2001

Vieques: A Year in Review

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The South Bronx community, along with Ivan Camilli-Rivera, Puerto Rican independence activist and Maria Sanchez of the Socialist Workers Party, voiced their outrage against the US Navy in support of the people of Vieques. Protest held at Hostos Community College.

**Puerto Rico**

**FEBRUARY 21, 2000**

Tens of thousands of Puerto Ricans marched silently waving white flags of peace against Navy military maneuvers on the island of Vieques.

**Bronx, NY**

**MAY 12, 2000**

Emergency picket held in the Federal building for arrested disobedient civilians.

**San Juan, PR**

**MAY 15, 2000**

Mural on one of the University of Puerto Rico buildings, Rio Piedra Campus.

**MAY 4, 2000**

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Protesters are arrested for conducting civil disobedience on behalf of children. The 100 activists consisted of citizens, community and religious leaders, elected officials from Puerto Rico and the U.S., including two members of the U.S. Congress and members of the Puerto Rican legislature, leaders of the Puerto Rican Independence Party, students, union members and known artists. Protest held in downtown Philadelphia—all were arrested.

**Camden, NJ**

**MAY 13, 2000**

Members of a delegation joined together to speak about their observations and experiences in Vieques.

**Boston, MA**

**MAY 24, 2000**

Roy Brown concert held to raise funds for Vieques.

**Worcester, MA**

**MAY 16, 2000**

The Coalition “Todo Worcester con Vieques” held vigil on steps of City Hall where delegates presented facts from their findings in Vieques.
Committee for the Rescue and Development of Vieques arrived in NY to speak on the struggle in Vieques.

**New York, NY**

**JUNE 12, 2000**

Triumph in Vieques: After the announcement from the military that bombs would be set off today, not one was heard.

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**JUNE 25, 2000**

Bombs reinitiated at 2:00 p.m. even after the military announced that the practice would begin on July 26th at 8:00 a.m.

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**JUNE 25, 2000**

**JULY 27, 2000**

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Two Navy men hurt while five boats of civilians in restricted waters tried to impede the bombings.

**JUNE 14, 2000**

Washington, DC

A group of citizens along with religious leaders from different faiths began an indefinite water-only fast in front of the White House. They demanded that President Clinton listen to the reasons Vieques community leaders have for the Navy to stop the bombings.

**JUNE 26, 2000**

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38 protesters in the restricted bomb target zone were arrested by the military between 2:20 a.m and 4:30 a.m.

**JULY 26, 2000**

Vieques

The Puerto Rican Independent Party created a human shield in the target zone to keep the Navy from bombing.

**Protestor's campsite across the road of U.S. Military Base Vieques, Puerto Rico.**

**Mural on a building in Vieques, Puerto Rico.**
Fernando Martin, Vice President of the Puerto Rican Independent Party, along with 134 members of the PIP raid the restricted zone. This activity lead to their arrest, bail set at $1,000.00.

### Vieques

**JULY 28, 2000**

March and vigil from the Federal Building to the Democratic Convention for peace in Vieques held during Al Gore's acceptance speech.

### Los Angeles, CA

**AUGUST 17, 2000**

"National Day of Solidarity with the People of Vieques" held in front of the White House.

### Washington, DC

**SEPTEMBER 22, 2000**

75 demonstrators (44 men and 31 women) arrested for rallying in opposition to US Navy presence and bombing in Vieques.

**AUGUST 30, 2000**

Puerto Rico

March for the right to study without the presence of the military and bombings held at the University of Puerto Rico.

**OCTOBER 14, 2000**

Chicago, IL


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