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HONOUR TO THE REVOLUTIONARY PRISONERS MASSACRED IN PERU!

COMMEMORATE JUNE 19TH, THE DAY OF HEROISM



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"This Blood That Has Been Spilt Shall Never Be Forgotten"

THE STRUGGLE IN THE PRISONS

The contradiction of the PCP vs.. Armed Forces continues unfolding in the city as well as the countryside, transforming and building the New Power. When faced with their impotence to stop the PCP's actions, under pretext of restoring order in the prisons, on the morning of May 4, 1992, they militarily occupied the installations of the Canto Grande prison, attacking the combatants with aerial machine gun fire from

helicopters, they bombed pavilions of both men and women. This was expected as a response to the successive defeats the armed forces had suffered on the battlefield in both the city and in the countryside, earning them the name of "experts in defeats" and experts in battling against a people in blood.

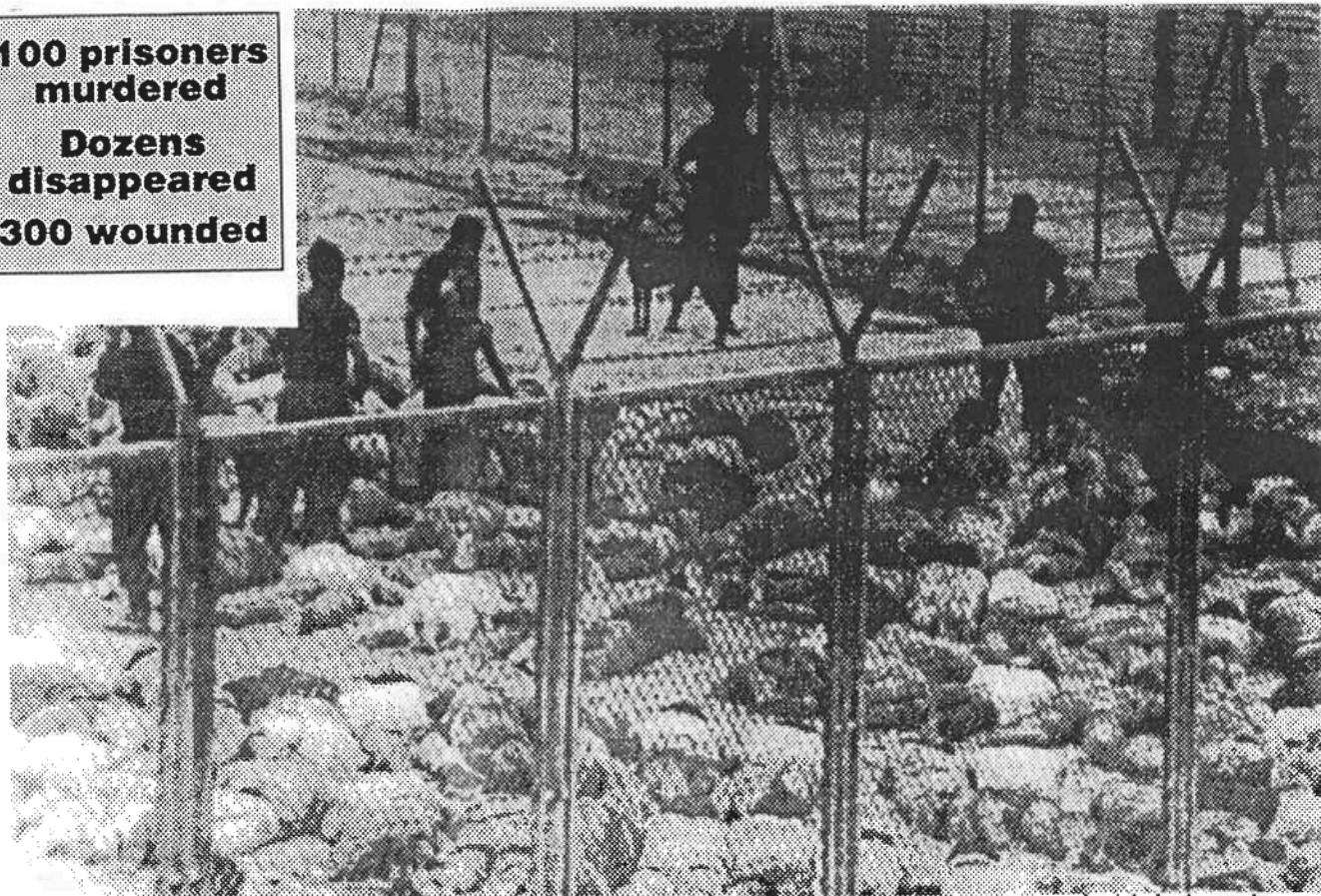
For five days, the prisoners resisted under the slogan Resist and Combat! Many comrades fell; the leaders were shot, and this was done according to a list the military had. They were seeking the base leaders and that was the objective of the reactionaries: to destroy everything, if possible to kill everyone, just as the prior governments had done.

They used the same methods. More than 100 combatants died, in that manner sealing a glorious deed for the party and the masses. As President Gonzalo says: "Blood doesn't drown the revolution, it nourishes it."

As occurred in June, 1986 when they demonstrated glory and heroism, this not only proved the development in quantity but principally the elevation of the quality of the development and the broad gamut of political activity which is unfolding in the prisons, so that with their high morale and profound combativeness they have shown and continue showing the world how it is possible and necessary to convert the prisons into shining trenches of combat.

**100 prisoners
murdered**

**Dozens
disappeared
300 wounded**



MASSACRE AT CANTO GRANDE

When they deal with the people, the human rights organizations such as Human Rights Watch/Americas turn a blind eye or pretend to be on vacation. Others like Amnesty International or the Red Cross did very little in this regard. To this day, the relatives of the political prisoners don't know what happened to their loved ones.

Testimony from a prisoner's mother on May 4, 1992: "... Yesterday they transferred my son from the palace of justice to the Canto Grande prison, today I came on Wednesday morning, bringing food and clothes, but the prison is surrounded by heavily armed soldiers and police, explosions could be heard from inside, and outside. Many family members were crying and they were getting desperate about the fate of the prisoners. They were not allowed to enter.

The family members protested that the gunfire should cease, but they were ignored. They were repressed with bullets, gas by the police. There were a lot of journalists who covered all news from the prison. It isn't known when all this will end." The resistance was heroic and lasted five days, which shook the nation and the world. Reaction

thought that it would be possible to control unarmed prisoners in one day in Canto Grande Prison, but it did not turn out that easy. It was difficult for the reactionaries to murder the Communists. They shut off the electricity and water so they would surrender, but inside there was even greater resistance from the combatants.

On Saturday and Sunday there was a tense calm. Each minute the TV transmitted live footage of the combatants' heroic resistance. Before the World, they demonstrated the heroism demanded by a revolution led by the Marxist-Leninist-Maoist-Gonzalo Thought Central Committee of the PCP. At sunrise on Monday, May 9 they took the Canto Grande prison by assault, with a large military force. Many combatants were disarmed and later disappeared. Thus, the genocidal plan by the dictator Fujimori and his reactionary armed forces to take the prison of Canto Grande came to an end.

To identify the bodies, many family members, including mine, went to the central morgue in Lima. The cadavers had bullet wounds in the abdomen, neck and head and showed signs of heavy tortures. Many bodies were

burned with lesions throughout the entire body. The mothers of many combatants lost their sons and daughters, who they say had been waiting for them to visit on the second Sunday of May, as they had prepared to celebrate Mother's Day, and were awaiting a modest celebration. But the reality turned out different, since the genocidal dictator bathed himself in the blood of many combatants, with the complicit support of the press and television as conspirators of that horrible massacre, which history register as the heroism of a combatant people.

Fortunately, after looking through all morgues of Lima, my mother found out that my brother survived with a broken leg. He is still in Cantogrande Prison now. At the opportune moment, the masses and the PCP will apply the just and correct sanction to the culprits of this abominable crime.

This is a demonstration of the inexhaustible fountain of the peoples inexhaustible from where new combatants came and will come, who will follow the path of revolution guided by the ideology of Marxism-Leninism-Maoism, Gonzalo Thought and will follow the examples of those who gave their lives for the democratic revolution, socialism and Communism. Faced with this blatant genocide, what did the press say? They supported what the armed forces did in Canto Grande prison.

Honor and Glory to the Peruvian people!