

To Pay A National Debt – To Puerto Rico
OSCAR LÓPEZ-RIVERA MUST BE SET FREE IMMEDIATELY!

Para Mí Pueblo Puertorriqueño

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To begin to eradicate the massive money debt

That's larger than the population of Coquís globally

– that's owed Puerto Rico

by the United States

in the Americas –

Our Brother Nuestro,

Oscar López-Rivera

debería Be Set Free Immediately

from the penitentiary that incarcerates Him

, like Jesús Cristo – *Illegally!!!*

For it is *THEY* –

The United States in the Americas

– & NOT *HE*,

Oscar López-Rivera

Who are guilty of the most Crimes Against Humanity

as is proved by the slavery of Puerto Rico

as the last recognized colony in modern history:

The acculturation of our Island Nation

into an assimilation of Cultural Self-Hatred –

A family fractured into disunity,

Displaced from Native lands into Public Housing Projects

From Bosques to Barrios, Finqueros to Homelessness

While each day we bury more elders, turned ancestors

Transitioning to Saints of our Diaspora.

The profit Culture-vulture Venture Capitalists,

The Carpet Baggers of Hedge Fund Trusts

Who Promised to be trusted, and

came instead to steal in the bright Daylight,

And steal away in the dark, broad night –
Feeling the Right for the Might
of the United States in the America's Banking Laws
replete with legal flaws designed to defraud the poor,
Evinces a design to colonize through humiliation,
Allowing for the experimentation of forced sterilization
upon our Puerto Rican women without their knowledge
much less their consent, while their brothers, cousins
and husbands were sent off to go fight & die
in the rice fields of Viet Nam,

Where Brother Oscar Lopez-Rivera had to survive –

And did!

And came home having been awarded the Bronze Star for Bravery
in a war that opened up his eyes to what Americans Fight For
In the name of the Freedom they so freely adore,
While their Allies & Navies cowardly dropped Bombs
upon our baby islands Vieques y Culebras –

¡Y Que!

Where now radioactive beachfront condominiums & bungalows
are being sold to the sons of bitches & daughters of the newly riché,
Who Bill the exploited on Our Mother Isla for the cost incurred
for the exploitation of the Nation we no longer own!

The Gentrifying Dawn Rises over El Barrio mío...

foreboding in shadows stretching from East Harlem, south
to La Perla; to la Boca de Cangrejos en Ponce...

As the young Entrepreneurial Millennial-conga despising Interlopers emerge
in El Barrio from subway tunnels at 110th Street & Lexington Avenue,
Now walking around the community with airport luggage carriers,
seeking to decipher the address scribbled on a piece of paper;

The new-sublet apartments, "AirBnB in El Barrio," while
Disappearing Botánicas – like missing teeth from a mouth dying of decay –
& Bodegas going out of business, turned Ultra-super Supermarkets,
selling Coladores for Bustelo Café,
& Universal Product Coded-labeled Votive Candles, while Santeros
bagging groceries, go looking for Temp-work outside

their fields of expertisé!

Hypocrisy, being the Mother & Father of all Sin,
Is opposed by Righteousness, its opposite, in its own righteous skin –
That despises Injustice, Prejudice & Racism,
for preventing the Human Spirit to sing!

My Boricua Soul cries out in anguish! –
Diametrically opposed in English & in Spanish
to being juxtaposed between a cultural complexity
in this concrete city, and a tropical repose that contradicts
the imposition of an imposturous Democracy –
Killing our People through a program of atrocious attrition
While you, Oscar Lopez-Rivera, a Patriot, are imprisoned for Sedition –
Paying the price of Freedom, as it so very often demands
the loss of one's Liberty!

Despite our People's suffering a Game of Porcelain Thrones
Perpetuated by Columbus-syndrome'd Machiavellian Progressive-
Digressive-PoliTricksters amongst Us,
Who seek your liberty for the sake of their celebrity –
To augment the pretention of their legacy,
As if a Fee for a Public Service rendered to the community –
You will be freed by the People's Integrity!

I, for one, among others, have presented *Poetry* inside of prison walls –
And I will tell you as a witness, as walls hear & do Tell All:
There, you will find the most beautiful minds of our kind, locked up
in 6x8-foot cells; 3-walls, a ceiling & floor, prison-bars for a door –
For committing a crime in a criminal society that steals
the best of our progeny for petty-larceny, turned into
Indentured Servitude for the Corporate State Full of Hate.

Oh, Yes!

I've seen the best minds of Our Generations – Incarceration!
That's why Oscar López-Rivera Must Be Set Free –

Because you're the example of the Puerto Rican brother-Man, Sir
that we need walking around replenishing our community.
You are an authentic brother – as True as a Poet, and
Censored likewise – For being a Wise Guy in a Smart-Aleck world –
Living or dead – uncompromisingly dedicated to The Truth being told.
We hold you up as our Self-Esteem, a pillar of the Integrity
of the Soul's Sovereignty –
In your Strength, we finally find Unity
Because you've made a sacrifice of the Most Supreme –
To give your Life-blood in pursuit of *The Dream of Puerto Rico's Liberty!*
Which is why You Must Be Freed!

What we need now is un Nuevo Movimiento Patrimonio
Para to save the histórico-artístico cultura de Puerto Rico
made by our artists con amor, por valor y sacrificio:
A vanguard of artists – armed to the teeth
Who've beaten their pens & paintbrushes into Weapons of Mass Destruction
to retrieve our National and Natural Treasures
Before the “Artifacts for Sale” Fire-Sale of the history
of Puerto Rico and its People en el Caribe
Puts an end to the proud legacy of Los Tainos –
Once and for all!

¡Ay! Mí Pueblo Puertorriqueño!
¡Ay! Mí Diaspora Nuyoricana!

¿AREN'T THEY WORTH FIGHTING FOR?
¿WHAT ARE WE WAITING FOR? –
¡FOR THEM TO TAKE AWAY OUR PLAYAS y PAIS!
¿FOR WHAT? – *To payback for being a Colony for 116 years!*

Mí Gente –
If El Pueblo Nuestro needs Inspiration
To start the prevention of our extermination,
To save our culture from annihilation –
Then, Let the loss of our Artists' labor,

The Movement of our GODS' hand
in their work,
Be the worth we might come to value
as Puerto Rican, as is Life.

For, as Don Pedro Albizu Campos would like to say –
“To cualquier Fulano o Fulana de Tal – o Charlatán...”

WE REJECT YOUR CHAPTER 9,

and, influenced by Afro-Cuban Jazz,

WE GO STRAIGHT-AHEAD TO CHAPTER 10:

This is the Goddamned End!...

It's either – Revolution or Civil War!

Whichever one intends to restore our Dignity and Sovereignty!

To once again prove to the Imperialists of the World, that –

Although we are an island-nation,

We are, nevertheless, A Nation

of a proudly fierce and courageous people

Who will chuck a poisoned-spear right through your evil, greedy,

Conquistadores hearts!

For, If told be The Truth: In War –

It's always “an Eye for an Eye, & a Tooth for a Tooth” –

Regardless of *Who* has *The Truth* on its side!

Believe it or not, Wars are fought in parking lots, & bus stops
& shopping malls, & baseball parks;

Terrorism *is* Economic-Sanctions imposed by the powerless, &
Freedom Fighters are as “Terroristic” as Founding Fathers!!!

For the mythology of your history is as bloody as

The Passion of Christ!

– for Christ's Sake!

And, *That* is why

We must Free Oscar López-Rivera Now!

We Must Free this Brother!

Because –

as Life-blood running through our veins –

“Our Mother is the Same;

Her Name is Borinkén!"