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## Gov. Munoz Marin Merits This Honor

**FREEDOM HOUSE** will honor Governor Luis Munoz Marin of Puerto Rico with a special anniversary plaque at ceremonies next month in New York.

Freedom House was founded in 1941 to serve as a center advancing the goals of a free society and opposed to all forms of totalitarianism. Over the years the awards have been made to distinguished persons of our times.



None is more worthy of the honor than Governor Munoz. The award is made him because "under his guidance the people of a free Commonwealth have dem-

**MUNOZ MARIN** onstrated the effectiveness of democracy in an underdeveloped country. His dynamic leadership and the creative techniques which his government has devised are in a great measure responsible for the striking progress of the Puerto Rican people toward a better life."

No community is in a better position to know what Governor Munoz has achieved against great odds than Greater Miami whose citizens visit Puerto Rico in great numbers every year.

He is the first governor to be elected by the people. His "Operation Bootstrap" has been effectively directed at freeing more than two million islanders from illiteracy, poverty, disease and lack of employment.

Governor Munoz has written a brilliant page in modern government history. His achievement is the stuff of which patriots are made.