

## ABERRI EGUNA 2004



### BECAUSE WE CREATE IN EUSKAL HERRIA

Like every year from the birth of our institution, UDALBILTZA celebrates with hope, illusion and commitment the Aberri Eguna. A day to reaffirm with total conviction our belief and adherence to the Basque Nation. From the respect and defense of all the rights for all the people and with the clear conscience that a Town is not free if the people who conform it not they are it; but, also, with the conviction of which either citizens are not free if his "ser colectivo", if its Nation, is not it and it is denied in his own existence.

In this 2004, we commemorated the millenium of the coronation of the Greater Sancho III of Pamplona, the known in its time like "Señor of the Vascos". In this same place, for that reason we are today here, we will inaugurate within several weeks a monument in its honor. Because here it left outlines evident of his reign and because from we descried here the territories of which we denominated Euskal Herria.

The commemoration of the millennium of Sancho III the Greater one will be laid out by several intellectual and cultural activities. Its objective is to enrich and to fortify the historical memory and the collective conscience of the Basque Town on the basis of one of its figures and more excellent historical times. Like emphasized memory and of the symbolic value of the Kingdom of Navarre like scope of all the Basques that was a reality in the past and is an aspiration in the present.

This commemoration offers to the Basques the possibility of feeling to us identified with that historical moment in whom we were a free town, organized with its own customs and laws, that were understood in euskera and dealt with equal to equal, without submissions nor imperialisms, to the Towns of his around, that respected it and they considered like "pariente mayor". The Basques we existed from the dawn of Historia and Euskal Herria is an historical reality, with a present and a future. We lived a little while historical where the conflicts and wars become concrete that in many occasions were left by "guerra fría" sly; and the "política of bloques" in second half of century XX.

The world has been undergoing the attacks of a brutal violence, blinds and injustificada, since today for a month we have seen close by in the villa of Madrid. And first of all this we must, once again, proclaim that the nonviolence, the dialogue, the distension, the freedom of the Towns and its right and balanced development are the only prescriptions that can direct to us peacefully towards a coexistence and in Justice.

Also, within few days, a ten from countries will enter in the European Union to which we saluted warmly. But we must add that the European Union also must know how to welcome in its sine in Towns like the Basque whom modern and being opened, it yearns for to develop its own personality by means of the attainment of its democratic

right to decide its own future in freedom, solidarity and cooperation with the rest of Towns of Europe.

In Euskadi we lived moment's key on illusion and hope for our future. We thought that we are developing debates of capital importance, whose results are going to lay the foundations the foundations of our future coexistence and development. We reaffirmed that the respect to the Human rights (to the right to the life, to not being persecuted or being threatened by the ideas that is professed, to the nonviolence, the recognition and repair of the victims in its different degrees and from the rights of the prisoners and their relatives), the dialogue and, in last instance, the Right of Self-determination of the Basque Town to exert it peacefully and of free and democratic way constitute the base of a coexistence in freedom and solidarity with the rest of Towns and realities that surround to us.

Because in a system of liberties the legal ordering must reflect the legitimate expression of the Basque popular will, since the laws are to the service of the citizens and conditional to the will of these; and not the other way around. For that reason, we protested like basic democratic principle that the majority will of the Basque citizenship, legitimately expressed through pacific routes and democratic processes, is recognized and respected by the States Spanish and French.

In many occasions we have showed that the violence and the national construction of Euskal Herria are radically incompatible; that average and aims are united by a same axis: the exclusively democratic political action.

Our Town demands the definitive disappearance of all the expressions of violence.

To Euskal Herria it is urgent to open a democratic process and Pacific to him, of strategic nature and definitive, that del allows him to face the overcoming historical conflict of political nature that drags.

UDALBILTZA, the elect Basques who we integrated it, we assumed our responsibility. Responsibility before our Town. ETA must assume hers. That he is brave and watches itself. The exercise that historically have practiced to transfer to the other all series of faults and responsibilities long ago that finished. Today, more than ever, one is due to impose political intelligence and determination. As elect Basque policemen and as we create in the existence of a Town seated to both sides of the Pyrenees and that from this privileged place we descried with clarity.

UDALBILTZA is going to continue giving testimony of the Euskal Herria promoting and deepening in the national and social construction of this Town with own personality in the concert of Towns of Europe.

We want that the Basque lot is true and totally Basque. Being conscious that the processes that we are impelling in the seven territories demand measures different from development of the national conscience, of rates of decision and respect to the voluntary adhesion of such.

Our hand is tended to contribute to all process of pacification and normalization of this town that sustains itself on the bases of the respect of the Human rights, the democracy and the freedom. Because we are Basque, because we create in Euskal Herria.

GORA EUSKADI ASKATUTA!

In Fuenterrabia, to 11 of April of 2004