

TeleSUR: Let our North be again the SOUTH!*Workers teleSUR - www.aporrea.org*10/19/12- www.aporrea.org/actualidad/n216522.html**To our writing came the following communication from the workers of Telesur which they explain in the text.**

Comrade Ernesto Villegas Poljak:

October 19, 2012.-TeleSUR lives and depends on the indulgence of its users. This is a painful reality for all of us who live in the historic moment in which one of the great utopias of our revolution was fulfilled: to generate a means of communication with our own codes, designed to counteract the media scum that continually seeks to overshadow the will and struggles of our peoples, today destined to star in the change in the social and political order to which they have subjected us.



TeleSUR was configured as the media project that supported us in the recovery of our dignity as Latin Americans, which contained us channeling our anger to bring them to the screen, to make us visible, first to ourselves and then to the rest of the world.

TeleSUR understood the need to present itself as a meeting place, a place of identification, where all of us reflected not only in the programming but also in those who accompanied us day by day, breaking with the paradigms and archetypes imposed by the large corporations of the information, which instead of reinforcing our identity has been given to the task of denting the trust in us, denying our ancestral roots.

That was TeleSUR. That and the meeting of wills, the place for the debate of height, the in-depth analysis and the production and discussion of ideas around a project: Nuestra America.

Such a project, should be light for outside and inside and not the most impressive technological deployment possible on the screen and a company that maintains a behavior towards its employees equal to or worse than that of any capitalist corporation. Sometimes much more is done with less, it is the historical reality of our peoples and what has allowed the development of our transforming potential.

A large body of reports of collective assumptions by the defense of TeleSUR, others made by workers and former workers attest to some abuses and other irregularities to which we have been subjected and submitted in an institution that should be characterized by fully comply with the agreements contained in the Labor Law, adding to this the humanization of the treatment towards whom we have sweated that new communication paradigm.

But that respect for the law and the people who work in TeleSUR has been violated once and again and we have had to witness painful professional, human and revolutionary losses.

Several people sentenced the tests and documents that have been appearing throughout these years as a media attack of the counterrevolution, which seeks to destabilize the national government through one of its nerve centers. However, none of the people who came out to defend vehemently those who were denounced through all those documents took into account -for ignorance or omission- that the counterrevolution is within our means, it is part of their payroll and that, in particular, The work against TeleSUR has been a systematic weakening of the editorial line -and of Chavismo- through the hiring of personnel openly professing their opposition to President Chávez. All this based on the need to have "information balance",

While it is true that the doubts about the administration of the channel and the widespread discontent that exists regarding the treatment of workers must be made visible (persecution of Chavism, prohibition of a legitimate right such as the organization of the workforce, mistreatment, unjustified dismissals, very high turnover of personnel, arbitrariness with the schedules -or as they say "the game of the chair" referring to the demands of certain bosses who like to change the working hours and functions as a they better suit them and without any criteria of apparent organization- paranoia, installation of the fear method, etc.) it is much more serious that the channel has completely lost its genesis and has become one more channel, which is far from its initial concept and which is protected by constant changes of form, resenting, with impunity, the substance.

From "Our North is the South" we become "The informative signal of Latin America" a slogan that says as much as a rear-view mirror.

And here we return to the idea that opens this writing: The channel survives thanks to the indulgence of its users and users, who despite seeing how he chained himself with the US Republican convention, forgives "because it is the only means we have."

In TeleSUR the left lost the spaces while the right dressed in red has been occupying them thanks to the methodical decrease of the staff that dissents from the injustices, that appeals to the discussion of ideas, to the non-imposition of mercantilist schemes in the treatment and the handling of the personnel and that supports, beyond the red flannels and the phrases of rigor, the Venezuelan revolutionary process and the left government of the continent.

As workers of TeleSUR, we aspire to an active participation in the decisions that are made within the channel through permanent assemblies where everyone can be a truly revolutionary communication builder, both in the internal relations of the channel and in programming daily. And we hope that these demands will not be the object of further persecution, accusations and accusations of "counterrevolutionaries", but, on the contrary, they will be welcomed for what they really are, a sincere interest that our North will be again the SOUTH.

For those of us who yearn to recover joy, mysticism, dedication and the profound awareness of changing the way we do journalism and inform our people about what is happening in our villages, we celebrate with deep hope the appointment of Ernesto Villegas as the new Minister of Communications.

For all our comrades who are fighting from within despite the persecutions and defamations and for those who were banished after giving their heart and life for the benefit of that beautiful project, we hope to see the sun after a long storm.

Worker and former TeleSUR workers

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