

Puerto Rican Solidarity Day. . .

Puerto Rico Libre!!



A crowd of over 16,000 people gathered at Puerto Rican Solidarity Day to demonstrate against the imperialist rape of the island and people of Puerto Rico, as well as all oppressed people around the world!

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On November 24, 1974 the Congress tainment will be provided by the Afri-

On Sunday, October 27th, over 16,000 people jammed New York's Madison Square Garden to demonstrate for the independence of Puerto Rico from U.S. Imperialist exploitation. This exploitation takes the form of direct colonization of the island of Puerto Rico, exploitation of its mineral resources, and its use as a military base in the conquest and domination of other Caribbean and Latin American nations; and also in the forced migration of over two million Puerto Ricans to the United States, and the gross economic and political exploitation of the Puerto Rican people here.

The rally was spearheaded by the Puerto Rican Socialist Party, and featured as its main speaker, **Juan Mari Bras**, who is Secretary General of the Puerto Rican Socialist Party. He denounced U.S. imperialism, saying, "The case where the imperialist voracity is probably manifested in all of its brutal backward and fanatical nature is the case of Puerto Rico. . . In Puerto Rico all forms of colonial exploitation prevail, from the primitive traffic in slaves — in its modern version which is the massive flow of migrant workers — through the classical forms of exploitation of the natural resources, labor force and monopoly of the captive market, to that new manifestation of imperialist aggression which in Puerto Rico we have

named 'environmental colonialism' ". His speech was very well received by the mainly Third World crowd.

Another well received speech was that of **Owusu Sadaukai**, member of the African Liberation Support Committee executive committee. He emphasized the close relationship of the black and Puerto Rican peoples' struggles against imperialism, saying "Those of us who daily work in the black liberation struggle are here to show solidarity with the Puerto Rican Struggle and to fight against the barriers that divide our struggles." He clearly pointed out, "**Our struggle is the same!**"

Geraldo Rivera, the ABC public Puerto Rican, was loudly booed by the very conscious crowd who knew of Rivera's luke warm stance toward Puerto Rican independence.

Other speakers included Corky Gonzales, **Crusade for Justice**; Jerry Tung, **Worker's Viewpoint**; Irwin Silber, the **Guardian**; Russell Means, **American Indian Movement**; Pedro Albizu Meneses, son of **Puerto Rican Nationalist Don Pedro Albizu Campos**; and the CPUSA's Angela Davis.

The rally was clearly one of the most important political gatherings to take place since the anti-war rallies of the early 70's showing the people's determined will, and that (as the crowd often chanted in Spanish as well as English) "The people united will never be defeated!"