Bono Honors Me and the Regime Cracks Down on Me

The words of rock star and activist Bono produced an interesting moment during the U2 Concert at Sun Life Stadium in Florida. With them, he has given the world a clearer vision of the neo-slavery conditions in which the harassed Cuban people live.

The Irish singer, Paul Hewson, made a call for freedom for the Cuban people by recognizing in the humanitarian deeds of a man the primary objective of freedom for a nation.

Bono analyzes with preciseness a human being's disposition to fight, his principles, dignity, profession, suffering, unjust imprisonment, worries, hope, faith for the future of a nation.

Before a crowd of 73,000, the poetic prose of the Irishman described me with these moving words:

"A beautiful man, a man who has spent time in Cuban prisons and has been released. His name is Dr. Biscet. I want you to keep him in mind, and I want to let everyone in Cuba know that he is special, and that we are watching; we are watching. Keep him in your thoughts. Keep him in your prayers."

Though this praise fills me with emotion, it does not affect my ego, because I am convinced that his goal is to save my people from the Castro-Communist regime. I accept it not as personal praise but as a tribute to my heroic Cuban people. And that is why I ask other respected and famous personalities to imitate Bono's worthy attitude so that my nation may soon enjoy

complete freedom and have the basic human rights of each of its citizens respected.

Ireland's free spirit, manifested in Bono's gesture, leads me to recall the many Irishmen who died for Cuba's freedom. Like those five who died before the firing squad at the Castillo de Atarés in 1851; or the Liberating Army's Coronel O'Hara who wrote on the first Cuban flag to be raised in Cárdenas, "Primus in Cuba! ;" or James J. O' Kelley, correspondent of the New York Herald, who interviewed some of the nation's founding father's on free Cuban territory and divulged some of these wonderful stories.

While the famous rock singer honored me, the Castro regime demonstrated its resentment and cruelty by creating a plan to crack down on me. At the Aguilera police headquarters in Lawton, they concocted a criminal file for control with my personal data and photograph. In an unfruitful attempt to humiliate me, they ordered me to appear at headquarters sometime during the first five days of each month for as long as I am out of prison on furlough.

I categorically affirm to these characters who are blinded by hatred and resentment that I will not go to sign any documents that restrict my freedom or that violate the agreements signed on the Church-State document which served as the basis for my release from prison and that of 75 of my brothers of the Cause of the 75 [Black Spring.] To that end, I am motivated and inspired by the spirit of Eire, the rebellious Irish spirit of my Irish compatriots of the Liberation Army and the rebellious spirit of my friend Bono, distant in geography but close to me in principles and in the struggle for human rights.

I conclude with two phrases of hope and love, one from the famous Martin Luther, and one from the person addressing you, "…Here I stand; I cannot do otherwise, so help me God!" And mine, "Liberty can only be found when worthy men seek it."

May God continue blessing your homes and lives.