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The visit of the Spanish monarch, who arrived on Monday from Madrid to participate in the commemorative activities of the 500th anniversary of the founding of San Juan as the capital of Puerto Rico, has generated mixed feelings, given the emotional bond that Puerto Ricans have with the Iberian nation.

In an open letter to Felipe VI -- who is a guest of the mayor of San Juan, Miguel Romero Lugo -- the leadership of the pro-independence organization expressed that in other circumstances he could be welcome in our Homeland, where he is moved by "commercial and financial reasons, not with Puerto Rico, but with the United States."

The co-presidents of MINH, Julio Muriente Pérez and Ángel Rodríguez León, recalled that the trip of the Spanish head of state had to be coordinated with the U.S. government, given the colonial condition of Puerto Rico, which prevents it from deciding who enters or leaves the country and prohibits it from reaching international trade agreements.

Furthermore, the government of Puerto Rico, currently controlled by the annexationist New Progressive Party (NPP), presided over by Governor Pedro R. Pierluisi, cannot officially receive heads of state nor does it have international legal personality for those and other matters, the pro-independence leaders noted.

So, the 500th anniversary of the city of San Juan is really a convenient excuse to get closer to their admired partners, the same ones who defeated their royal predecessors 123 years ago in the Spanish-Cuban-American War, as a consequence of which they handed over Cuba and Puerto Rico as spoils of war to the United States.

Puerto Rico was the first Spanish colony encountered by ships coming from the peninsula to America -- empty -- and the last ones with which they connected on the route to Madrid, loaded with all the wealth plundered from our peoples, they pointed out.

"It is no coincidence that, in addition to imposing Spanish and Christianity as the language and religion of conquest, they left us a walled city and two military forts, not schools, universities, hospitals or cultural centers," states the letter to the Spanish monarch.

MINH maintained that the city of San Juan was built by the conquistadors who were under the orders of their imperial predecessors, with the purpose of establishing a colonial enclave aimed at guaranteeing the safety of the ships and people who participated in the plundering of America.

The organization also reproached the Spanish king for his intention to award colonial-annexionist Governor Pierluisi and the colonial-annexionist mayor of San Juan with decorations.

"Both represent the denial of Puerto Rico as a Caribbean and Latin American nation; both aspire that Puerto Rico disappears as a West Indian society and becomes an appendix of the United States; you are awarding such subjects, all for having facilitated your commercial and financial dealings with Washington," according to MINH.

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