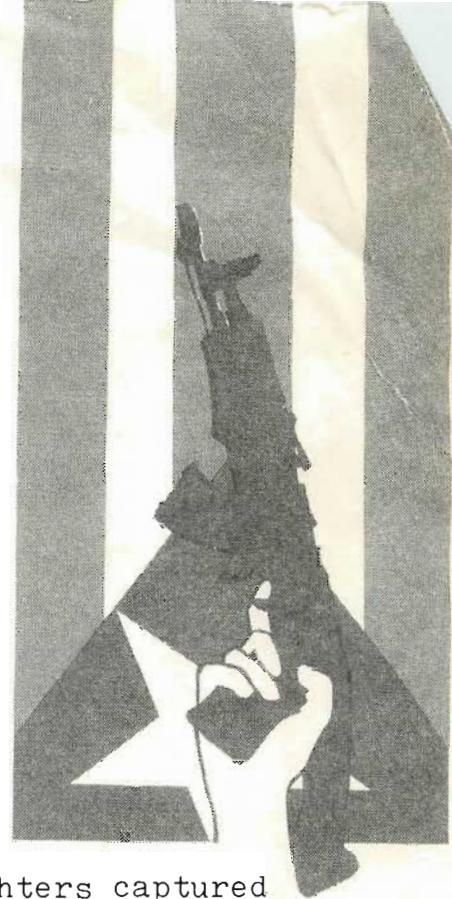


Demonstrate Oct. 31 -

Leavenworth Prison!

On October 31, supporters of the Puerto Rican independence movement from around the US will gather at the US Penitentiary in Leavenworth, Kansas to support the 11 Puerto Rican Prisoners of War. The 11 are leaders in a movement for the independence of their nation from US colonial control; their stance as Prisoners of War has challenged the US empire. By refusing to accept US jurisdiction over their actions, they have taken their case before the international community, calling on the United Nations to recognize the colonial status of Puerto Rico and to support the right of the Puerto Rican people to right against US colonialism by any means necessary. As freedom fighters captured here in the US, the 11 have forced the attention of US citizens onto the imperialist actions of their nation in holding Puerto Rico for its own benefit.



Because the actions of the 11 are such a threat to US imperialism, they have been subjected to ferocious repression: the government has branded them as "terrorists" and sentenced them to 55-90 years in prison, and makes every effort to isolate them from their people and their supporters. Oscar Lopez-Rivera was sent to Leavenworth Federal Prison to cut him off from his family and to prevent him from communicating with his community. Each of the 11 has spent time in isolation and has suffered from special punishments designed to defeat their strength. In addition, the repressive agencies of the US government from the CIA and FBI to the secret service have launched a campaign on the island of Puerto Rico and the Puerto Rican communities of New York and Chicago to threaten and intimidate independistas. Three independence leaders from Puerto Rico have been sent to US prisons for their refusal to cooperate with a Federal Grand Jury on the island that is trying to disrupt the independence movement under the guise of investigations into the attack by combined armed clandestine groups on a Navy bus in Sebana Seca in '79, in retaliation for the US assassination of Angel Rodriguez Cristobal.

The fear of the US imperialists is that more Puerto Rican patriots are joining the fight to free their nation. Their fear is well founded; four of the armed clandestine organizations that lead the fight have just issued a joint communique, and their power to challenge US military rule over Puerto Rico is being built. Also, mass struggles in Vieques, in Adjuntas and Aguadilla against strip-mining and mineral exploitation, in the University of Rio Piedras, and here in the US in such struggles as the Cruz-Orsorio case against Chicago Police murders of two young Puerto Ricans, are growing. The nation of Puerto Rico is in the beginning stages of a People's War that will win the independence and establish a socialist Puerto Rico.

A central focus of the independence movement now is to oppose the continuing Cointel-pro attacks on the Puerto Rican activists in the US and especially against the 11 Prisoners of War. The National Demonstration in Leavenworth, Kansas, is a call to support the independence movement and to halt the attempts by US imperialism to prevent the loss of their colonial possessions.

The National Demonstration will include the participation of Puerto Rican, ChicanoMexicano and other colonized peoples in the US. As members of the nation that oppresses Puerto Rico, we in the San Patricio Corps Solidarity Organization are mobilizing other white people to participate alongside the independence movement to help defeat US imperialism and win a society free of oppression. If you are interested in being a part of this mobilization, you may contact us at 623-6098 or write to us.

Imperialism is not invincible; by its defeat we all have much to gain.

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