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Evita: an essential legacy

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July 26, 2022 marked seventy years since the death of Evita, an extraordinary character in Argentine and Latin American history. Owner of a penetrating and mobilizing oratory, she was a proudly plebeian popular leader whose class instinct defined the most advanced and contestatory features of Peronism. His untimely death was celebrated with perverse rejoicing by an oligarchy that today is even more recalcitrant than its predecessor of 1952. It never forgave him for his irreverence, his disagreements and, above all, his policies of redemption and substantive, concrete, tangible empowerment of the classes and popular layers of this country. His passionate anti-imperialism and his fiery and intransigent rejection of the oligarchy synthesized the best of the experience of the government of Juan Domingo Perón. Moreover, I am convinced that the coup of 1955 would have been

thwarted if Evita had been alive. I know this is just a guess, but there are many arguments with which to validate this hypothesis.



Eva Duarte de Perón (1919-1952).

Movida por su permanente deseo de educar al pueblo, en su lecho de muerte creyó necesario dar a conocer lo que había aprendido durante sus años en el gobierno.



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With great effort he dictated his reflections summarized in thirty short chapters that make up a magnificent text of political education entitled *Mi Mensaje* (Buenos Aires.: Centauro Ediciones, 1987). Unfortunately this work is very little known even by those who identify with Peronism and with the teachings of Evita. I selected for this brief tribute two paragraphs that have an extraordinary topicality, as if they had been written contemplating the Argentina of today and its enormous challenges. One referring to imperialism, another to the oligarchy. There they go:

Imperialisms

"Imperialisms! Perón and our people have been touched by the misfortune of capitalist imperialism. I have seen him up close in his miseries and in his crimes. He claims to be a defender of justice while spreading the claws of his plunder over the goods of all the

peoples subjected to his omnipotence. He proclaims himself a defender of freedom while chaining all the peoples who, in good or bad faith, have to accept his unappealable demands."

Those who are delivered

"But even more abominable than the imperialists are the men of the national oligarchies who give themselves by selling and sometimes giving away for coins or smiles the happiness of their peoples. I have also known them closely. In the face of imperialisms I felt nothing but the indignation of hatred, but in the face of the surrenderers of their peoples, to it I added the infinite indignation of my contempt. Many times I have heard them apologize for my ironic and biting aggressiveness. "We can't do anything," they said. I have heard them many times; in all shades of lying. Lie! Yes! A thousand times a lie...! There is only one invincible thing on earth: the will of the peoples. There is no people on earth who cannot be just, free, and sovereign. "We can do nothing" is what all the cowardly governments of the subjugated nations say. They don't say it out of conviction but out of convenience."



It was clear, wasn't it? Strike the comments.

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