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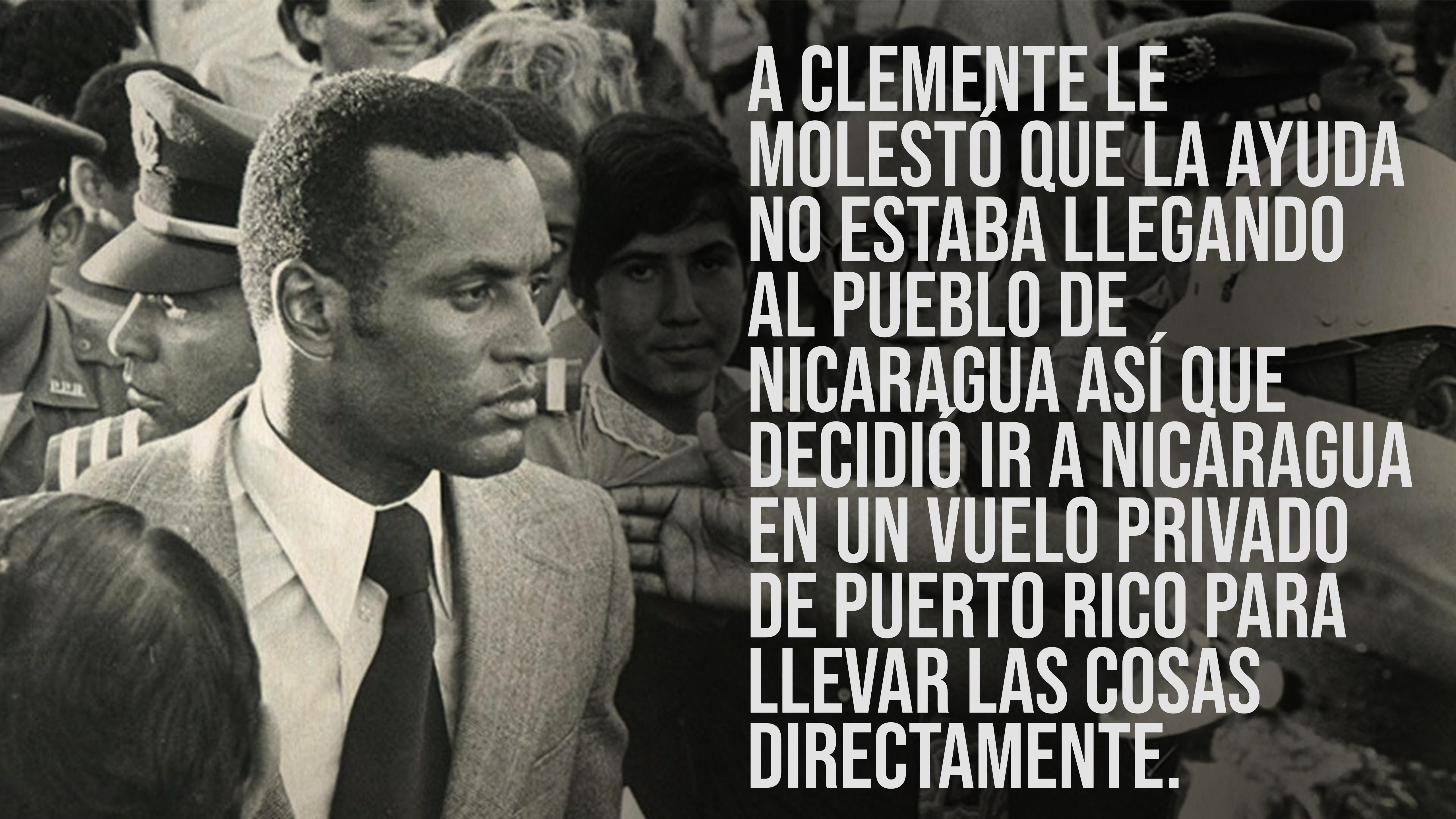




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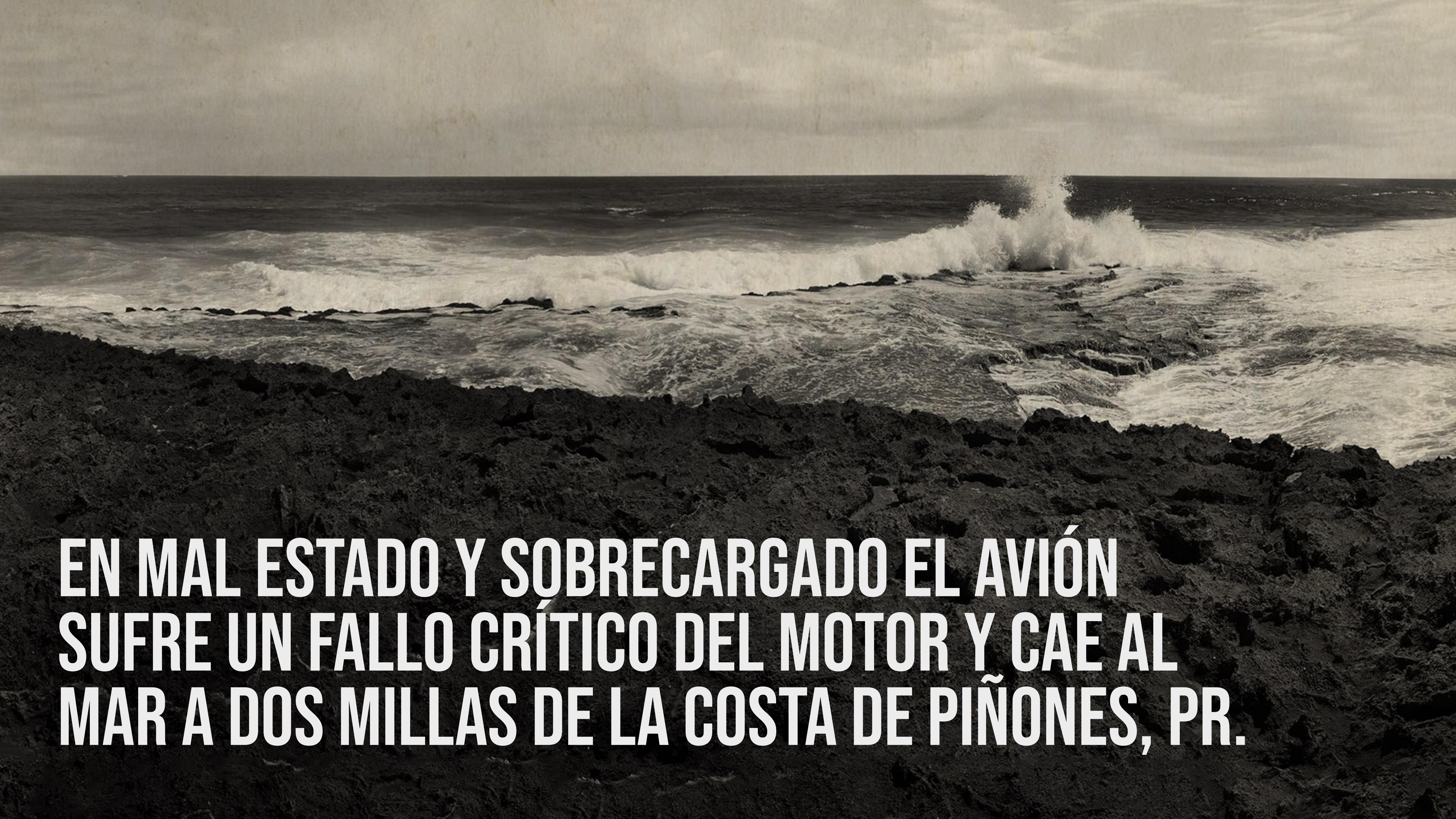
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EL 31 DE DICIEMBRE DE 1972 ROBERTO CLEMENTE SALE DE PUERTO RICO EN UN AVIÓN DC-7 SOBRECARGADO CON TODOS LOS SUMINISTROS HACÍA NICARAGUA. ESTÁ ACOMPAÑADO POR SU COMPAÑERO ANGEL LOZANO, EL DUEÑO Y CO-PILOTO DEL AVIÓN, ARTHUR RIVER, EL PILOTO, JERRY HILL Y UN INGENIERO, FRANCISCO MATIAS.



EN MAL ESTADO Y SOBRECARGADO EL AVIÓN
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CASI INMEDIATAMENTE LOS GUARDACOSTAS
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**MANNY SANNGUILLÉN, EL
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DESPUÉS DE UNA BÚSQUEDA DESPERANTE, EL
CUERPO DE ROBERTO CLEMENTE NUNCA SÉ

Clemente Tributes and Pictures on Six Inside Pages

Cold

Partly cloudy; high near 30; low tonight in mid-teens.

(Weather Detail on Page 7)

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Clemente Dies In Plane Crash

SAN JUAN, P. R. (AP)—Baseball star Roberto Clemente and his four companions on a mercy mission were feared dead yesterday in the crash of a cargo plane that plummeted into the ocean within sight of San Juan's luxury hotels.

The four-engined DC7 was loaded with relief supplies for survivors of the Managua, Nicaragua earthquake. It went down at 9:22 p. m. Sunday about 1½ miles north of San Juan International

mourning because of "the death of the great Puerto Rican, Roberto Clemente."

Ferre said he issued the special proclamation because "Clemente's premature death took place while on a noble mission of charity and neighborly love."

The Coast Guard, which is in charge of the search operations, continued to list Clemente and the four others as missing.

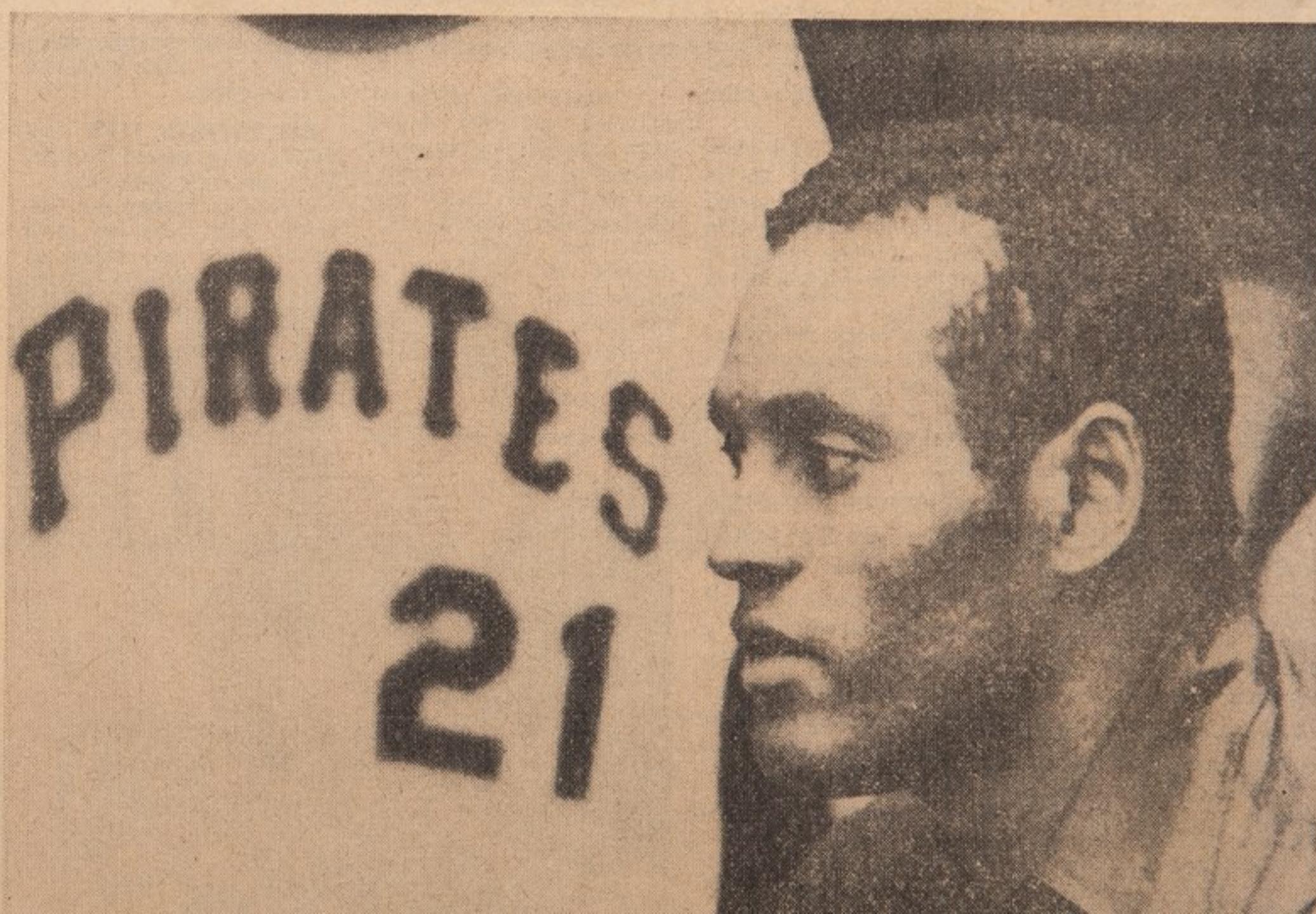
Clemente, 38, had agreed to head Puerto Rico's earthquake relief operation when he got word of the disaster Dec. 23. His relief organization had collected \$150,000 in cash and tons of food, clothing and medicine for the survivors.

Read an editorial, "Roberto Clemente, The Great One," and see a Hungerford cartoon, "Mourning," Page 6.

said that beside Clemente, the occupants of the plane were the pilot, Jerry Geisel; the copilot and owner Arthur Rivera; the flight engineer, Rafael Matias, and a radio newsman identified only by his last name, Lozano.

A Federal Aviation Administration official said weather was normal during the take off. The National Transportation Safety Board sent an investigating team to San Juan.

Clemente was extremely popular on this baseball-happy island. Gov.-elect Rafael Colon, scheduled to be inaugurated today, canceled festivities that were to accompany his inauguration.





Associated Press Wirephotos

Pirate Willie Stargell and his wife leave church in Carolina, Puerto Rico, after memorial service for Roberto Clemente yesterday.

In Memory Of Roberto Clemente

The Puerto Rican town of Carolina bid a sad adios to her favorite son yesterday as memorial services were held in the simple stone San Fernando Catholic Church for baseball star Roberto Clemente, who died at 38 on New year's eve. Baseball commissioner Bowie Kuhn and a number of Clemente's Pittsburgh Pirate teammates flew down for the service. Meanwhile, sea search for wreckage of his plane continued.



Pirates Luke Walker (l.) and Richie Hebner leave church.



Roberto's wife, Vera, watches sea search from shore.

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**EL 20 DE MARZO DE 1972 LA
ASOCIACIÓN DE ESCRITORES DE BÉISBOL
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CON UN 92.7% DE LOS VOTOS.**

To Roberto Clemente Adios Amigo ... And Thank You

By John Patterson

Press Magazine Editor



Roberto

IT IS SIMPLY amazing and Roberto Clemente would be flabbergasted himself.

More than a month after Clemente's death on New Year's Eve, letters praising him still arrive at the Pittsburgh Pirate offices and at The Press. The Pirates have received more than 4,000 pieces of mail with contributions toward the relief of earthquake victims, the people Clemente was flying to help when the plane on a mercy mission crashed with him aboard.

And he would be flabbergasted because there were, until his death, snipers around to fire at Clemente. He was lazy or a hypochondriac; he spoke out in anger too often, they claimed. With the Pirates even as late as 1970, he stood in the shadow of other teams' superstars, like Willie Mays and Henry Aaron.

Critics Quiet

His 1971 World Series performance, hitting .414 and fielding magnificently, stilled just about every Clemente critic. And the fans roared in unison when he banged out his 3,000th major-league hit in the last game of 1972.

Now this man of moods, ball player, humanitarian is gone and

such was his personality that a Puerto Rican lawyer has joined thousands of others who wrote eulogies. Here are some of the thoughts of attorney Sarah Torres Peralta who sent them along to The Press:

"It was in the darkness of New Year's Eve, Roberto Clemente left this world. In leaving he took with him a little bit of each of us.

"In the midst of this national tragedy for my country we in Puerto Rico have thought of all of you. There is a feeling of complete identification between all of you and all of us.

"Roberto Clemente was yours almost as much as he was ours. Out of his 38 years, you had him for 18 long and fruitful ones, almost half his life and most of his adult life. Counting all Pittsburgh fans and Puerto Rican fans as well, I know of no other baseball club with more fans than the Pirates. It was all due to Roberto Clemente.

"We will not forget Mr. Roberto Clemente. Neither will you. He represented the very best of the many good things of baseball and of life itself.

"We in Puerto Rico have three little boys by the name of Robertito Clemente, each one of them. They are his sons. I am sure that in each

one he left a touch of greatness as a human being with which he was gifted. Who knows, if as time goes by, one or two or three Roberto Clementes will some time return to your town where their father and mother were so well beloved?"

Impressive Letter

And just a few days ago, the Pittsburgh Pirates received an impressive letter from a Pittsburgher who pointed out that Clemente can teach all of us a lesson—that every one should strive for excellence, not just athletes.

The Press has received numerous tributes to Clemente, many of which have appeared as letters to the editor. There wasn't room for all of them, including poems of praise from Leslie Sarver and Michael Turzai. They are eighth-graders at St. Joseph School in Coraopolis.

A large majority of the mail to The Press requested that a Roto cover feature a close-up of Clemente. It's there today plus this page and the three following. They are placed in the center of the magazine so that you can lift the four pages out and save them as a souvenir of Roberto Clemente. •



Clemente Ballot Ok'd

By TITO STEVENS
STAR Sports Editor

If everything goes smoothly, Roberto Clemente will be voted into the baseball Hall of Fame in three weeks.

The name of the Pittsburgh Pirates superstar, who was killed in a New Year's Eve plane crash while on a mercy mission to Nicaragua, will go on a ballot which will be mailed out to members of the Baseball Writers Association of America later in the week.

"The ballots should be back in about three weeks and the announcement of the election should be made then," Joe Reichler, a member of the BBWAA and public relations director for the Commissioner's office said Wednesday.

Reichler also disclosed the Commissioner Bowie Kuhn will arrive in San Juan today to join members of the Pittsburgh Pirates in offering their condolences to Mrs. Vera Clemente. The Commissioner is scheduled to arrive from New York shortly before 2 p.m. The 40 players and officials of the Pirates will be arriving via a charter flight from Pittsburgh at about the same time.

If 75 per cent or more of the writers mark the "YES" spot alongside Clemente's name, he will be inducted along with others voted in during the regular election which concludes Jan. 20 in August.

"I'm a member and I'm going to vote for him," said Reichler in a telephone interview Wednesday. Another who sought the special election and who has said he will vote for Clemente's induction is BBWAA president Joe Heiling.

Earlier in the day Commissioner Kuhn announced that the board of directors of the Hall of Fame had amended its eligibility rules for the special election. Normally to be eligible for election a player must be retired for a minimum of five years.

"Although there was a precedent set in 1939 with the election of (Lou) Gehrig, it must be pointed out that the waiting period then was

Clemente Hall Ballots On Way In

CLEARWATER, Fla. — The executive-secretary of the Baseball Writers Association of America said here Thursday that ballots are being returned in the special election to enshrine Roberto Clemente into the Hall of Fame.

Jack Lang of the Long Island Press, in Florida to cover the New York Mets "Unopened" spring training camp, said that the results of the special balloting will be announced sometime in March.

"Right now we don't know when the results will be announced," said Lang, "because it all depends upon when we get all the returns. There will be an announcement stating the

date that the ballots will be counted."

The popular Puerto Rican outfielder, who spent 18 big league seasons with the Pittsburgh Pirates, before being killed in a plane crash off Pta. Maldonado on New Year's Eve, is expected to be a unanimous or near unanimous selection to the prestigious Hall.

"More than 400 ballots were sent to the writers and I know that we have had several returned. But as to how many, I don't know because I've been here. When we get them all returned we'll open them all at the same time," he said.

If Clemente does gain entrance to the Hall of Fame, he will be only

the second player ever named on a special ballot. Gehrig was voted into the then newly opened Cooperstown, N.Y., shrine by acclamation at the baseball writers' fall meeting in 1939 after it was announced that he was dying of an incurable nerve disease. Back in 1939 the ground rules for election and the strictures on eligible voters were nowhere near as rigid as they are today.

The baseball writers association holds an annual election were mailed out Dec. 1 making it impossible to include Clemente's name on that ballot. If the writers hadn't been granted the go-ahead to conduct the special mail vote, the Carolina natives name

would have gone on the ballot this coming December along with dozens of other eligible candidates.

There is a ruling that a player must be retired a minimum of five years before his can be included on the ballot, but this, too, was waived in Clemente's case because of the circumstances surrounding his accidental death in the crash while on a mercy charter flight to aid the Nicaragua earthquake victims. Only two weeks before the disastrous quake Clemente had returned to Puerto Rico from the capital of Managua where he managed the island entry in the World Amateur Baseball Championships.



Pirate trainer Tony Bartimore sits before the empty locker of the late baseball star Roberto Clemente, who was killed in an air crash on New Year's eve. Bartimore, who worked on the often injured Puerto Rican, holds a gift from the player. (UPI Photo)



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Today's Thought
Fool me once, shame
on you; fool me twice,
shame on me — A
Chinese proverb.

Clemente Voted Into Hall Of Fame

By RALPH BERNSTEIN

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) — The late Roberto Clemente was overwhelmingly voted into baseball's Hall of Fame Tuesday, receiving in death the recognition he felt he had missed in his lifetime.

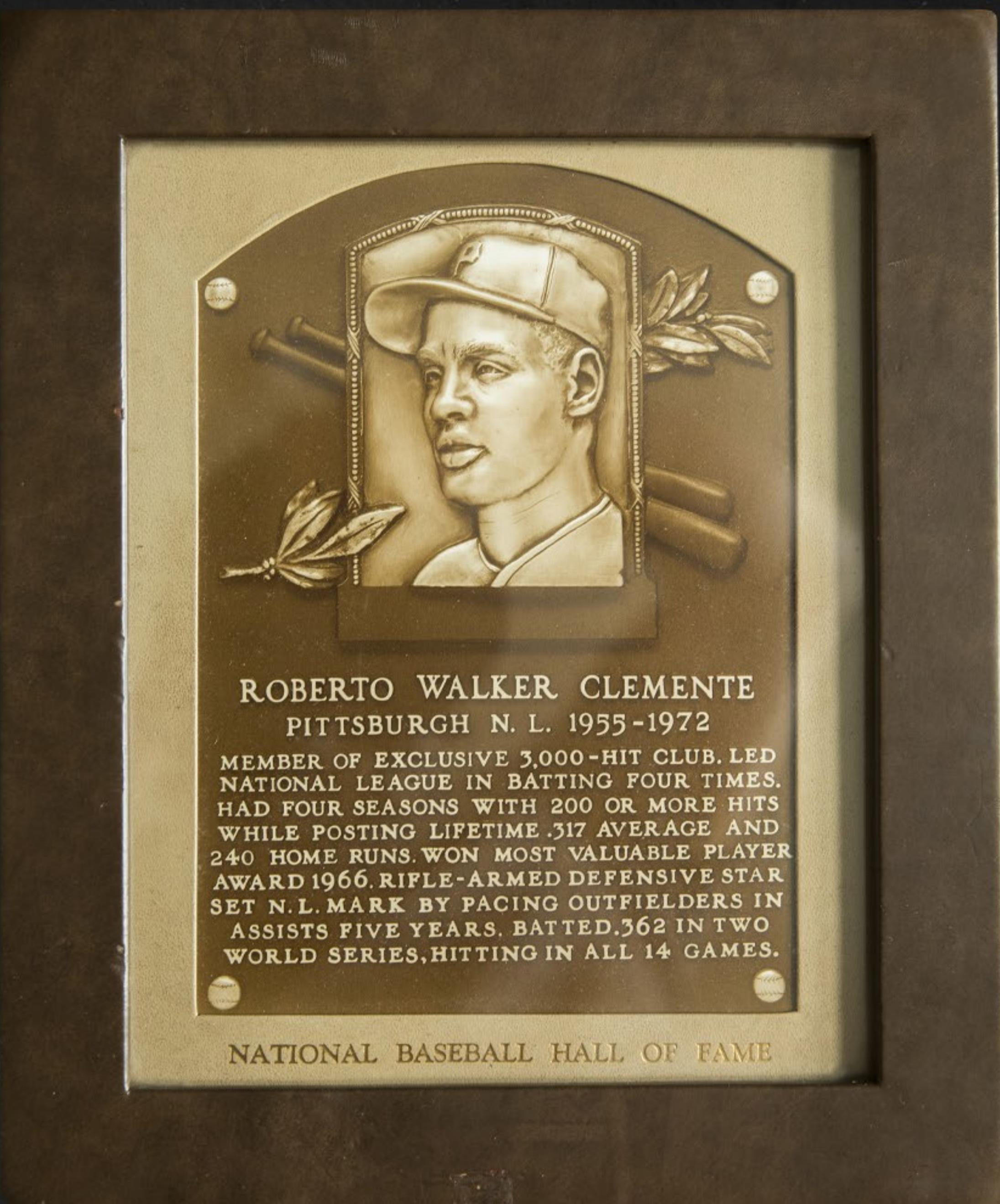
Clemente, who died at age 38 in a plane crash last New Year's Eve on a mission of mercy, received 393 of 423 ballots in a special election by the Baseball Writers Association of America. He needed 75 per cent or 318 votes for election.

There were 29 votes against and two abstentions in the unprecedented mail ballot. Joe Heiling, president of BBWAA and a writer for the Houston Post, made the announcement as Mrs. Vera Clemente, widow of the Pittsburgh Pirate outfielder, listened in the ballroom of

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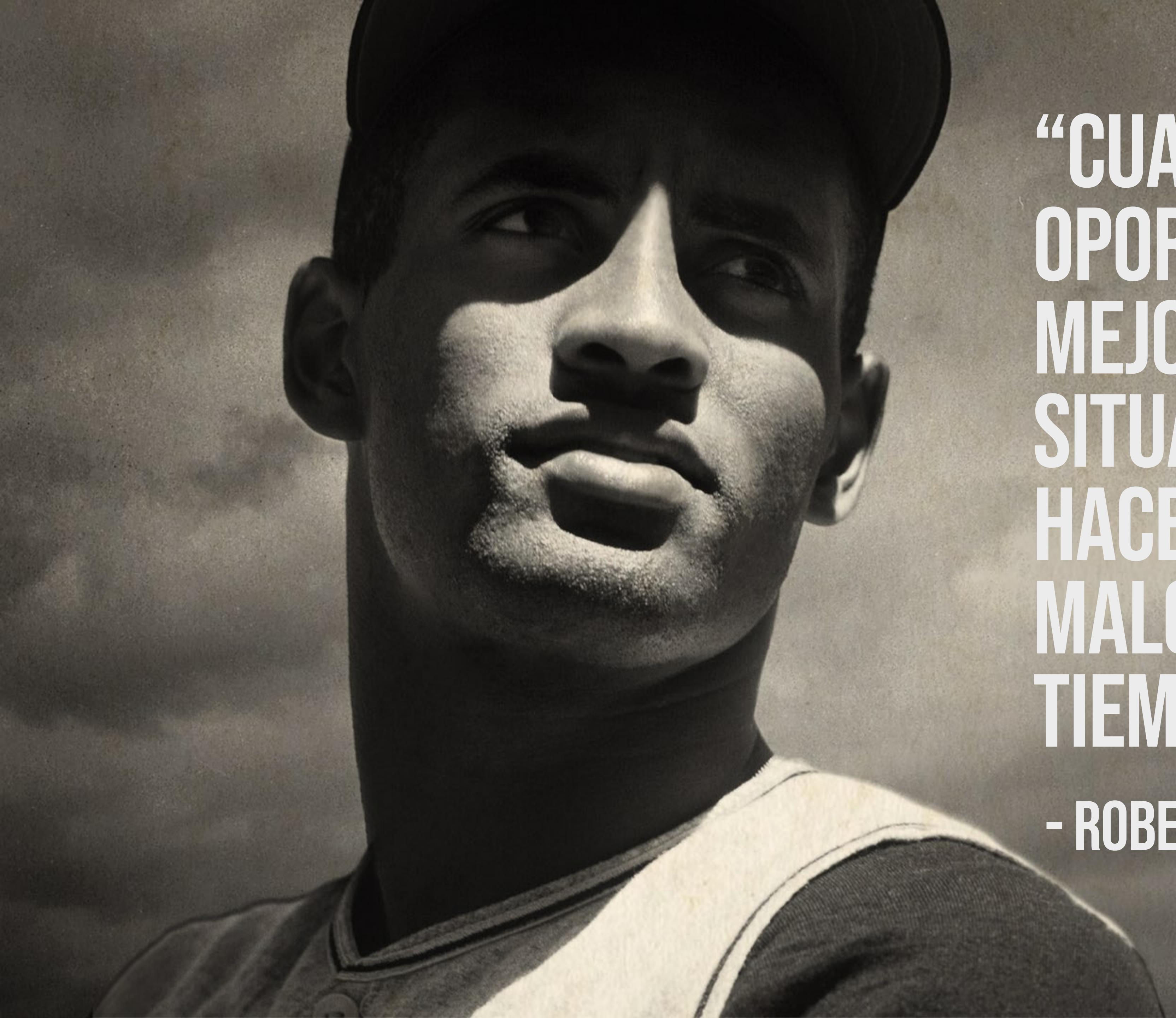
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AL RECIBIR EL PREMIO VERA CLEMENTE
COMENTÓ, "ESTE HA SIDO EL ÚLTIMO
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MEJORAR CUALQUIER
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- ROBERTO CLEMENTE WALKER