

# 19th June — Day of Anniversary of Peru Prison

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JUNE 19TH 1987 — HAIL THE SHINING TRENCHES OF COMBAT!

June 19th 1987 marks the anniversary of the heroic uprising of revolutionary prisoners in Peru and the cowardly massacre perpetrated against them by the government. Adopting the slogan of our comrades in the women's prison in Callao, the Revolutionary Internationalist Movement and other Maoist and revolutionary forces around the world swore that our comrades' blood would never be forgotten. The Communist Party of Peru (PCP), the party leading the people's war in which these comrades had fallen prisoner, a participating party of our Movement, declared in a solemn resolution of its Central Committee that "June 19th is forever stamped as the DAY OF HEROISM." Prisoners of war in three jails near Lima arose last year to resist a government plan to murder them, after denouncing it widely in the press and through other means. They seized a handful of weapons and guards and took over their prisons, demanding that the government respect an agreement it had signed to protect their lives and expressing their unquenchable determination to further the people's war. In one of the prisons, on the island Fronton, they held out for twenty hours against naval and helicopter gunship attacks, mainly with slings, spears and other homemade weapons. Two of the 75 prisoners at the Callao women's prison were killed and six seriously injured in the fighting there. At the Lurigancho prison, all 135 men charged with being members and supporters of the PCP were killed. At least a hundred of them were murdered in cold blood after their capture by the armed forces. At Fronton, at least 115 were killed. Half again that number are still "unaccounted for" — many of them transferred to secret armed forces jails to be tortured and "interrogated" and then made to "disappear." Despite pious promises and pronouncements from the Garcia government which ordered the massacre, no officials or even any of the armed forces personnel who carried out their orders are now facing charges. The fate of many prisoners is still unknown, while hundreds more continue their struggle in the face of the savage reaction.

# Heroism

# Uprising



The actions of the martyrs of Fronton, Lurigancho and Callao prisons will forever shine forth to the revolutionary masses the world over as an example of the communist spirit of fearing neither hardship nor death in the struggle to do away with all oppression and class exploitation. On the occasion of the first anniversary of the Day of Heroism, we issue the following three calls:

— To honour our fallen Peruvian comrades and on this occasion denounce the past and continuing crimes of Peru's Garcia government and the imperialist powers, East and West, which prop it up. We must honour the comrades by continuing to call on the proletariat and the oppressed the world over to "Support the Peoples War in Peru" and call on them to learn from the communist heroism of these martyrs.

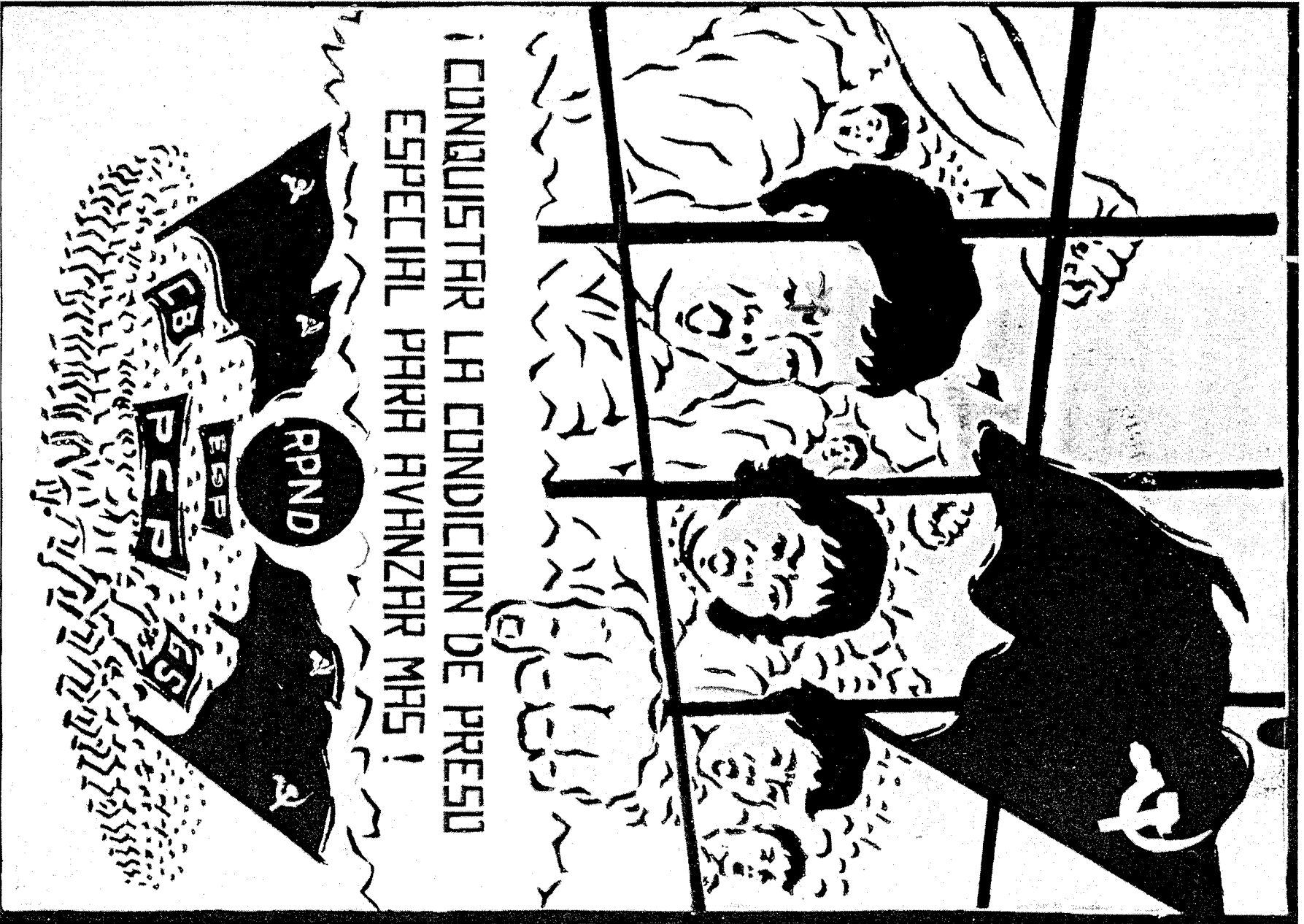
— To support imprisoned revolutionary fighters in countries around the world. "You imprisoned fighters for revolution," a Resolution of the International Conference which formed the RIM declared, "are the best witnesses to the ferocious antagonism between the forces of imperialism and reaction and the forces of revolution. The prisons of this world are a concentrated expression of this class conflict and a sharp arena of struggle. Your heroic resistance is a great inspiration to the international Marxist-Leninist movement which, like yourselves, has refused to capitulate in the face of defeat and attacks and is now strengthening its ideological, political and organisational unity in preparation for a new offensive in the historic battle of settling accounts with imperialism and all reaction." We must express our solidarity with these revolutionary prisoners and fight for their release!

— Our Peruvian comrades have turned the prisons into "shining trenches of combat." Imprisoned fighters everywhere must not let themselves be degraded or broken by the authorities or trapped by their outlook in any form, but rather dedicate themselves to revolution, carry out study and uphold a genuine revolutionary line and the banners of Marx, Lenin and Mao Tsetung, and take up and actively support in whatever way possible the struggles of the world's exploited and oppressed. Peruvian prisoners of war, along with heroic communist prisoners the world over, have disdained the most terrible conditions and even death in order to fight for the highest and most pure ideals, the goal of liberating all humanity and achieving a communist world. This is what we call upon prisoners everywhere to aspire to.

On the occasion of this day, we call on the ranks of the Revolutionary Internationalist Movement and on all other organised forces and individuals who support this call to carry out various kinds of activities, according to the situation in the various countries, culminating on the 19th of June, to honour our fallen comrades, to expose these crimes, to support imprisoned fighters for revolution in every country, and for these prisoners themselves to make new contributions to the revolutionary struggle from within the very dungeons of the enemy.

The Committee of the Revolutionary Internationalist Movement

Win special prisoners status in order to advance further. RPND (People's New Democratic Republic). EGP (People's Guerrilla Army).



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