

The Continuation of a Lie

Finally, after some fifty (50) years, the PPD through one of its prominent leaders, Senator Fas Alzamora, ex-president of the Senate and ex-Secretary General of the PPD, has given us a definition of the so called “Culminación del ELA”. On March 8 a definition was presented to the public and then on June 4 an amended version was published. The “Pacto de Asociación” by Senator Fas Alzamora is a very interesting document, whether you agree with it or not. Definitely is the “Associated Republic” even if the Senator does not want to call it that for fear of rejection by the people.

From the introduction, the preamble and Article 1 Section 1 and Section 2 is a clear definition of what they think Puerto Rico is and what Puerto Ricans want.

Jose de Diego , 1906:

"We wish to be citizens of the United States or citizens of Puerto Rico. In either case, with all the inherent rights of a natural sovereignty."

Luis Muñoz Marín , July 17, 1951, Barranquitas

"What we have to guard against in this world we live in is not to confuse love for our patria (pueblo) with small, futile and naive concepts of nationalism and national state."

Senator Fas Alzamora brings a new light as to what some of the PPD leaders want for Puerto Rico under their “new Government of the Free Associated State of Puerto Rico” after they eliminate the present “Commonwealth of Puerto Rico” which is the present English translation for the ELA.

The name change is important because they do shy away from calling Puerto Rico a Republic as in “Associated Republic”. Why this is important? Well Puerto Ricans do not want to be an independent nation. They want to be US citizens and maintain all the rights and benefits this brings to them. The PPD leadership knows that if they do this association with the US as a Republic they will lose their electorate. However if they wrap the Republic with another name that gives the illusion of still being an integral part of the US as a State they will accomplish their goal. What is their goal? . . . To have the cake and eat it too. They want all the benefits of the State as well as most of the benefits of a Republic. How viable is this? That is what we are here to discuss.

For now look at the Introduction letter and the Preamble plus Article 1 Section 1 of this “Pacto de Asociación” and see how Puerto Rico is declared Independent and Sovereign in every aspect to negotiate as a Sovereign State with another Sovereign State (USA) this “Pacto de Asociación”. Then on Section 2 see how the US renounce their rights to Puerto Rico as established under the Treaty of Paris of 1898 and all other laws in the books in reference to Puerto Rico.

Let face it, all this is saying is that Puerto Rico decide to become an independent Republic. Call it what you call it it is an independent sovereign state. The rest of the documents outlines what they want in order to become “Associated with the US” as the “Estado Libre Asociado de Puerto Rico or Free Associated State of Puerto Rico”. In other words it is the “Associated Republic” in HR 2499 but without the “name Republic.

The rest of the documents is to define such association and what Puerto Rico want from the Association. We will cover that area in future writings.