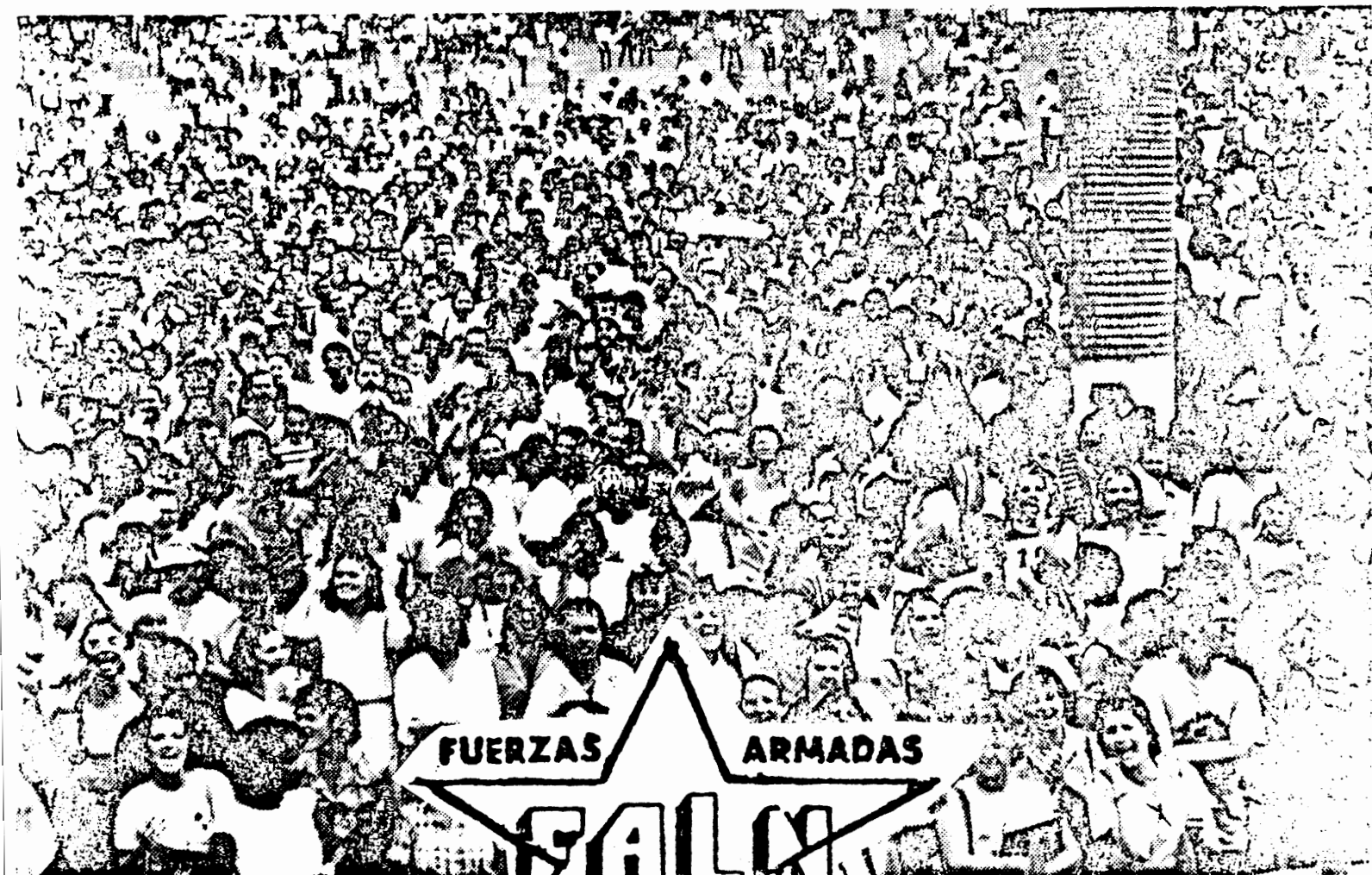


F.A.L.N. COMMUNIQUE - FEB. 28, 1982



de LIBERACIÓN NACIONAL PUERTORRIQUEÑA

The FALN assumes full responsibility for the bombings which have occurred in the financial sector of Wall Street on Sunday, Feb. 28, 1982. This armed attack against yanki imperialist corporations and institutions is part of our continuing war for the liberation of our homeland from United States colonialism, for the immediate and unconditional release of our Prisoners of War and Political Prisoners and in solidarity with the heroic people of El Salvador and its armed Vanguard the Frente Farabundo Marti de Liberacion Nacional (FMLN).

It is the response of the Puerto Rican people in exile to the

latest pronouncements by the U.S. imperialists as manifested through their mouthpieces Reagan (Jan. 12, 1982) and Speaker of the House O'Neil (Feb. 12, 1982) that the yanki imperialist government supports statehood for Puerto Rico. Again the imperialists have made clear their designs for our homeland: to culminate the colonization of Puerto Rico by absorbing it into the yanki federal state. They intend to do this with the support and blessing of international capitalism as was clearly stated in 1977 by then president Ford at a Trilateral Commission meeting held on Puerto Rican soil on land stolen from us by the parasitic, conniving thieves and murderers, the Rockefellers.

We the oppressed Puerto Rican nationality forced to abandon our beloved homeland to live and survive in the wretched slums and ghettos of the U.S. know what statehood really signifies for the Puerto Rican people. We are living it. Statehood for Puerto Rico means genocide. It is a life of servitude to the interests of a profit hungry, parasitic minority, the total destruction of our identity, language, values, nationality, culture and the plunder and rape of our land and natural resources for the benefit of the yanki capitalists. This we must and will resist. Puerto Rico is not nor ever will be part of the U.S.A. Puerto Rico belongs to the Puerto Rican people. This we will defend and fight for until victory or death.

The FALN wishes to bring to the attention of the people of Puerto Rico, the United States and the world the inhumane treatment that our jailed comrades and members of our organization, the Eleven Puerto Rican Prisoners of War (Oscar Lopez Rivera, Lucy Rodriguez, Carlos Alberto Torres, Haydee Torres, Luis Rosa, Alicia Rodriguez, Ricardo Jimenez, Dylcia Pagan Morales, Adolfo Matos Antongiorgi, Elizam Escobar, Carmen Valentin) are receiving in the dungeons of the yanki prison system. Their health problems have been ignored, prison authorities are constantly harassing and attempting to provoke them, they have been kept in lock-up and isolation for weeks at a time, family visits have been interfered with, literature and reading material is denied them, and they are constantly being placed in situations where physical and mental stress is applied. This has included the shooting of a bullet into the cell of Luis Rosa and the denial of medical attention for Haydee Torres even when prison doctors diagnosed the possibility of her having an early stage of cancer. Despite a national and international campaign which mobilized medical groups, civic and religious organizations, workers, students and professionals who pressured the yanki government and its bureau of prisons she has not been attended to.

Our organization will not tolerate any physical or mental harm done to our comrades to go unanswered. We demand they be treated as Prisoners of War as stated by the Geneva Convention and the United Nations Protocols concerning freedom fighters captured in wars of national liberation. We hold the yanki capitalist class and the sadistic beasts who operate and compose its repressive forces responsible for any harm which may befall our Prisoners of War, Political Prisoners and for any attacks aimed at crushing and repressing the legitimate aspirations of our people for independence and socialism. This is not an empty boast. Yanki imperialism well knows that Puerto Rican Revolutionaries do not bluff. They have felt our bullets and smelled the odor of our dynamite from Colonel Riggs, to Blair House, the attack on Congress, the Anglers Club, Sabana Seca.

The Puerto Rican struggle for independence and socialism is part of the revolution of the oppressed and exploited masses of Latin America against the oligarchies, capitalism and imperialism. It is also part of the international working class revolution for the destruction of capitalism and for the construction of socialism. As revolutionaries we are united with the oppressed and exploited masses of the world and we clearly understand that the only progressive governments are those which are being

guided by Marxist-Leninist principles and are constructing a socialist society free of class exploitation.

For these reasons we reject the hypocritical "support" and "solidarity" for Puerto Rican independence expressed by the capitalist governments of Venezuela and Mexico. While supporting independence for Puerto Rico the government of Venezuela blatantly strengthens the hand of the tyrannical and fascist Duarte Regime in El Salvador by providing political and material support for the brutal and cowardly assassination of thousands of Salvadorean people. As an ally of the yanki imperialists in maintaining the oligarchy in power in El Salvador the government of Venezuela is guilty of murder and genocide. It is assuming an ever increasing aggressive role as protector and enforcer of the yanki imperialists' plans to expand and consolidate their grip in the Caribbean and Central America. In return the U.S. has agreed to equip the Venezuelan army with modern weapons, provide loans and capital for the economic expansion of the Venezuelan capitalists, and allow these capitalists access to new markets for its products. Venezuela would be acting as a sub-imperialist power in keeping with the plans of the Trilateral Commission. It would become one of the guardians of Trilateralism in Latin America, especially in the Caribbean and Central American areas, repressing the popular and revolutionary movements internally and protecting the interests of imperialism.

The Mexican government also claims to support Puerto Rican independence. It has even hosted an international conference in solidarity with Puerto Rican independence. This image as "defender of the oppressed" is a farce. It is a cover for the most brutal and oppressive exploitation of the impoverished Mexican masses by the Mexican oligarchy and yanki imperialism. Like in El Salvador thousands of Mexican workers, peasants, students, professionals and revolutionaries have been assassinated or "disappeared" by the repressive agencies and the right wing death squads organized and financed by the Mexican ruling class. In Mexico law and order is maintained through assassination, terror and torture. The true intent of Mexico's progressive foreign policy is nothing but a maneuver to mask repression at home and to serve as a stabilizing force in the area against the popular and revolutionary movements so that they do not swing too far to the left. In the strategy of the imperialists it appears as the nice guy while the U.S. is the bad.

Our struggle for national liberation does not need this "solidarity" from murderers, torturers and exploiters. They are the enemies of freedom loving people everywhere. We do not need to prostitute our political principles to gain the temporary support of our class enemies who will eventually betray us when we no longer benefit them or serve their interests.

To our Chicano-Mexicano, Black and Native-American brothers and sisters who are fighting within the yanki federal state to regain the lands and territory stolen from them we extend our deepest and most sincere revolutionary solidarity. The FALN supports the reunification of the Chicano-Mexicano lands in the Southwest and West with Mexico and the creation of a non-aligned and socialist Mexico; the legitimate right of Black people to the land area in the South and the creation of the nation of New Africa; and the right of the Native-American peoples and nations to recapture their occupied lands. For us there is only one road: armed struggle, and one enemy: yanki

imperialism. In the spirit of proletarian internationalism the FALN will contribute to the destruction of the imperialist yanki federal state by waging armed struggle until Puerto Rico is free of yanki colonialism and interference.

To the Black freedom fighters who are presently receiving the full weight of the yanki repressive machinery and who are being killed and tortured by these agents of death, your strength, courage and will to fight has inspired us. We support your fight against the colonial enslavement of your people and for New Africa and we are as certain of the inevitability of your victory as we are of ours.

We also wish to express our solidarity with the three north-americans captured in the Brinks expropriation. By linking up with your Black comrades and making their struggle your own you have put into practice the Leninist principle which states that the duty of the working class and advanced sectors in the imperialist countries is to actively assist and fight for the liberation of the colonies. Companeros, we salute you for your example, unselfishness and total commitment to national liberation and the international working class revolution.

The war for independence and socialism for Puerto Rico will not be easy and will require many sacrifices. But the enemy is not invincible, Vietnam, Nicaragua, Cuba and now El Salvador have proven that. Yanki imperialism will do everything possible to destroy our revolutionary organizations and crush the aspirations of our people for freedom. Their strategy against the independence movement is very clear: on the one hand they will try to use their legal and judicial system to force the movement

into the courts and away from the streets, and on the other they will use violence to intimidate, provoke, frighten us and paralyze the work, placing us in a defensive position in which we can only react. It is in this context that we should see the grand jury incarcerations of Carlos Rosario Pantojas, Carlos Noya Muratti and Norberto Cintron Fiallo; the frame-up of Jorge Albizu Orta, and the assassinations of Arnaldo Dario Rosado, Carlos Soto Arrivi and Angel Rodriguez Cristobal. The taking of the case of Vieques to the Supreme Court in Boston, the involvement of the yanki courts in Puerto Rico concerning the student strike at the University of Puerto Rico are attempts at forcing our struggle to take place within the legal apparatus of the imperialists. This maneuver is designed to disarm us and place

us in a position where we recognize their authority over us and where all the battles take place under conditions determined by them. Under these circumstances we can only lose. We should be determining the battles and where they are to take place not the enemy.

Our struggle if it is to succeed must be guided by the strategy of prolonged people's war. In order to do this we must build organizations which the enemy cannot destroy because it cannot see them. Only the politico/military organization with clandestine structures, members and method of work is in a position to mobilize and organize our people and at the same time wage armed struggle. Those independence organizations working within the framework of bourgeois legality because they have faith in the system, or because they feel that the conditions are not right for the clandestine organization or because "they have nothing to hide" are only fooling themselves. When they least expect it the enemy will annihilate them if it feels these organizations pose a threat. Puerto Rico is a nation intervened by a foreign power. It is militarily, economically and politically occupied. As a result the Puerto Rican people have always had a right to pick up arms and the conditions for armed struggle have always existed. What has been lacking at certain moments have been the revolutionary organizations who will lead this struggle. Now these organizations exist. Their existence challenges every independentista to either move forward by supporting and joining the revolutionary armed clandestine organizations or step aside and show their true colors by joining the reformist and autonomist sectors which are trying to contain the armed struggle for independence and socialism.

The success of our struggle is dependent on the growth and effectiveness of the armed clandestine politico/military organizations. Only they are in a position to effectively combine and lead the mass and armed struggles. Therefore it is this unity which we must work for. Through the union of the armed clandestine organizations, which have been born and developed from revolutionary theory and practice and in the heat of battle, we will organize the National Liberation Front and its military detachment the People's Revolutionary Army. It will be this vehicle which will drive the yanki imperialists out of Puerto Rico and which will lead to the necessary structures for the construction of a socialist society.

INDEPENDENCE AND SOCIALISM FOR PUERTO RICO

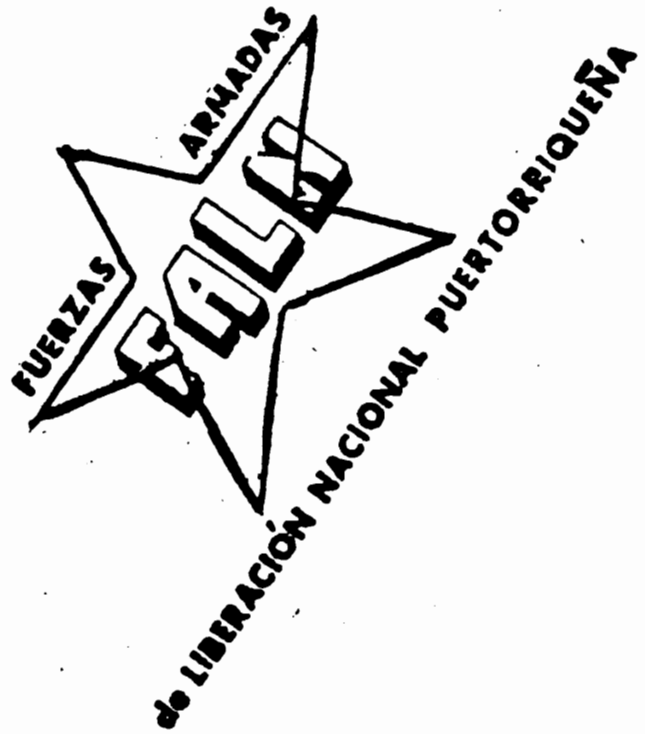
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