



We, the *Comandos Revolucionarios del Pueblo* take responsibility for the actions against the Navy recruitment office situated in Bayamón, and against a vehicle of this office which was in Carolina. These actions are in protest against the presence of the yanki Navy in Vieques and in support of the courageous people of Vieques which have risen to oust the imperialists.

During the past weeks various bombs have exploded at locations of the yanki armed forces and federal post offices, acts which the colonial police attribute to our organization. We want to express to our people that the *Comandos Revolucionarios del Pueblo* have and will always take responsibility for all our political-military actions.

In light of this we solely claim credit for the acts taken against the offices of the National Coast Guard Club in the month of April.

On the other hand, we would like to clarify that the attack against the police station in Manatí, was carried out by the *Fuerzas Armadas de Resistencia Popular* (FARP) and not our organization. We understand that it is our revolutionary duty to clarify this situation because we cannot permit that actions of other *compañeros* be attributed to us. We support all types of anti-imperialist manifestations at different levels and only if they do not threaten the lives or employment of our working people.

The continuous North American imperialist aggression against the people of Puerto Rico is manifested at different levels, from military aggression which is dramatized in the continuous bombing of Vieques, the installment of military bases, and the recruitment of Puerto Ricans to serve in the North American imperialist armed forces, to the oppression and superexploitation of our workers and our working class in the factories, and in other work centers.

In the 80 years of constant suffering, of continuous violence which the yanki imperialists have imposed on us, we find ourselves in one of the most difficult moments in our history.

The continuous aggression which we suffer in the economic order has submerged Puerto Rico in a permanent crisis. This crisis is reflected not only in the exploitation of our people, but also in the high unemployment rate, in the low rate of social benefits for our population, and in horrifying scenes of social illness in which our people find themselves: drugs, alcoholism, suicide, crimes, etc.

Faced with the collapse of their traditional methods of exploitation, the imperialist plan at this moment is at the economic level. The necessary changes which will permit an increase in the degree of exploitation to which we are subjugated, are focused in the expropriation of our natural resources.

This general situation in Puerto Rico causes a large sector of our population great confusion. We cannot forget that Puerto Rico, having an industrial as well as a colonial character of North American imperialism, now suffers one of its worst crises. Within this crisis the dominant North American economic circles are searching for different alternatives for a solution to this crisis, not for the benefit of the people of Puerto Rico, but for their own economic interests.

There are sectors in the North American economy which see statehood as their salvation, but there are other sectors of the dominant class that see the continuation of colonialism as the solution to the problem. Thus we can say that in reality, a serious and careful analysis of the situation that our people and nation are experiencing does not indicate that the so-called annexationist conspiracy exists in Puerto Rico and the United States, and much less do we find ourselves destined towards statehood. The most that can be said of the crisis occurring in Puerto Rico is that distinct dominant sectors of the imperialist economy are searching for different alternatives to resolve this crisis in their favor.

The final solution of the different alternatives may well be statehood, the continuation of colonialism as we know it or with some reforms, or a banana republic which will respond to the interests of the yanki imperialists.

Given this, we understand that it is not the formation of broad fronts of a reformist character that will enable us to obtain a final solution to this crisis, much less to our national liberation. Reformist fronts against statehood and other fronts which are not anti-imperialist and revolutionary will only help serve to politically strengthen the autonomist groups, so as to continue and strengthen colonialism in Puerto Rico.

This situation demonstrates the correct conception of struggle which tells us that reformist and legal struggles will not drive the yanki Navy from Vieques, and much less the yanki imperialists from Puerto Rico. Only a revolutionary organization of the people and the capacity that it generates for struggle through different means, fundamentally via armed revolution, will lead us to our victory.

What the yanki Navy is doing in Vieques is an extension of the continuous aggression which is carried out daily against our people, at all levels on which they find themselves; they are not acts of peace. They are acts of war carried out by the imperialists against our nation—a colonized nation.

This reality, along with the enormous economic fortune which Puerto Rico represents for the yankis is another concrete example which points out that the imperialists are not going to surrender Puerto Rico peacefully. To defeat the imperialists, it is necessary to respond to their reactionary violence with revolutionary violence and destroy their dominant economic and political structure. This will be accomplished through the People's revolutionary organization led by the working class which will effectively engage in a prolonged struggle. A struggle which will strengthen our forces and experiences and will weaken the enemy. This is the key to victory.

We understand that the final solution to our crisis will come when our people take the reins of power and construct a future of their own.

It is our duty to organize, arm and prepare ourselves for the political-military struggle against the yanki imperialists.

We understand that the fundamental strategy which will lead us to victory is the people's revolutionary war.

We fraternally salute all revolutionary and clandestine organizations which arise in these historic moments. We await the day when we can unite forces for the creation of a powerful **People's Revolutionary Army**.

The salvation of our nation lies in the people's war.

De pie y en guerra

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