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SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO

NOVEMBER 27, 1965

Ted Moscosso

Congressman
Leo O'Brien

of House Interior Comm.
best friend of
P. Rico

Buenos noches y como esta?

I am delighted to have this opportunity to

address my fellow Americans in Puerto Rico. I have

spent several days in Caribbean sunshine and am ready

again to face the northern latitudes and the Republicans.

Tonight I want to discuss the gains that President Johnson, with the help of a progressive Congress, has

made in building a Great Society . . . in building a

strong nation that can meet its responsibilities to all

Americans, to all the people of this Hemisphere, and

to all mankind.

My purpose
tonite

Here is the
Alianza Para el Progreso

to those that call themselves the
Revolutionaries - Take a Look at
This Revolution - the continuing
American Revolution.

But first, I want to pay tribute to some of the men
who have shaped the remarkable economic and social
revolution that in 25 short years has made Puerto Rico
an oasis of peace and progress in a troubled Caribbean.

This is the revolution that raised per-capita income
from 270 dollars to 830 dollars a year . . . created
60,000 new industrial jobs . . . made private housing
construction the number one industry . . . and
transformed a backward, agricultural island into a modern,
industrial society.

This is the revolution that has transformed San Juan
-- a city founded a century before the Mayflower reached
Plymouth Rock -- into Latin America's boom town.

This is the revolution that is making the Puerto
Rican experience a pattern for a peaceful, democratic
future in this Hemisphere.

Health -
Schools

San Juan
Boom
town

✓ The main architect of Puerto Rico's rapid development,
of its well-known Operation Bootstrap, and of its unique
commonwealth status is my long-time friend and your
first elected governor: Luis Munoz Marin.

✓ This is a man whose advice is often sought by the
executive and legislative branches of our government.

✓ This is a man who nurtured and inspired this economic
and social breakthrough in Puerto Rico. ✓ This is a man
who steered Puerto Rico safely past mistakes that today
stifle progress in parts of our Hemisphere.

✓ I also want to pay tribute to Roberto Sanchez Vilella,
a great governor who insists that we can create a peaceful,

democratic future in this Hemisphere . . . who insists
that we must help make a goal of Progress ~~date~~ for all Latin America out
of the remarkable achievement ~~exception~~ that is Puerto Rico. —

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mexico
the North
STAR
state
Puerto Rico
star of the Caribbean

next Mayor of San Juan
Donna Felisa

Donna Felisa

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L I spoke a moment ago of San Juan as a boom town.

And who can separate the city of San Juan from its

Vivacious. Donna
indomitable mayor of 19 years, Dona Felisa?

L At a time when President Johnson re-emphasizes
the need for talented women in government, she has
already blazed a distinguished trail.

L Indeed, the incredible energy with which this city
has grown seems only a true reflection of Dona Felisa's

own great vitality.

I salute a grand
and charming lady - Donna Felisa.

Land I wish

Alianza

~~I also want~~ to pay tribute to my friend Ted Moscoso,
the first coordinator of the inter-American effort that
borrows heavily from the proven Puerto Rican experience:

The Alliance for Progress. - Our hope, our prayer, our determination is to see

~~May~~ the Alianza help bring all men in the Americas
out of the shadows of social ~~evilism~~ injustices and into the sunlight
of human rights and Social Justice.

4 yrs ~~Four~~ years of experience, ~~may I say~~, have deepened
our understanding of this new inter-American concept. Partnership.

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Today we know the Alianza depends for success on more
than economic development. Today we know the Alianza
must have political content and ideological substance as
well as economic help.

will continue
commitment
to Alianza

- Progress cannot be measured in economic terms alone.

This policy of peaceful social and economic revolution,
so well demonstrated here in Puerto Rico, is the essence
of Alianza policy.

+ Soul!

Here is its heart, mind.
And the U.S. will remain
committed to this program

These outstanding leaders seek to extend to all Latin America the social and economic progress they have built in Puerto Rico. They seek for the people of this island what President Johnson seeks for all America: a fuller, more prosperous, happier life for each citizen, for each community.

Today we Americans are keenly aware of the high cost of wasted human resources -- a cost measured in hopelessness and helplessness . . . in resentment and rejection . . . and in the loss to our nation of valuable energy and talent.

This Administration is dedicated to the ^{consumation} development ^{use} of these resources. This Administration is dedicated to the proposition that every American deserves an equal chance to make his tomorrow better than today.

*yes, that every human being
wherever he lives, to have a better
chance tomorrow.*

*Wasted
Human
Resources!*

That is why ^{your} ~~our~~ federal government is spending about 350 million dollars in Puerto Rico this year -- investing in the education, health, job training, housing and economic development of this island and its people.

That is why only 15 states have received more funds ~~than Puerto Rico from the Office of Economic Opportunity~~

in the war on poverty. ~~So far more than 16 million 800 thousand dollars has been allocated and more is on the way.~~

That is why the Department of Agriculture alone will spend more than 55 million dollars this year in Puerto Rico -- including four million, 700 thousand dollars for the school lunch program and one million, 200 thousand dollars for research at the Puerto Rican Agricultural Experiment Station.

*over 17 million
war on
poverty*

*Better
Agriculture*

EXECUTIVE OFFICE

L I speak of dollars knowing full well they are not
the whole story. For good money and bad political
leadership mean waste and disillusion.

L What we have here is a creative partnership with
political leaders who are both able and honest.

L With this kind of leadership, money is an investment. !!

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Investments in People!

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These investments in Puerto Rico's people -- and in its future -- show why we see the Great Society not as a welfare state, but as a state of opportunity.

*P.R. is the
Example!*

While most Americans can make the most of their abilities -- enjoying the highest standard of living in man's history -- there still are far too many living without that opportunity. Even in Puerto Rico -- even with your gains -- prosperity is bypassing thousands of families.

That is why this Administration, with the help of Congress, is waging an attack on ignorance, hunger and disease. The American people are united in their dedication to the success of our effort.

In nine short months, our American Congress has made into law the hopes and ideas of 40 years. And we have only begun.

L We have built a base from which America can move forward.

Educ

The bill says Education, but it means "You shall receive the tools with which to make the most of your future."

Educ

Economy

Poverty

The bill says Poverty, but it means "You shall have hope where there has been no hope, you shall have a chance to break the cycle of ignorance and unemployment . . . to be a full and productive member of our society."

Medicare

The bill says Medicare, but it means "You shall have adequate care in your older years, you are not forgotten by your children."

Medicare
Health

Housing

L The bill says Housing and Urban Development, but it means "You can live in something more than concrete and carbon monoxide, you can walk the streets in safety and health."

Housing
Urban
Development

✓ The bill says Arts and Humanities, but it means
"You can find more in life than material satisfaction,
you can touch new fountains of creativity and expression."

We are creating in America a society in which each
child will have an equal chance to make something
better for himself, for his children after him, and for
all mankind. — *Adventure in Opportunity!*

✓ Yes, we Americans are united in recognizing our
responsibilities to our own people. ✓ But we also are
building a strong and free America able to meet our
responsibilities both in this Hemisphere and throughout
the world. ✕

✓ Today we know that it is within the means of men,
for the first time in history, to either destroy mankind
or to extend ^{to} mankind's benefits on a scale never seen
before.

Our choice is clear. We must resist aggression.

We must help those in the world -- the disinherited, the hungry, the humble, the weak -- who need our help.

And we must pursue the peace. There is no alternative.

Great Society This, then, is what the Great Society is all about.

It is the recognition that we can create in America our society of opportunity. We can offer each person and each community a chance to be better tomorrow than today. And we can offer to other nations both help and hope in achieving their own social and economic renewal.

A century ago, the Argentine poet Jose Hernandez wrote: "America has a great destiny to achieve in the fate of mankind . . . One day . . . the American alliance will bring world peace . . . America must be the cradle of the great principles which are to bring a complete change in the political and social organization of other nations."

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This vision can be fulfilled. In the words of
Franklin D. Roosevelt, "The only limit to our
realization of tomorrow will be our doubts of today.

Let us move forward with a strong and active faith."

~~My~~ gracias.

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