

SMUGGLED OUT OF CHILE --

A MESSAGE OF THANKS TO THE WORKERS OF THE WORLD FROM CHILEAN DOCKERS

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The following leaflet was discovered by Italian dockers unloading a cargo of fishmeal from a ship which had recently docked after a voyage from Chile.

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TO THE WORKERS OF THE WORLD

A message for you from the dock-workers of the port of San Antonio, Chile.

ORGANISED RESISTANCE

This November 4 (1974) is the fourth anniversary of the Popular Government which was headed by our martyr-president Salvador Allende, who was brutally assassinated by these hyenas in uniform.

In Chile the Popular Government laid the foundations for a transformation of Chilean society by political means. The basic programme of the Government involved the recovery by nationalisation of our national wealth in raw materials --copper, iron and nitrates- the nationalisation of the banks which were in the hands of the Chilean oligarchy; the carrying through of a radical land-reform; and putting a stop to the monopolies --all this in order to win some dignity for the dispossessed of our country.

Our native fascists, together with North-American imperialism and the CIA, financed, planned and orchestrated an entire conspiracy to defeat and overthrow a Government which had been elected constitutionally by the People of Chile. In this way they hoped to prevent the advance of the Chilean revolution and to do away with socialism.

Today the Resistance is growing faster than ever in the formation of the Anti-Fascist Front. It finds a thousand expressions --in slogans and paintings on walls, in leaflets, in the protests of the housewives as they go about their shopping, in the wage-demands of the workers, which squeeze from the bosses higher percentage rises than the fascist junta has authorised.

REPRESSION

Every night the working-class housing estates and shanty-towns are watched and patrolled. Some are totally cordoned off by armed soldiers who drag the inhabitants half-undressed from their houses, and cart them off to the concentration camp at Tejas Verdes, to interrogate and torture them. This is what the military call "the battle against delinquency".

Hundreds of the sons of this long-suffering port never came back to see their loved ones --or the military brought back just their clothes, or their bodies in a sealed coffin which the families were allowed to keep for half an hour in the house before taking it to the cemetery, with only two or three relatives permitted to accompany it. Widows are forbidden to wear mourning.

This November 1 1974, Day of Remembrance, the church of our port was filled as it had never been filled before in the entire history of Catholic worship, with workers, young people women and children who went there to honour the memory of those whom the junta criminals had murdered.

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All honour and glory to those of our leaders who were put to death for the sole crime of defending the working standards of the dock-workers' union of the port of San Antonio. Their names are:

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| 1. GUILLERMO ALVARES CANAS | President   |
| 2. SAMUEL NUNEZ GONZALES   | Treasurer   |
| 3. ARMANDO JIMENEZ MACHUCA | Officer   |
| 4. HECTOR ROJO ALFARO      | Officer of the National Federation<br>and representative at the I.T.F.,<br>to which it is affiliated. |

INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY

We are profoundly grateful for every act of solidarity and support which is carried out on behalf of the people of Chile, to help us overthrow once and for all the fascist dictatorship which rules our country.

With your help and our own efforts we are absolutely sure that we will emerge victorious and defeat those who staged the coup.

WE ASK

1. Don't move any cargo whatever, be it bound for or coming from Chile.
2. Don't load or unload a single ounce of copper.
3. Every Chilean ship should be blacked. Don't load arms for Chile.  
Refuse every kind of economic aid or support for the Chilean fascists.

LONG LIVE INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY.  
LONG LIVE LATIN-AMERICAN SOLIDARITY.  
WORKERS OF THE WORLD UNITE.  
THANKS TO THE WORKERS OF THE WORLD.

VENCEREMOS --WE WILL OVERCOME.

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