

# The tournament & The torture camp

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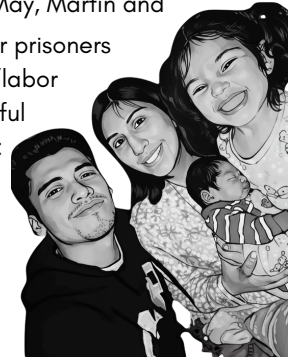
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## Football and Freedom for The People

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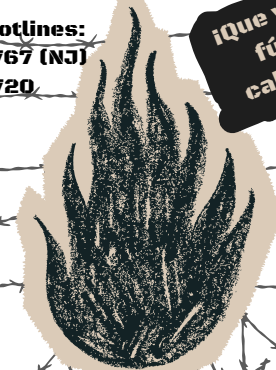
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