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The following is the text of a Resolution adopted by the 1960 Convention of the Popular Democratic Party held at San Juan, Puerto Rico, on August 21, 1960 with a crowd estimated at over 100,000.

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS:

The fate of democracy in Puerto Rico is tied to that of democracy not only in regard to the political system of the United States of which we are a part, but also to that of democracy in the New World, within the fundamental concept of hemispheric solidarity;

The Popular Democratic Party considers that every form of dictatorship and every totalitarian system in our Hemisphere are incompatible with the rights of man and with the fraternal relationship that should exist among all the peoples of the Hemisphere;

International communism is inciting unjust attacks against democratically constituted governments and sowing seeds of hate and discord against them;

The most direct and concentrated attack of international communism is aimed at the United States, with whose policy of militant defense of democracy our people are sincerely identified;

The understanding among the peoples of the Hemisphere requires a system of free institutions based on the respect for human dignity and the free exercise of the right to vote as the basis of a genuinely representative democracy;

The Popular Democratic Party has demonstrated, by the history of its own government program, achieved in less than a generation in Puerto Rico, that

social justice can be accomplished and high standards of general welfare can be attained not by sacrificing, but rather by strengthening a democratic regime, deeply respectful of individual rights.

THEREFORE:

Be it resolved by the Popular Democratic Party:

1. To condemn forcefully all dictatorial regimes or regimes of a totalitarian nature existing in the Hemisphere, whether they are supported or not by international communism.

2. To repudiate vigorously any communist infiltration and any unjust attack against democratically constituted governments.

3. To repudiate forcefully the campaign of discredit and hate being waged against the people of the United States and which aims at alienating the good will of Latin America; and to reaffirm the solidarity of the Popular Democratic Party with the people of the United States, with whom Puerto Rico has linked its destiny.

4. To support the present efforts of the Organization of American States in asserting the principles of representative democracy and the protection of human rights within the inter-American system.

5. To express its full solidarity with the legitimate aspirations of the Latin American countries in attaining, within the shortest period, economic and social standards which will permit them to abolish extreme poverty and, at the same time, make available to each of their citizens the enjoyment of real freedom, politically as well as economically and culturally.