, 13, 14 de junio	1er Congreso (Congress) Movimiento de Liberación Nacional Puertorriqueño (MLN-PR)	
sábado, 13 de junio 10:00 am	Décimo (10th) Desfile del Pueblo	
jueves (Thursday) 18 de junio (June) 6:00 pm	Banquet/Banquete Graduación '87 H.S. Graduation	The Bevedere 6116 W. Grand