



# Decolonization, Hurricanes and Solidarity

OSCAR LOPEZ  
RIVERA'S  
SO-CAL TOUR

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**Commemorative Book**

# **The Welcome Oscar López Rivera to Southern California Coordinating Committee**

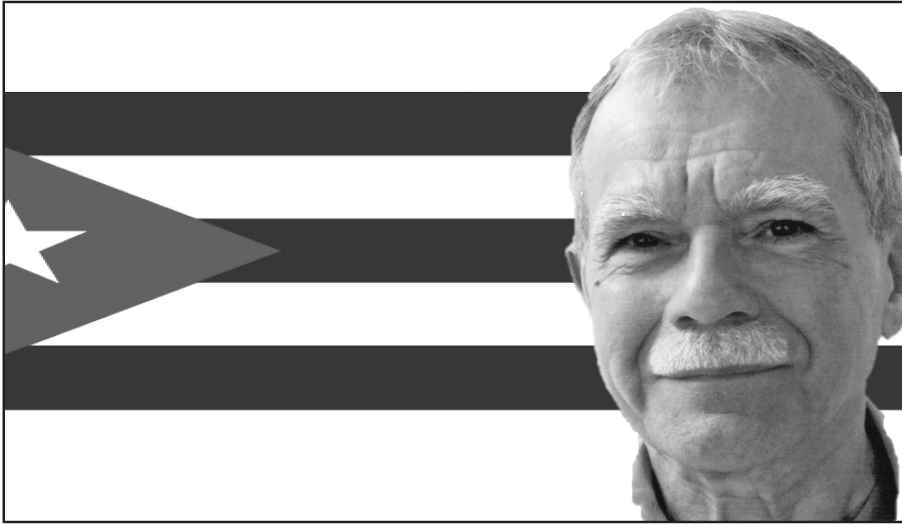
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**This commemorative book for Oscar López Rivera's Southern California Tour, Feb. 5-9, 2018 includes excerpts from his remarks to the United Nations Special Committee on Decolonization, made shortly after his release, as well as statements of solidarity from a number of political prisoners in the US and internationally, and good wishes from international supporters, that were collected by Freedom Archives in San Francisco and Resistance in Brooklyn for earlier events with Oscar López Rivera in the Bay Area and New York City.**

**We also want to acknowledge the support of faculty and students at UC Santa Barbara, Cal State University Channel Islands, CSUN, Dr. Maya Angelou Community High School, Pasadena City College, Cal State University Los Angeles, Pomona College in Claremont, UCLA, and Chapman University, without whose participation the tour would not have been possible.**

**The tour is designed to benefit Oscar López Rivera's work through Fundación Oscar López Rivera-Libertá. Donations to support the foundation can be made payable to GLACTS (Great Lakes Asian Center for Theologies and Strategies), the foundation's fiscal sponsor, and sent directly to**  
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## **Oscar Lopez Rivera Speaks to the United Nations [excerpts]**

Honorable members of the United Nations Special Committee on Decolonization: It's a great honor to stand before you and express my gratitude for every resolution this body has passed supporting Puerto Rico's right to be an independent and sovereign nation and the excarceration of the Puerto Rican political prisoners.

I'd also like to thank the Venezuelan citizens and their President Hugo Chávez Frías and President Nicolas Maduro, President Daniel Ortega and the citizens of Nicaragua, President Evo Morales and the citizens of the Plurinational State of Bolivia, President José "Pepe" Mujica and President Tabaré Vázquez and the citizens of Uruguay, President Rafael Correa and President Lenín Moreno and the citizens of Ecuador, President Fidel Castro Ruz and President Raúl Castro Ruz, the Five Cuban Heroes René González, Gerardo Hernández, Ramón Labañino, Antonio Guerrero and Fernando González Llort and the citizens of Cuba for the support they have given to the just and noble cause of my beloved Puerto Rico's right to be an independent and sovereign nation.

The resolutions that this Committee passed were a fountain of strength for me. I would find in them precious expressions of solidarity and compassion, and it would make me feel that some day Puerto Rico

would be decolonized.

I've spent five decades serving the most just and noble cause any Puerto Rican citizen can serve. It has been an act of love and my duty as a citizen. I say this to let people know that serving a just and noble cause has been the most liberating experience I've had, and in spite of the horrible things done to me in prison, I have come home with my head high, and my honor, my dignity and my spirit stronger than the day I was sent to prison.

Thanks to the support [of] this Committee and the support of hundreds of thousands of freedom- and justice-loving people of Puerto Rico, the diaspora and of many nations, there are no more Puerto Rican political prisoners of the u.s. government. Unfortunately, there are many other political prisoners inside the Prison Industrial Complex of the u.s. And there is one Puerto Rican woman, Ana Belén Montes, who chose to serve a just cause and go to prison rather than to do the dirty work of the u.s. Central Intelligence Agency. She is serving a 25 year sentence and battling cancer.

While the u.s. government alleges there aren't any political prisoners in its gulags or terrorists on its payroll, it claims there are many in countries it doesn't like. I am certain that the prisoners the u.s. government considers political would never entertain

the idea of asking the u.s. government to release all the political prisoners in the u.s. or in Guantánamo. And much less would they ask the u.s. to bring to justice the terrorists on its payroll who have killed independentistas in Puerto Rico or to stop practicing the crime of colonialism.

What has u.s. colonialism done to Puerto Rico and the Puerto Rican people? Allow me to share with you some of the most deleterious problems I've observed since my arrival in my beloved homeland. There are over 5,000,000 Puerto Ricans in the diaspora, while less than 3,500,000 [live] in Puerto Rico. I found a Puerto Rico under the control of a Fiscal Control Board imposed by the u.s. government that has the power to dictate to the colonialists who help to administer the colony, what to do, especially when dealing with the payment of the \$72 billion debt Puerto Rico owes to the banks and hedge funds. And I have seen an accelerated gentrification process constructing condominiums costing one million dollars or more.

The poor people are displaced; only the rich and super rich can live there. In Culebra, Vieques and around the coast, where the beaches are the most beautiful, luxury building is overtaking the landscape. The colonialists give incentives to builders and buyers who are foreigners, and deny incentives to small businesses and small home owners. Gentrification is forcing poor people to move, and likely to emigrate. This will cause more depopulation in Puerto Rico.

It's been the goal of the u.s. government, since it invaded Puerto Rico, to depopulate it. By 1900 it was forcing Puerto Ricans to emigrate to Hawaii and the southwestern states. After World War II the u.s. government started another forced emigration wave. Land that poor Puerto Ricans were forced to abandon was used for military bases and luxury hotels. [Beginning] 17 years ago, more than a million Puerto Ricans moved to the diaspora, causing the biggest brain drain in Puerto Rico's history. If the School of Medicine in Puerto Rico graduates 100 doctors, 85% of them have to emigrate. There aren't jobs for most young professionals.

Imagine such a loss of population occurring in your

countries. We are seeing a larger aging population that's becoming poorer with less medical and social services available. Young people of reproductive age are leaving, and foreigners are buying condominiums in enclosed upper class communities.

What the Fiscal Control Board is making the colonialist administrators do is more worrisome. By August, 169 schools will be closed. Teachers will lose jobs, and communities will lose schools. The colonialists are pushing privatization plans [although] privatization has played a major role in bringing the economy to its worst condition in Puerto Rico's history.

The future of the University of Puerto Rico [is threatened]. The Fiscal Control Board [plans] to take away half a billion dollars from its budget. It's looking for ways to raise tuition and to force the UPR to close some campuses and sell much of its property, especially land that it has been using for experiments. All the money taken from public education will be used to fill the coffers of the banks and hedge funds. Thus Puerto Rico is being made poorer and depopulated of its native population.

In spite of the fact that the future of Puerto Rico looks very bleak, many Puerto Ricans believe this is the best moment to wage an effective decolonizing process. We know that the majority of Puerto Ricans love Puerto Rico, our national identity, our culture, our language, and our origins. We see the potential that Puerto Rico has to become a strong nation and an asset to the economy of Caribbean and Latin American countries. We have the human resources and the other basic resources to transform Puerto Rico into the Edenic garden it has the potential of being.

Because this is such a moment, we are asking this Committee to take the issue of the decolonization of Puerto Rico to the General Assembly and ask it to fulfill its responsibilities to bring to an end the colonization of Puerto Rico by the u.s. government.

Colonialism is a crime against all of humanity. If the u.s. government is the nation of laws it claims to be, then it behooves it to decolonize Puerto Rico by adhering to the tenets of international law that prohibit the crime of colonialism.

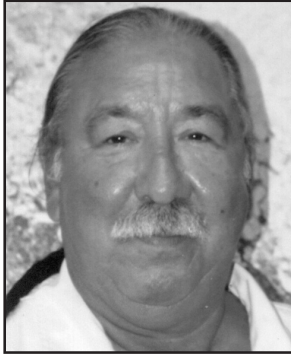
# Statements of Solidarity with Oscar López Rivera and the Puerto Rican People by Political Prisoners and International Bodies and Movements

Greetings Brother Oscar,

I was very happy to hear of your release and your return to Puerto Rico and your people. I can see you painting when you want and spending time with your daughter and family. I wish you a good life with your people and know in my heart that you will never forget those of us still behind the walls.

With respect,  
Doksha!

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Oscar López is a hero of Borinquen, for his steadfast dedication to the freedom of all Puertorriqueños! He sacrificed years of his life for the liberation of his people, like Lolita Lebron, and used the fires of his love for la Gente to warm him during the cruel winters in America. May his freedom come quickly, and may he be soon reunited with his beloved homeland.

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Dear Oscar,

I celebrate your return among the living. After your long and circuitous journey, bounced from one prison to another, separation from family and community, you have now bumped-up against the shores of home like a gentle wave in from the sea.

You get to walk the earth, free and without shackles; that has to be exhilarating: Seeing the natural world without walls obstructing your view; people casually walking about, strolling arm-in-arm; sitting in the park, children at play, cars honking, street traffic moving. The smell of something delicious being cooked.

I am happy you made it out; all too often most of us seldom do, or we die soon after we get out due to poor health, or to spending endless decades in prison; some simply die because death seems more acceptable than continued wasting away in a prison cell.

It has been a long slog for you as it continues to be for those of us who remain behind prison bars, and especially for us PPs, because we're targeted and treated different than social prisoners are treated in here.

It's clear that Don Pedro, Lolita, Don Rafa and many known and unknown Puerto Rican patriots have long been staunch advocates of Puerto Rico's independence from u.s. hegemony. From the outset,



Mumia Abu-Jamal (right)

Puerto Rico and its people were regarded as a valuable asset to u.s. financial and military interests and were expected to accept this new reality without argument.

On the mainland, after centuries of racial subjugation, we descendants of former afrikan slaves are embroiled in a similar narrative. The violence, humiliation and suffering inflicted on us and our forebears who gave no cause for offense are beyond words to describe, except that we, like you, are people of color. Racism and greed beyond measure are the only plausible explanation. We can never forget our suffering or how much they took from us.

Since the architecture of repression was unaffected by the Abolition of slavery, it quietly transitioned indoors behind prison walls in the form of “mass-incarceration.” Since our civil-rights pleas during the 1960s fell on deaf ears, some of us invoked the right of community self-defense, were imprisoned for it and are still here because of it. How do you compensate and repair a people after having imposed centuries of agonizing physical and psychological damage on them? Social change never happens without a demand. To be free and made whole again, people of color have to rid themselves of outside domination and control, from being manipulated by the white racist power structure (that finds its own self-identity in that domination and control of us) in the u.s. and P.R.

The P.R. independence movement and the ongoing black struggle stand united on common ground against a common foe, and we look to the future with unshakable resolve to achieve our goals. This, my dear brother Oscar, as you well know, is what we share with others for them to develop a broader understanding of why we struggle. Welcome home!

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**Jalil Muntaqim**

“For Oscar” – Freedom

When I think about the release of Oscar López Rivera, I am reminded of Lolita Lebron, Rafael Cancel, and the destruction of Vieques. I think about Filiberto Ojeda Rios and El Grito de Lares, and indeed my thoughts lingered on the Young Lords Party – soldiering on with determination. All of whom epitomized the brilliance and

revolutionary zeal of Albizu Campos, the champion for the independence of Puerto Rico.

It is this rich history of struggle that we honor and build revolutionary solidarity in the continuous of the fight to end U.S. colonial dominance of Puerto Rico. I am elated to read about college students protesting the austerity program of PROMESA - the U.S. continuing raping of the resources and wealth of the Island; of the sweet sound of *coquis* with the rhythm of Afrikan drums – the youth is the future and that future’s promise is based on the building of the independence movement.

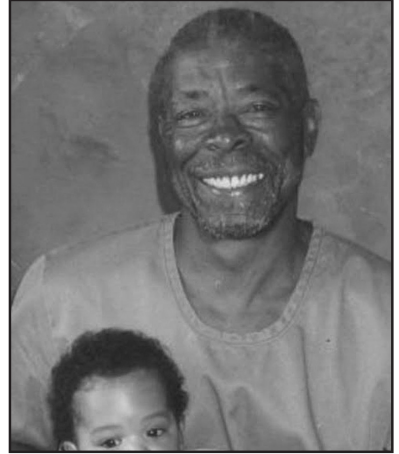
That is the task, to bring the brilliant minds of Puerto Rico together and forge a mass and popular movement for independence. In the spirit of Albizu Campos, we applaud the success of the struggle to free Oscar López Rivera. And in international solidarity, we will continue to fight for the liberation and freedom of all U.S. political prisoners, just as we continue to support and fight for the independence of Puerto Rico.

Viva Puerto Rico Libre, Viva Oscar López Rivera,  
Revolutionary Love & Unity

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Welcome back, Oscar López Rivera ... to Puerto Rico, the land of your birth, and to the NYC Puerto Rican Day parade as Guest of Honor. Thank you for setting a prime example of how one should struggle for the freedom of their people, and all oppressed people, and for setting a just and stellar example of how we political prisoners and prisoners of war (PPOW) should conduct ourselves in confinement.

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The Puerto Rican nation is fortunate to have the love and sacrifice that Oscar has exhibited to the world, with his character and emotional intelligence so profound as to force recognition from the first African-American president, to grant him clemency and freedom.

I am honored to have traveled the road with Oscar; I wish him the best in his freedom, and his splendid selflessness, for this his people have never forgotten.

Live long and strong, Oscar.

Mud and water,

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I applaud the release of our Puerto Rican brother and freedom fighter Oscar López Rivera. In addition to being held captive by the *yanqui* empire for more than 30 years, for most of his life he's refused to succumb to the colonial oppression and exploitation imposed on Puerto Rico by the US. He is a living example of courage, principles and integrity in his commitment to the struggle for dignity and freedom. A LUTA CONTINUA!

In Solidarity! One Love!

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**Romaine 'Chip'  
Fitzgerald**

On the Move!

Just a short note to give our sincere joy of victory to Oscar López and all those who stuck by him in dedication, commitment, and loyalty, until he was released. Many of us have taken a so-called different path to get to where we want to be, but I believe I can say for sure that we are fighting, looking, working for one common goal – Justice, Freedom, and Equality.

This work is not yet done until all political prisoners are released, so stay strong, stay loyal, we can't afford to be any other way! Free all political prisoners! Long Live John Africa Revolution!

Debbie Sims Africa (in prison since 1978)  
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Long Live John Africa Forever!

On the Move, Oscar – This is Janine Africa of the Move 9! We know you must be feeling good right about now! Examples like your case is why Move tell people to stay strong, never give up and never give in to this system. As John Africa teaches, when you're right, you are not wrong and no matter how hopeless things may yet seem, the power of righteousness will never betray you. I hope your victory will be an inspiration to all in this fight for freedom!

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April 13, 2017

Brother Oscar and Community,

I am very happy for you. I was very satisfied when I saw the news two months ago. Great men like yourself and Pedro Albizu Campos who truly paid dearly for the liberation of your land, Puerto Rico, are great national heroes of the Puerto Rican people. When I say National hero I mean only the island – not north Turtle Island (or the US).

To all gente of the great nation of Puerto Rico, stand

up strong and resist this empire and thief. Take back what is truly yours my comrades. Take Puerto Rico! May the younger generations now complete the work for change. In power and in solidarity and love!

Dios te bendiga Oscar mi hermano  
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During 35 years of totally unjust and cold, dark prison time, Oscar never lost his ability to smile warmly. Now I'm sure that he is beaming brightly under the brilliant Puerto Rican sun. My congratulations go out to Oscar, a wonderful example of principle and humanity, to the Puerto Rican nation, and to the stellar campaign that freed him.

Libertad, Free all Political Prisoners,

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Addameer Prisoner Support & Human Rights Association salutes and stands in solidarity with Oscar López Rivera, the Puerto Rican people, the popular movements, lawyers and committees that worked tirelessly in the struggle to free an imprisoned struggler against colonialism. Addameer urges continued action to free all political prisoners in U.S. jails, just as we call for the freedom of imprisoned Palestinians held by the Israeli occupation.

Palestinian political prisoners in Israeli prisons and detention centers launched a mass hunger strike starting 17 April 2017. The call for hunger strike came amidst resentment of Israeli's cruel policies towards political prisoners. The issue of Palestinian prisoners and detainees held in Israeli prisons and detention centers transcends one of individual human rights; it is also one of collective rights of an entire people – the Palestinian people, who continue to be deprived of the right to self-determination and sovereignty – basic fundamentals of international law.

Addameer Prisoner Support & Human Rights Association urges all people to organize events in solidarity with the struggle of hunger-striking prisoners and detainees.



2017 marks 100 years of the Balfour declaration; 70 years of Palestinian Catastrophe (al-Nakba); 50 years of brutal military occupation. This is also the year to hold the Israeli occupation accountable for its actions and to demand the immediate release of all Palestinian political prisoners!

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Rivera. He must be released now! We, the Peace Consultants of the National Democratic Front of the Philippines, support the struggle of all political prisoners. Just as we call for the urgent release and granting of unconditional general amnesty to all Filipino political prisoners!”

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Statement by SELDA, a Filipino organization of relatives of political prisoners, some former political prisoners themselves, made at a rally for Oscar on January 6, 2017, shortly before Obama finally acted to release him.

“We support the campaign to Free Oscar López



**Grassroots Community Radio Coalition  
Welcomes Oscar López Rivera to Southern California  
and expresses our solidarity  
with the struggle of  
the Puerto Rican people  
to recover, rebuild and  
regain their sovereignty.**

**Free All Political Prisoners!  
Que Viva Puerto Libre!**



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## **ICAP Celebrates the Return of Independentista Oscar López Rivera to Puerto Rico**

On Friday, workers from the Cuban Institute of Friendship with the Peoples (ICAP) celebrated the return of *independentista* Oscar López Rivera to his Puerto Rican homeland. He will complete his unjust sentence of more than 35 years in US prisons for struggling for his nation's liberty, under house arrest.

The Hero of the Republic of Cuba, Fernando González Llort, vice president of ICAP, affirmed that this event is a prelude to a huge celebration that will take place on May 17th, when Oscar completes the commutation of the sentence given in his case.

Fernando, one of The Cuban 5, who shared a cell with Oscar for four and a half years, affirmed that this victory belongs to all revolutionaries and lovers of justice and the world, and he assured that this was only possible due to Oscar's resistance and the unity among those who enthusiastically fought for his release. He reflected on the new life experience that the Puerto Rican patriot must be feeling after more than 35 years inside north american prisons, and he said this because when he is free of all restrictions, the dream of seeing him enter ICAP and share with the workers will become a reality.

During the program a message was read from the Institute which stated the following:

"Cuban men and women also share the joy that Oscar is now at home at last. Oscar, an upright man and revolutionary, was tortured and repressed, but maintained exemplary resistance during 35 years of imprisonment, and never stopped loving his island, his people and his flag, with his solid ideas on freedom and social justice; Thank you, beloved Oscar! Your example makes reality of the dreams of Hostos, Betances, Albizu Campos, Lolita Lebrón, Filberto Ojeda, Juan Mari Brás and so many heroes and heroines that have dedicated their lives to freedom for their homeland! On May 17th we will grandly celebrate your definitive freedom!"

### **Celebra el ICAP regreso a Puerto Rico del independentista Oscar López Rivera**

Los Trabajadores del Instituto Cubano de Amistad con los Pueblos (ICAP) celebraron el regreso a su patria puertorriqueña del independentista Oscar López Rivera, quien completará en prisión domiciliaria su injusta condena de más de 35 años en cárceles estadounidenses por luchar por la libertad de su tierra.

El Héroe de la República de Cuba, Fernando

González Llort, vicepresidente del ICAP, afirmó que este acontecimiento es el prelude de la gran celebración que haremos el 17 de mayo, cuando se cumple la conmutación de la pena dictada en el caso de Oscar.

Fernando, uno de Los Cinco y quien compartió celda con Oscar durante cuatro años y medio, afirmó que esta victoria es de todos los revolucionarios y amantes de la justicia en el mundo, y aseguró que solamente fue posible por la resistencia del héroe y la unidad de quienes afanosamente batallaron por su excarcelación.

Reflexionó sobre la nueva experiencia de vida que estrá sintiendo el patriota puertorriqueño luego de estar más de 35 años en cárceles norteamericanas, y se pronunció porque, cuando esté libre de toda restricción, se cumpla el sueño de verlo entrar al ICAP y compartir con sus trabajadores.

En el acto fue leído un comunicado del Instituto que expresa en una de sus partes:

"Los cubanos y cubanas también comparten la alegría de que por fin Oscar ya esté en casa. Oscar, hombre íntegro y revolucionario quien mantuvo durante 35 años de encierro, tortura y represión una ejemplar resistencia, sin dejar de amar a su isla, su pueblo y su bandera, con sus firmes ideas de libertad y justicia social. ¡Gracias querido Oscar ¡ Tu ejemplo hace realidad los sueños de Hostos, Betances, Albizu Campos, Lolita Lebrón, Filiberto Ojeda, Juan Mari Brás y otros tantos héroes y heroínas que han dedicado su vida a la libertad de su tierra! El 17 de mayo celebraremos en gran tu definitiva libertad!"

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Three of the Cuban 5 - René González, Gerardo Hernández & Antonio Guerrero



## ADDITIONAL INTERNATIONAL EXPRESSIONS OF SOLIDARITY

“What fabulous news! God be praised. Sadly, I will not be able to attend the May 17 festivities, as I am less mobile than formerly, but we will join in spirit. God bless you and all who worked so hard for this good result.” --South African Archbishop Desmond M. Tutu.

Argentine Nobel laureate Adolfo Perez Esquivel, a former political prisoner tortured in his native country and later detained in Brazil and Ecuador for his advocacy of human rights throughout “Nuestra America”, planned to attend the San Juan, Puerto Rico “Fiesta de Oscar,” at Plaza de Rio Piedras on Oscar’s first day of freedom, but ultimately was unable to attend. The founder of the continental Christian pacifist group *Servicio Paz Y Justicia* had long supported Oscar and his compatriots who were freed in 1999.

Irish Nobel laureate Mairead Corrigan Maguire, founder of the Nobel Women’s Initiative, sent greetings and love on hearing of Oscar’s commutation. “What wonderful news to have Oscar home with his family, with my thanks to all the family and friends for the work you did to make this day possible. Please give Oscar a big hug from me!”

In Eritrea, the daughters of Eritrean People’s Liberation Front independence leaders Petros Solomon and Aster Yohannes -- who have been imprisoned incommunicado for over a dozen years -- wrote signs in their native Tigrinya calling for Oscar’s release.

Here in the belly of the U.S. Empire, we who are celebrating Oscar’s release and working in solidarity with the people of Puerto Rico, and all progressive and justice-loving people, must acknowledge and intensify the struggle to free all political prisoners in the US and around the world, and build a mass movement that will resist repression in all its forms.

### The Socialist Workers Party welcomes Oscar López Rivera to S. California

“The hurricanes caused a lot of damage, but not as much as colonialism has,” Puerto Rican independence fighter Rafael Cancel Miranda said. “We’ve been suffering under the hurricane of Yankee colonialism for more than 100 years.”

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“Ever since the triumph of the revolution, Cuba has offered us an example that a better, more just world is possible,” said Oscar López.

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U.S. out of Guantanamo**

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expresses its solidarity with  
**Oscar Lopez Rivera and the Puerto  
Rican Independence Movement**

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