

Quotes from Peter's Autobiography

Help from a high source when the CIA tried to have him arrested in Colombia: "Cyrus Vance told an assistant, 'Get the Colombian government on the phone right now and ask them why they are trying to arrest Peter Camejo.' That call must have shaken up the Colombians. How could I have the Secretary of State of the United States calling Colombia on my behalf? "

Meeting the kidnapers of Argentine Fiat executive Oberdán Sallustro: "I made a short and very direct plea that Sallustro not be killed and instead be set free. I agreed that he was probably a terrible person who had committed many abuses to workers but that kidnapping and killing him would end up hurting the struggle, not helping. . . . As it turns out the police discovered where Sallustro was being held and tried to free him. The ERP members holding Sallustro shot him dead and three of the four escaped."

About Progressive Asset Management, the company he founded: "We gradually developed a fantastic group of people, each with a special interest in environmental, social, or political issues. The assets we were involved with reached over a billion dollars in the middle of the 2000 decade."

About his 2004 campaign for Vice President with Ralph Nader: "When the campaign ended I felt really good, that I had had a chance in my life to be part of something like defending the Liberty Party in 1840 when only some thousands voted against slavery. . . . I had stood with Ralph Nader opposing the hypocrisy and capitulation of so many, even of many of my old friends."

Looking to the future: "One area where human knowledge appears to be nearly frozen is how to socially organize society to stop the destruction of the planet, to end the massive inequalities that leave the majority of our species living in utter poverty with huge numbers dying needlessly from hunger and diseases. . . . This contradiction between the potential of human society, based on knowledge and productivity, and its reality is the most striking feature of our time."

Program

Peter Camejo Memorial, Sunday, November 23, 2008

Claudette Bégin, Chairperson

Morella Camejo, Welcome from Peter's family

Antonio Camejo, Brother; CEO, Portfolio Resources Group

Gus Horowitz, Friend and colleague in the Socialist Workers Party, 1960-1980

Alan Hicks, Friend; Director of Research, Progressive Asset Management 1995-1997

Dr. Agha Saeed, National Chair, American Muslim Alliance Taskforce on Civil Rights and Elections

Cathy Cartier and Eric Leenson, Founders with Peter of Progressive Asset Management

Martin Sanchez, Consul General of The Bolivarian Republic Of Venezuela in San Francisco

Gayle McLaughlin, Mayor, Richmond (Green Party)

Kalman Stein, CEO, Earthshare

Ralph Nader, Citizen

Nativo Lopez, National President, Mexican American Political Association (MAPA)

Donna Warren, Lt. Governor running mate in 2002 and 2006

Matt Gonzalez, 2008 Vice Presidential candidate; Former Chair, SF Board of Supervisors

Todd Chretien, Green Party candidate for U.S. Senator in 2006

Barbara Becnel, Founder of Stanley Tookie Williams Legacy Network

Alicia Mendoza, Co-MC of May 1, 2006 Immigration Rights March

Ramon Cardona, Deputy, Salvadoran General Assembly

Leslie Evans, Editor, Peter's autobiography

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