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## Only the statue of Pinochet is missing...

And if there were no more space left in the vicinity of the Government Palace, this monument could be erected in Plaza Italia, right where General Baquedano was removed with the Social Outbreak of 2019. In this way, this site would sincerely assume what we really are today: a country sinking into the indignity of its politics.



In the surroundings of La Moneda a statue of former president Patricio Aylwin has been installed. Its unveiling ceremony was attended by the Head of State himself and a very diverse group of political authorities and of all kinds. The monument will be very close to <u>that of Salvador Allende</u>, <u>Jorge Alessandri</u> and Minister <u>Diego Portales</u>, who is credited with being the main forger of our Republic.



The three speeches that were given obviously highlighted the democratic trajectory of Aylwin, including the words dedicated to him by <u>Gabriel Boric</u>, the same one who yesterday as a student leader and deputy expressed himself in the harshest terms for the responsibility that fell to the Christian Democratic president in the military coup of 1973, as in the years of impunity of his mandate in favor of the violators of the Human Rights of the Dictatorship. In this way, the one who defended the Pinochet military insurrection before the world and then promised "justice only as far as possible" was honored not only by his comrades but by a wide range of those who were his toughest political adversaries.

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De esta forma, el que defendió ante el mundo la insurrección militar pinochetista y después prometiera "justicia solo en la medida de lo posible" resultaba homenajeado no solo por sus camaradas sino por una amplia gama de los que fueran sus más duros adversarios políticos.

This is the Chile of today. Those who deserved the harshest disqualifications yesterday are now honored and their statues are installed around our government palace. Businessmen, former trade unionists and others accompanied this official ceremony in which this president is exculpated, as if it were a necessary procedure to strengthen our weak republican and democratic institutionality. We think that we should only wait for the death of Sebastián Piñera so that his effigy is also installed in perennial bronze in the heart of our Capital.

How can we not remember at this time that pronouncement of our poet Nicanor Parra to the effect that "the right and the left united will never be defeated", one of the most notable expressions of our lucid vate, with all that load of irony that he always put in his sentences. It is clear that in Chile when he dies in less than one or two decades he is vindicated and taken to the altars of the Republic. Just as they were a tyrant like Portales himself, or a murderer like Arturo Alessandri himself. What an insulting insult it is that among these is located the statue of Salvador Allende!



The strangest thing is that all this happens under a government like Boric's. In an administration plagued by socialists and communists, in addition to those who only until yesterday were considered ultra-left by the right and the business class. The same one that today is summoned to La Moneda to help resolve conflicts with truckers and other unions. The one that in a few months has become a favorite of the presidential tours and whose opinion is increasingly considered by those who promised to carry out a profound tax reform and others that should affect their interests.

Never has collusion become more blatant and rude between right-wingers, centrists and "democratic" socialists. Beyond the brawls that occur in Parliament that have much more of a farandulero spectacle than of reality. Because we know that all those who claim to represent us there are those who ensure the highest diets and farms paid by the millions of Chileans who already see that the great changes promised constitute a total mirage. Because if yesterday the states of exception in Araucanía were criticized, today they have become the main resource of the Chilean State's struggle against the rights of the Mapuche.

Some may say that our country has implemented a profound reconciliation. But not even the churches would dare to celebrate this compromise in the face of the flagrant injustices that are protracted and backward our economy. Causing the rich to continue increasing their wealth, while the people are impoverished and even forced to commit crimes to survive.



The statue of Aylwin in the Plaza de la Constitución is totally shameless if one considers his pusillanimous attitude towards the rights violated by the Dictatorship and a presidential administration in which so many popular hopes were defeated. The consequence with all this world of incongruities would be for this government and the political class to take the step of erecting a monumental statue to Augusto Pinochet, as the founder of the new state, the Constitution that still governs us and the economic model more than sacralized by the governments that succeeded him. Bad than bad always any government has its successes. And if there were no more space left in the vicinity of the Government Palace, this monument could be erected in Plaza Italia, right where General Baquedano was removed with the Social Outbreak of 2019. In this way, this site would sincerely assume what we

It is understood that changing one's mind is a human right. However, so much and in such a short time?

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