

régimes—are being opened and political prisoners are being freed. Human rights and democratic struggles are taking on a new resurgence.

It is precisely for this reason that the Puerto Rican people are redoubling their efforts, both nationally and internationally, to win the release of their imprisoned patriots.

The US' attempt at imposing its solution—the “plebiscite”—to Puerto Rico's colonial status has failed miserably. It has been recognized as a dismal effort at white washing its continued colonial domination of the tiny Caribbean island.

Ironically, while the US portrays itself as the global guardian of human rights—supporting the independence of the Baltic Republics and calling for the release of political prisoners around the world—it refuses to acknowledge the existence of political prisoners and Puerto Rico's right to self-determination.

An End to Colonialism

The UN General Assembly has declared the decade 1990-2000 *the decade in which to end colonialism*. Accordingly, the following principles of international law apply in Puerto Rico's case:

- *Since 1972, the UN Decolonization Committee has declared Puerto Rico a US colony and urged that the US transfer all powers to the Puerto Rican people to achieve self-determination.*
- *The Universal Declaration of Human Rights, to which the United States is a*

signator, begins with the statement that “colonialism is a crime” because it deprives people of cultural, economic/ political and social self-determination.

- *The Geneva Convention of 1949 and the Protocols I & II were created to protect anti-colonial combatants.*

Puerto Ricans who struggle for independence fall under the jurisdiction of these international provisions and the protection they offer.

According to the widely accepted tenets of international law used as part of the decolonization process, all political prisoners and prisoners of war must be released and persecution of the independence movement halted.

Puerto Ricans who have struggled against colonialism using different tactics and methods, including but not limited to, armed struggle, are political prisoners.

Unconditional Amnesty Immediate Release!

Puerto Rican women and men are presently serving sentences ranging from 15 to 90 years, scattered in prisons throughout the US, for affirming Puerto Rico's right to independence. The entire independence movement, from labor, student, women's and religious groups to the electoral and armed organizations, have come together demanding freedom for the imprisoned patriots.

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How You Can Help:

- Respond with a letter, phone call, collect signatures on a petition drive, or come to a demonstration; participate in a vigil, help staff a literature table, help banner overpasses
- Arrange a video or slide presentation and speaking engagement about the POWs/PPs for your friends or organization;
- Subscribe to **Libertad!**, the official organ of the National Committee;
- Join the National Committee and work on the international campaign to free the POWs and PP's;
- Write to the imprisoned patriots (addresses on the inside)

For more information:

**National Committee to Free
Puerto Rican Prisoners of War
and Political Prisoners**
Box 12, 3543 18th St.
San Francisco, CA 94110
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The International Campaign for Puerto Rican Prisoners of War



& Political Prisoners

Why Freedom for Puerto Rican Prisoners of War & Political Prisoners?

*Because Puerto Rico is a colony
of the United States*

Puerto Rico has been militarily intervened and occupied by the United States since July 25, 1898. On that day, the US invaded Puerto Rico with 16,000 soldiers under the command of General Nelson A. Miles (of Wounded Knee infamy) at the port city of Guánica.

For the past 94 years, Puerto Rico has served the economic and political interests of the US. In 1901, the Supreme Court declared that Puerto Rico "belongs to, but is not part of the US." (*DeLima vs. Bidwell*)

As a result of this, the House Subcommittee on Natural Resources makes the decisions that affect the lives of over 6 million Puerto Ricans.

Why Now?

This decade represents a historical moment for oppressed nationalities in the US—Native Americans, Africans in America, Mexicans and Puerto Ricans. Amidst great political upheaval in the world, nations from the former Eastern Bloc to South Africa, and indigenous peoples' from the Pacific Basin to Latin America are redefining their relationship to the industrialized, colonial powers.

Prison doors in every corner of the globe—from right to left-wing

Write to Puerto Rican Political Prisoners & Prisoners of War



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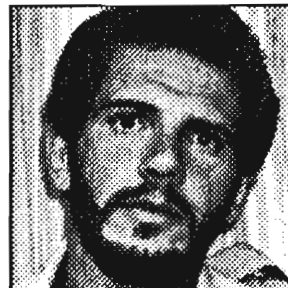
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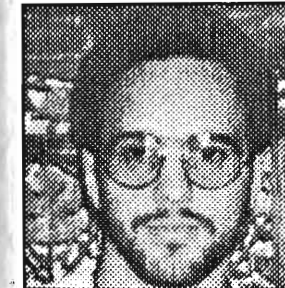
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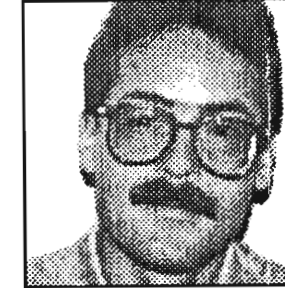
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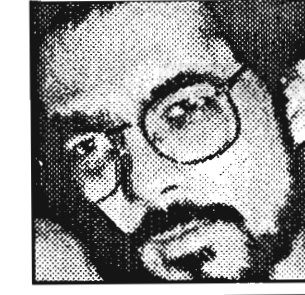
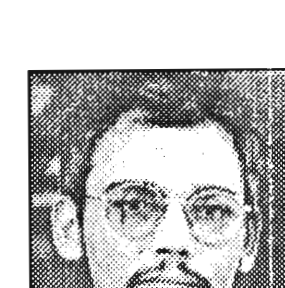
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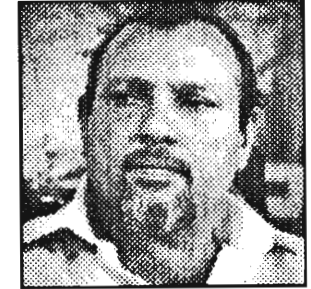
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