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de LIBERACION NACIONAL PUERTORRIQUEÑA

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Today, armed units of the FALN commemorated the 25th Anniversary of the October 30, 1950 revolution in Puerto Rico against Yanki domination, and marked the first anniversary of our existence as an organization, by launching a simultaneously-coordinated attack against yanki government and monopoly capitalist institutions in New York, Washington D.C., Chicago, and Puerto Rico.

We demand the immediate independence of Puerto Rico and the unconditional release of the five Puerto Rican Nationalist prisoners: Oscar Collazo, Lolita Lebrón, Rafael Cancel Miranda, Andrés Figueroa Cordero, and Irvin Flores, as well as other Puerto Rican Political Prisoners in yanki colonial and neo-colonial prisons.

We extend our friendship and solidarity to the United States working class, our allies in the struggle against yanki fascism, who like Puerto Rican workers are being pushed out of work and forced to the unemployment lines while yanki corporations, and especially the banks, are reaping billions in profits. While the rich and their puppets in government eat and drink well off the sweat of workers, more people are being pushed into the unemployment lines.

We also wish to draw attention to the just cause of the Panamanian people who wish to recover their canal zone. We express our unconditional support for them in the realization that the removal of the yanki colonialists from the area is just as important as our national independence. Should the Panamanian people be forced to resort to arms, the FALN will give them whatever support is necessary.

The FALN welcomes the support given the Puerto Rican National Liberation struggle at the solidarity conference in Cuba and the meeting of Non-Aligned Nations in Perú in September.

We especially acknowledge the moral support given to our organization in a speech made by Prime Minister Fidel Castro in August, in which he said that the Cuban government would do all it could to support the FALN. Although we have acquired everything we need at this time from our own efforts, as the struggle intensifies and the needs increase, we may have to claim concrete expression of such support, not only from the revolutionary government of Cuba, but from all the supporters of Puerto Rican independence.

These developments—combined with the recent victory of the Puerto Rican cause at the United Nations, where the yanki gorillas were forced to expose their claws to the world by resorting to fascist arm twisting of their own allies in order to prevent a committee discussion of the case of Puerto Rico—reaffirm our position.

Only a protracted, organized armed struggle can force the yanki invaders

out of Puerto Rico.

At a time when our cause is rooted in the international community, the imperialists are undergoing a political and economic crisis in the U.S. and elsewhere, and our historical legacy of struggle is given living proof by the existence of the FALN and the political prisoners. Any organization entering parliamentary politics within the colony is only surrendering to colonialist tactics.

The role of Vanguard and progressive organizations now in Puerto Rico is to organize the armed struggle, telescope the contradictions and establish the People's Army of National Liberation.

We wish to extend our solidarity with all the organizations waging armed struggle within the U.S. against yanki imperialism abroad and capitalist exploitation of the North American working class. We support the definition of a single working class to which everyone living in the United States and working within it belongs, despite cultural and ethnic differences which actually enrich your country.

Finally, we send our warmest and most affectionate greetings to the freedom fighters of our Latin American homeland, from Argentina's Tierra del Fuego in the south, to México and the north where the struggle continues to end fascist oligarchies and their yanki masters, and who are creating the many Viet Nams necessary for the total destruction of imperialism and the victory of democracy, justice and equality.

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