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No one in Puerto Rico has any doubt that what happened on July 25 in Cerro Maravilla was vile and brutal murder in the best style of the Nazis. No one has any doubt that the yankee hand was behind the paid assassins who cowardly shot the heroes Arnaldo Darío Rosado and Carlos Soto Arriví. Only the most insensitive and reactionary sectors in the country have done honor to their stingy anti-worker and anti-national interests by attempting to justify such vileness.

It is necessary that we understand what interests lie behind these assassinations. It is fundamental that we avoid the use and soiling of these two young patriotic lives by the same interests that ordered their death.

Since before July 4th the colonial police and the FBI were laying the groundwork for public opinion with a hysterical campaign against the clandestine and revolutionary organizations that exist in Puerto Rico. They were preparing the way that would permit them to harass and repress revolutionary independentismo.

Nevertheless, on July 4th Puerto Rican cleverness outwitted the imperialist designs. The bold couple, Nydia Esther Cuevas and Pablo Marcano put imperialism to ridicule and publicized our struggle for emancipation.

Internationally humiliated, and in a desperate attempt to stop the increase in combatant organizations, imperialism and its colonial lackeys planned the vile assassination at Monte Maravilla. The FBI and the colonial police planned a crime in order to instill fear in all those who intend to fight against exploitation and colonialism.

The 24th of July they began to execute their premeditated plan. That day they arrested a member of the MSP for alleged connections with "terrorist" acts and increased the surveillance of the centers of other independentista organizations.

On July 25th the snitch and murderer Alejandro González Malavé brought two young and honest patriots to their deaths. That same day, and thanks to that same executioner, the hunt for eight other independentistas of various affiliations, and including some with no affiliations, is initiated.

The press sings of victory. They compare the murdered comrades and the prisoners to common criminals. They intimidate the principal witness and beat prisoners. All the imperialist chorus unites in one voice, congratulating the murderers and asking for more blood. A 25th of July worthy of yankee imperialism is celebrated.

What is behind this repression?

Our fatherland is going through, since years ago, one of its most deep and

severe crises. The various economic sectors of Yankee imperialism are looking for a solution to this crisis that will allow them to continue the criminal exploitation of our people and our working class. They know that on the international level it is more difficult to maintain the image, until now sustained, of their imperialist relation over our fatherland. They know that on the national level there are more and more of us who choose the road of organization and clandestine struggle which leads to the creation of a powerful Revolutionary People's Army that assumes the political-military tasks of the struggle for national independence and socialism. They know that each day the discontent of the people increases, and that the minimal conditions are beginning to be outlined for a National Liberation Front, formed by a great number of organizations and by the most combative sectors of the people, that will execute the political tasks; and that will, on another level coinciding with the political-military drive of the revolutionary guerrilla war, put in check the power of the imperialists in our country.

Imperialism wants to resolve the crisis in its favor and against the people, and is ready to do it by any means (we remember the Massacres of Río Piedras and Ponce, the imprisonments and murders of the decades of the 30's and the 50's, the assassinations of Antonia Martínez, Santiago Mari, Rafael Caballero and others) in the way they have done it in other countries (Chile,

Santo Domingo, Argentina).

In this sense we should understand the role of the police, the FBI and the other repressive organs in our country. They are not here to protect the working people but to protect the interests and properties of the bosses, against the people. You have only to ask the UTIER workers, the Teamsters and the workers of other unions when they have gone on strike. These paid assassins are ready to do anything to protect their bosses.

We also have to ready ourselves against the official politicians, such as Sanchez Vilella, Marcos Rigau and Hernández Colón, who hypocritically masquerade as pro-worker in order to obtain electoral benefits and later on punish

the people with the same brutality as the other colonial puppets.

Our people must prepare themselves to fight against their enemies: to organize, to defend our political prisoners, and to expose and punish criminals like González Malavé.

Only the revolutionary violence of an organized people can achieve the objectives we have outlined. The electoral road only serves to create the illusion of legality and divert the attention of the revolutionaries from their true objective: to destroy by force of arms imperialist domination and its regime of exploitation in our Fatherland.

We understand that the fundamental strategy in the struggle for the independence of Puerto Rico is revolutionary popular war. A struggle that depends as much on the level of agitation and mobilization of great masses of people, as on the level of armed combat against imperialism and its lackeys.

In order to develop a true people's war two fundamental elements are necessary: the unity of the people around revolutionary objectives; and an

armed force capable of executing the political-military tasks that the historical moment demands. We have to organize a National Liberation Front and a

Revolutionary People's Army.

This is the real and proper alternative of our people, to organize ourselves, independent from the parties and politicians of colonialism, in order to struggle for our freedom and our rights as a people. To carry out a proud struggle for the freedom of our political prisoners, to go to their trials, find them their bail, hide those being pursued; to protest the assassinations and brutality of the police, and to hit our enemies harder each time. This brave people is a formidable force if it organizes, arms itself and fights. It is through the consciousness and the knowledge of the need to be free that our people will organize in a revolutionary manner to assume the tasks of reclaiming our Fatherland and making ourselves free.

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