

The Indefatigable Educator

Chávez is an indefatigable educator. He does not hesitate in describing what capitalism means. One by one he takes apart all its lies. He is relentless.

He describes the meaning of each one of the measures brought to the people by socialism.

He knows how much a human being suffers when he, his wife, his children, his parents, his neighbors, have nothing, and when a precious few have everything.

He shows the selfishness of the rich who subordinate everything to the blind and inexorable laws of the market, opposed to all rationality in the use of the productive forces. He is constantly proving it with the work being carried out in Venezuela.

Chávez flooded Venezuela with books. First he encouraged all citizens to learn to read and write. He opened schools for all children; secondary and technical schools for all the teenagers and youth, the possibility of higher education for them all.

The crème de la crème of oligarchic and counterrevolutionary thinking gets together in Caracas to declare in all the media that Venezuela doesn't have freedom of the press. Chávez challenged them to take part in the "Hello President" program which is celebrating its tenth birthday to discuss the subject with Venezuelan intellectuals; he would take a seat in the audience, willing to listen to the debate. As I write this Reflection, they haven't answered a single word.

At 6:40, he again began "Hello". Chávez' impassioned words are heard once more on the second day of the celebration. They begin with the presence of the ALBA Ministers of Culture who are participating in an international meeting of the ministers in this field.

During the activity, brilliant speeches are being made, enriching political thinking.

Chávez reiterated his challenge. Again he invited the whiz kids of international oligarchy to have a discussion and they haven't answered; it is now past 7 p.m.

I apologize to you for I shall now concentrate on the brilliant and heartfelt speeches that are being given.

Fidel Castro Ruz
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