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((TEXT)) LIMA, 15 JUN (EFE) -- VICTOR POLAY CAMPOS, ONE OF THE TOP LEADERS OF THE TUPAC AMARU REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT (MRTA) WHO IS BEING TRIED ON CHARGES OF TERRORISM IN LIHA, HAS OFFERED A "TRUCE" TO THE ADMINISTRATION OF VIRTUAL PRESIDENT-ELECT ALBERTO FUJIMORI.

POLAY CAMPOS STATED IN COURT THAT THE MRTA WILL MONITOR THE

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FUJIMORI ADMINISTRATION DURING THE "TRUCE" AND "IF HE FAILS TO LIVE UP TO THE PEOPLE'S EXPECTATIONS, SOCIETY WILL ONCE AGAIN BE AWARE OF OUR ACTIONS."

POLAY RECALLED THAT THE MRTA ALSO OFFERED A "TRUCE" TO THE ADMINISTRATION OF CURRENT PRESIDENT ALAN GARCIA WHEN THE LATTER TOOK OVER IN JULY 1985 BUT DISCONTINUED IT "WHEN THE GOVERNMENT UNLEASHED A DIRTY WAR IN THE COUNTRY," REFERRING TO THE MASSACRE OF PRISON INMATES IN 1986 WHEN A MUTINY STAGED AT THREE LIMA PRISONS BY INMATES SENTENCED OR CHARGED WITH TERRORIST ACTIVITIES WAS PUT DOWN BY MILITARY UNITS AT THE COST OF THE LIVES OF 250 PRISONERS.

DURING HIS TRIAL, IN WHICH THE PROSECUTOR IS ASKING THAT POLAY BE SENTENCED TO 15 YEARS IN PRISON, POLAY REVEALED THAT THE MRTA PARTICIPATED IN THE TAKEOVER OF THE PALACE OF JUSTICE IN BOGOTA IN 1985.

POLAY, WHO FOUNDED THE PRO-CHE GUEVARA MRTA AND WAS ARRESTED IN 1988 IN HUANCAYO, 415 KM SOUTHEAST OF LIMA, ALSO ADMITTED THAT THE MRTA HAD PARTICIPATED IN THE SO-CALLED "AMERICA BATTALION."

THE MRTA LEADER DOES NOT WANT HIS MOVEMENT TO BE COMPARED WITH THE MAOIST SHINING PATH GANG WHICH HE CRITICIZES FOR ITS CRIMINAL ACTIONS THAT DIFFER FROM THE METHODOLOGY OF THE MRTA WHICH IS INTERESTED ONLY  
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IN "A REVOLUTION THROUGH WHICH TO BUILD A NEW FATHERLAND."

POLAY WAS BORN IN 1951 IN CALLAO, THE PORT OF LIMA, AND WAS A MEMBER OF PERU'S CURRENT RULING AMERICAN POPULAR REVOLUTIONARY ALLIANCE (APRA). HE PARTICIPATED IN THE SO-CALLED APRA LIAISON BUREAU ((BURO DE CONJUNCIONES)) WHICH COMPRISED 50 YOUTHS, INCLUDING THE CURRENT PERUVIAN PRESIDENT ALAN GARCIA.

POLAY LATER LEFT THE APRA AND JOINED TROTSKYITE GROUPS. HE THEN WENT UNDERGROUND AND TOGETHER WITH OTHER PEOPLE FOUNDED THE MRTA IN 1982

THE MRTA'S BIGGEST CLASH WITH THE MILITARY FORCES TOOK PLACE IN 1988 NEAR MOLINOS, A VILLAGE IN JUNIN DEPARTMENT, IN THE PERUVIAN CENTRAL ANDEAN REGION. SIXTY THREE SUBVERSIVES DIED IN THAT CLASH.

THE MRTA CONDUCTED ITS FIRST ACTION IN THE YEAR IT WAS FOUNDED WHEN SEVERAL OF ITS MEMBERS SHOT UP THE U.S. EMBASSY IN LIMA.

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