

Presidentens tal till Kubas nyvalda Nationalförsamling



Miguel Díaz-Canel's address to the newly elected National Assembly

(excerpt from the speech on April 19, 2023)

Congratulations to all on the day of victory! On April 19, 1961, in the Bay of Pigs, Cuba won the right to celebrate this day as the day of the great defeat of USA-imperialism.

It is about the victory of justice over injustice, the victory of little David against the giant Goliath, the victory of a socialist revolution that put an end to imperialism, the sorrow of the departure of the victims of the bombings of Ciudad Libertad, Santiago de Cuba and San Antonio de los Baños, which preceded the invasion.

So epic was this victory that 62 years later they can still be proud of their losses and not forgive us. It is a debt to this victory that we have been able to begin the 10th session of the National Assembly.

Cuba defends our party (the Communist Party), the guarantor of unity since José Martí founded the Revolutionary Party of Cuba. It lies in the heart of our history and for the strength of a small nation, which for 200 years has not been split or fought against, could win its independence from a powerful neighbor who wanted to annex it.

Some days, April 28, are two hundred years since the USA's Secretary of State, and later president, John Quincy Adams, declared his theory of "the ripe fruit" (that Cuba would fall like a ripe fruit into the USA's arms). From the recognition of the Monroe Doctrine in December 1823 to the present day, in 200 years, the policy of the powerful neighbor has been one and the same, regardless of the two parties that alternate in power. For Cuba it is very difficult to distinguish between these parties. So good as all the actions of the Republican Donald Trump in favor of intensifying the blockade and the siege have been maintained by his political opponent, the Democrat Joe Biden.

Like we remember the Bay of Pigs, we will always remember the cruelty of the strengthened blockade in the middle of the pandemic; the shameful inclusion of Cuba in a list of countries that are said to support terrorism and that hinder all our financial transactions; the desire to sell to us during the pandemic, while at the same time they encouraged street protests. From all these struggles the people have won. I doubt that we, like we did in the Bay of Pigs, will be able to continue to win.

Cuba holds to its principles and its willingness to dialogue is intact. But it must be without pressure or preconditions. One day, sooner or later, the hegemony of the USA will end; multilateralism will take its place and Cuba will be able to prove how long a nation of brave, creative and talented people can stand when they are united around a clear goal.

befriade från påtryckningar och blockader.

Om landet ska kunna gå framåt, mitt under stora svårigheter skapade av yttre hinder för vår ekonomi, men också av byråkrati, likgiltighet eller korruption ? oacceptabelt ? beror till stor del på varje ledamot och den hängivenhet och arbetsinsats som var och en gör. Vi står inför en historisk utmaning: att besegra belägringen utan att förvänta oss att den hävs!

Vid ett tillfälle varnade Fidel oss att i en belägrad och blockerad revolution som vår tröttnar en del kamrater, blir byråkratiska, tappar entusiasmen från förr. Vi måste agera för att sätta fart, stimulera, revolutionera revolutionen. Det var på 1990-talet Fidel sa detta, väldigt tuffa år, med priser som sköt i höjden, det fanns nästan inget att köpa, med elavbrott som varade mycket längre än idag Visst; med små köer vid bensinstationerna för det fanns nästan aldrig någon bensin. Vi förberedde oss för Alternativ noll (total belägring och avskärning från omvärlden). Men vi gav aldrig upp i arbetet för att bygga ett bättre land. Precis som det heroiska vietnamesiska folket som, mitt under ett fruktansvärt krig, hade bestämt sig för att bygga ett Vietnam "tio gånger så vackert.?"

Miguel Díaz-Canel's tal till den nyvalda Nationalförsamlingen i april 2023 (utdrag) ZT

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