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Motion to enter the historic

“Letter to the Children of Prat” into the records of the Provisional World Parliament.

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Whereas, the World Parliament promotes struggle for world peace in whole its levels, fostering a world culture, that allows us a common reading of historical controversies, between states, nations, ethnicities, religions; readings that they are going to building within an always unfinished process of peacemakers, what comes true in authentically free mutual agreements. In this sense it promotes the broadcast of “The Letter to the Children of Prat”, like act it is destined to have a regional impact in Latin America peace culture. The historical context described by David Quispe and the letters connected with that context. This material deserves to be in the archives of the PWP.

The Letter to the Children of Prat by David Quispe

Dear dignified brother judges and Chilean citizens of good will,

A sacred duty that authorizes us to talk with you

During the naval combat that took place in the waters of Iquique and Angamos, between the Chilean and Peruvian ships, on the 21st day of May and 8th day of October 1879, Commanders Arturo Prat and Miguel Grau passed away, men who demonstrated exemplary leadership and heroes of our respective nations.

They have become symbols of the highest civic and human morality within the paltry or corrupt political scene. However, a dark fact cannot stop this story, the army that effectively killed Prat was the Peruvian and the army that effectively killed Grau was the Chilean.

These great men did not hate each other, on the contrary, they respected and even admired each other; however, they were involved in a tragedy of destiny in which the oath and loyalty to the Fatherland was above their spontaneous empathy. Despite all of this, they didn't resign to the humanist heroism capable of reverence for life and of recognizing themselves as brothers of the same human species.

In a victorious moment for commander Grau over southern seas, his greatness of spirit led him to collected Prat's belongings and sent them to Prat's wife, Carmela Carvajal, including a letter through he expressed his sincere condolence, in an ineffable recognition of his heroic and patriotic bravery and renouncing the ephemeral and egotistical "trophy" of the victors of combat.

Once Grau sent the letter, she sent him back another one with a no less ineffable answer recognizing in the Admiral "such a noble heart" to the point of affirming that: "it would have been, I am certain, interposed, to have been able, between the killer and his victim, and would have saved a sacrifice as sterile for his country as disastrous for my heart".

"Knight of the Seas", but also "Knight of Understanding", understanding of the different even of the officially declared enemy of war, understanding addressed to Carmela Carvajal but also to the unarmed crew of the "Emerald" so it is the understanding of the "right to be heard"? Understanding is the seed and prelude to the independent and impartial the decision, that is why we, the full judges of Peru, recognize in Grau our father, the father of the fairest decision that every Peruvian Court or judge has issued throughout its history, a decision that overflows justice to discover the true meaning and content of mercy, a decision that does not die but initiates and inspires unfinished renewed and heroic actions for the best destination in South America!, the entire humanity! and perhaps for greater the glory of God!

It is time to declare that women and men of goodwill should not kill each other that on the contrary, we must unite until we experience the reality of the phrase of the choir of the angels of the first Christmas: "peace to men of goodwill", peace even in the circumstance of differences of country, class, religion, creed, gender, etc. as indeed happened on the first Christmas of history, when

around a manger the different ones joined: those uncircumcised sages from far eastern countries with the shepherd Israelites and the Nazareth family.

It is time that we point the finger at the real enemy that it is not the neighboring country but the corrupt a political class that more than a century ago involved us in a cruel war and that now governs or exerts influence seducing us into a national and global numbness that prevents us from clearly see the extent and size of the corruption of power in our country and on the globe.

If the executive powers of our respective countries, despite our historical brotherhood, are those who entangled us more than a century ago in a cruel war, today judges of Peru perceive in judges of Chile the authentic children of Prat. We notice the specific quality of the common power that we exercise, a power without more weapons than his speech and his moral strength, that however when it is complete and radical as it happened in Nuremberg, the nationality of the judge does not matter to be inspiring of renewed actions, because its strength rests on the highest and deepest ideals and values common to all humanity, regardless of the borders of the country's territorial space, or the temporal space located in the past, present or future.

Then it is the Judicial Power, the call to begin victoriously an unfinished struggle for the strength and moral independence of the political class and the Judicial Power in the countries of South America, a heroic deed that overflows with patriotism in the entire globe. It is our civic consciousness as authentic children of Grau that calls us to walk in the glorious duty of continuing the already initiated continental ethical movement started by Grau and Prat. Is it not appropriate now that the country which has the ship of "the gentleman of the seas", father of the prodigal judges of Peru, returns it to the Peruvians sons of Grau?

It is not the military power, nor the Executive that asks for it is the power of the discourse of the materially unarmed prodigal judges of Peru who only display the power of the verb, the force of authentic thought that rests in the Being, in God who it calls us to an unusual joint action that reconciles us mutually and ignites a telluric moment of Peace capable of being reborn to the globe in the right direction of survival and enlightenment.

Undoubtedly you dignified brothers know the degree of corruption that is being revealed in Peru today, she also manifested in Chile when scandalous cases of the political class have been known

during the military dictatorship. Today, Chile is blessed, perceiving itself worldwide as one of the most distant countries in the scourge of corruption in Latin America, that is why it is not difficult to notice with a conscience, free from any prejudice, the enormous impact of our request, of Huáscar's return to the Peruvian seas as a symbol of the victory of moral and spiritual strength against all temptations of power. This for you will mean positioning yourself inside your country as authentic leaders of civic and ethical consciousness and together you will open us to the common destiny, perhaps intuited by Grau and Prat of leading a joint deed against all corruption of the political class in South America.

There is no better way to honor the memory of your civic parents: Arturo and Carmela than to replicate in greater magnitude the magnanimous feelings that were sustained by the shipments between Grau and the Prat-Carvajal family and revive in this America the prophetic announcement of an epic that at the same time of past, present and future is just and necessary global.

South America will not leave the corruption and false populisms as long as men of goodwill beyond our local patriotism, honoring the name and great heritage of our fathers move together towards this glorious epic. There is no better way to display Grau's inheritance for us than to write this letter that contains this petition and there is no better way for you as worthy children of Arturo Prat and Carmela Carvajal than to return the Huáscar to the Peruvian seas. Would Huáscar in Peruvian maritime territory be a military threat to Chile in the current circumstances? Do not! his presence would be more insignificant even as was the sword of Prat in Chilean territory that the admiral of South America in master wisdom dared to return to the widow Carvajal in the middle of the Pacific war. On the contrary, this gesture will honor our parents Grau and Prat as never before, vividly strengthening the citizenship of South America until giving a lesson worthy of being imitated by the North, East and West, and of being imperishably learned from the humanity present and future that will undoubtedly shake the globe from these Lands to New York and Syria, and who knows be one of the reasons for the future survival of the human species on our precious Planet.

We will show the world that the judges of South America have real moral strength.

For the union and ethical strength of our peoples!

Grau's children sign according to list

David Quispe Salsavilca

Annexes

1. Grau's Letter to Carmela Carvajal de Prat

2. The Letter from Carmela Carvajal to Miguel Grau.

Appendix 1

Grau's Letter to Carmela Carvajal de Prat

Huáscar Monitor

At anchor, Pisagua, June 2, 1879

Most worthy lady:

A sacred duty authorizes me to address you and I deeply feel that this letter, due to the struggles that you are going to recall, contributes to increasing the pain that today must precisely dominate you. In the naval combat of the 21st past that took place in the waters of Iquique, between the Peruvian and Chilean ships, her worthy and courageous husband, the frigate captain Mister Arturo Prat, commander of the "Esmeralda", as you are not unaware of already, he was the victim of his reckless bravery in defense and glory of the flag of his country. Sincerely deploring this unfortunate event and accompanying you in your mourning, I fulfill the painful and sad duty of sending you the priceless garments that were found in your possession, and which are those that appear in the attached list. They will undoubtedly serve you as some consolation in the midst of your misfortune and that is why I have anticipated sending them to you.
Reiterating my sentiments of condolence, achievement, madam, the opportunity to offer you my services, considerations and respect with which I subscribe to you, madam, my most affectionate servant.

Miguel Grau

Inventory of the objects found to the captain of the frigate Mister Arturo Prat, commander of the Chilean corvette "Esmeralda", moments after he died aboard the monitor "Huáscar"

• A sword without sheath, but with its respective shots.
• A gold wedding ring.
• One pair of cufflinks and two shirt front buttons, all mother-of-pearl.
• Three photographic copies, one from his wife and the other two probably from his children.
• A relic of the Heart of Jesus, scapular of the Virgen del Carmen and medal of the Immaculate.
A pair of preville gloves.
• An unbranded, white linen handkerchief.
• A memorandum book.
• A closed letter with the following written envelope: "Mr. Lassero. Maritime Government of Valparaíso. To deliver Don Lorenzo Paredes ".

Appendix 2

The Letter from Carmela Carvajal to Miguel Grau.

Mr. Don Miguel Grau

Distinguished gentleman:
I received your fine and esteemed letter dated on board the "Huáscar" on June 2 of this year. In it, with the nobility of the ancient gentleman, you deign to accompany me in my pain, sincerely deplore the death of my husband, and have the generosity to send me the beloved garments that were on the person of my Arturo, garments for me of a Inestimable value for being, or consecrated by his affection, like the portraits, or consecrated by his martyrdom like the sword that bears his adored name.
By uttering the word martyrdom, do not believe sir, that it is my attempt to blame the head of "Huáscar" for the death of my husband. On the contrary, I am aware that the distinguished chief who, facing the fury of ignoble passions overexcited by war, has the courage today, when the memories of Iquique still throb, to associate himself with my duel and to put the name very high. and the conduct of my husband on that journey, and which has even the rarest value of parting with a valuable trophy by placing in my hands a sword that has charged an extraordinary price for the very fact of never having been surrendered; Such a leader, such a noble heart, would have, I am certain, interposed, if he could, between the killer and his victim, and would have spared a sacrifice as sterile for his country as it would have been disastrous for my heart.
In this regard, I cannot help but express to you that it is highly consoling, in the midst of the calamities caused by war, to witness the grandiose display of magnanimous sentiments and immortal struggles that bring to life in this America the scenes and the men of the epic. ancient.
Deeply acknowledged for the chivalry of your procedure towards me and for the noble words with which you deign to honor the memory of my husband, I offer myself very respectfully and respectfully from you. H.H.
Carmela Carvajal de Prat