

Breide: What we mean by 'revolution'

The following are excerpts of the message sent by Capt. Gustavo Breide Obeid to the Oct. 3 founding conference of the Movement for National Identity and Ibero-American Integration.

Dear Friends: Never before has it been less important to know how many are out there listening to these words; there could be hundreds or even thousands of compatriots. What is truly important is this: Who are you and what feelings do you hold which spurred you to adopt the decision to do something for our tormented Fatherland? That is why I care nothing for numbers.

What I am sure of is that I am addressing Argentines of honor who are determined to say, "Enough!" to the miserable state of things which threatens to definitively bury the values which make life worth living.

You have gathered here for no other reason than to seek a means of realizing the National Revolution so promised, so debased, and so repeatedly betrayed. We speak of revolution without fear of the word, because what we propose is based on profound change needed to reestablish the Natural Order.

National Revolution, which should not be linked to use of force or violence. Revolution, in its truest meaning, consists of producing the necessary structural changes to permit solutions to the serious moral, social, political, and economic crisis facing our Republic. It is our duty to present ourselves as the only alternative that is not compromised by the corrupt system which installed itself in the Nation years ago.

We seek National Revolution to rescue our identity, which has been perversely negotiated by corruption become power. We are the *real Argentina*, a country which is invisible to the media and to those who think they rule; we are the hungry retiree; the provincial resident who sees the regional economy swept away by the golden calf of "savage capitalism"; the worker about to become cheap labor in a fifth-rate enterprise; . . . finally [we are] the military officer who watches indignantly as the armed institutions . . . are destroyed, and sovereignty marketed.

Argentine society, afflicted by an unending succession of failures, has begun to doubt itself, its capacity, and to lose its sense of solidarity. This Argentina, so weakened and in the depths of its degradation, impotently tolerates the cunning suggestions of those, in certain sectors, who propose that foreign agents manipulate national power. . . .

The economic policies applied today in Argentina are based entirely on the spirit of profit and upon the meanness of those who implement them. The result is that misery is spreading beyond the limits of human dignity, to assault the entire productive system and, in consequence, the common good. . . .

Our doctrine rejects liberalism because, by making individual freedom the highest principle of social life, it turns society into a jungle and man into the victim of a pitiless capitalism, making him the easy captive of the international financial powers.

Our doctrine rejects Marxism, because that ideology, by deifying the state, transforms the community into an anthill, and makes man defenseless against the agents of a depersonalized bureaucracy. . . .

To preserve the national identity, we must return to our source, defending the values and principles that upheld the civilizing enterprise of Spain. This search for identity should not and cannot remain in the hands of the enlightened few, but is the task of all Argentines. . . .

A movement, not a party

Thus, we have conceived of a *movement*, and are not content to become one more political party.

The Movement for National Identity and Ibero-American Integration is not a political organization, but is a national movement. It does not represent sectarian nor partisan interests, but seeks to represent only national interests. . . .

Our movement aspires to full self-determination, and seeks to preserve the vital interests of the Nation. This is obtained with the necessary backing of an enlightened society, fully informed of the great national objectives and of an appropriate and harmonious development of our national potential. . . .

Our concept of international policy is based on recognizing the existence of "sovereign nations" as natural, and therefore we uphold the principle of juridical equality for all different national states and the right to self-determination of all peoples. We promote an Ibero-America solidly integrated behind common interests and ideals. . . .

In sum, we are proposing an exciting experience. To unite—civilians and military—to jointly conceive of a Nation. The enterprise is so enormous that it will be similar to re-founding the country, for virtually nothing remains of that with which we identified and which was our pride.

I have but one question: Aren't these ideas sufficient to justify a Revolution? I am not speaking of a coup d'état or of a popular uprising. I am referring to something more profound, to something more transcendent, to something which irrepressibly beats in all of our hearts and which no one can stop. . . .

A final promise and rallying cry: For God our Lord; For our beloved Fatherland; For the future of our children; Not one step backward!