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**NUS : CSC CHILE**

**CAMPAIGN**

**WEEK OF ACTION**

**MARCH 6 12th**

NATIONAL COLLECTION FOR CHILE

THURSDAY, MARCH 11TH

EVERY PENNY FOR CHILE FIGHTS FASCISM

The people of Chile need your support. The recent case of Dr. Sheila Cassidy has highlighted the barbaric nature of the present military government of Chile.

What the Chilean Junta did to Dr. Sheila Cassidy it has done to many thousands of times to the ordinary people of Chile. Since the present dictatorship assumed power in a brutal military coup on September 11th 1973 over 40,000 Chileans have died - many while undergoing the most cruel torture. Over 300,000 Chileans have been imprisoned at one time or another by the regime. Many thousands are today - 30 months after the coup - still held in the Junta's concentration camps without charge or trial.

For 30 months all basic human and democratic rights have been outlawed in Chile. In the universities - as elsewhere - all elections are forbidden, student unions have been closed down. For more than three students to sit at the same table constitutes a crime - an illegal assembly. The Rectors of all but one of Chile's universities - the majority being Christian Democrats - have been sacked and replaced by military nominees.

The Junta has engaged in an orgy of book burning. Sociology is now a banned subject in Chile's universities. The works, not only of Marxists, but also of leading liberals such as J.K. Galbraith, have been banned as subversive.

The whole field of higher education - opened up for the first time under the Popular Unity Government to the poor and lower classes - has now been handed back to the rich and privileged.

For the mass of Chile's people, 30 months of Fascist rule in Chile have brought nothing but impoverishment, unemployment, near starvation (real incomes have declined by two-thirds, and military expenditure has increased by over 300% since the coup). The terror of the DINA - the Chilean Gestapo - the midnight raids, arrest without charge, and in many cases a terrible and unacknowledged death. It is a repression which has extended beyond the parties of the left - Christian Democrats have been gunned down and arrested, church leaders have been expelled from Chile, church relief



organisations have been banned.

Despite the terror and repression, the Chilean Junta has been unable to break the Chilean Democratic Movement. The Chilean Labour Movement has survived the terror and is fighting back. Over 2,500 strikes and sit-ins took place in Chile last year, despite the death penalty being imposed for striking and the loss of over 100 strike leaders, imprisoned and some of them killed by the Junta in 1975.

In the factories, in the shanty towns, in the universities, the resistance is growing. It needs your support. Central to the work of the resistance is the mass work to build opposition to the junta. It needs help to pay for full-time trade union and political workers.

It needs finance to assist the relatives of the political prisoners - few of whom now have any income and many of whom have been driven to selling all their goods - even their bodies - to keep alive.

It needs help to maintain the "COMEDORES POPULARES", the children's soup kitchens - many thousands of Chilean children now face starvation. A major work of the resistance is to maintain basic life support in the poor areas of Chile.

It needs help to maintain the underground presses in Chile, in the desperate attempt to keep people informed in a situation of blanket censorship.

NUS and the British student movement have been specifically asked by the Chilean NUS (CPFUCH) to organise a widespread solidarity campaign. Raising money for the resistance is an important aspect of this, but it also includes demanding the release of political prisoners/adoption of political prisoners/increasing pressure for the isolation of the Junta and the deportation of the Chilean Ambassador.

We urge you to contribute to the anti-fascist struggle in Chile. Support the resistance, EVERY PENNY FOR CHILE HELPS FIGHT FASCISM.

NB. 75% of the money collected will be sent to the Chilean Anti-Fascist Committee in Rome, which is a body uniting all the anti-junta forces in Chile.

25% of the money raised for Chile will go to the British Solidarity Campaign, which is a non-sectarian, all-inclusive organisation, to continue the solidarity fight in Britain

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FRIDAY 1p.m. at U.E.A. in University House, Large Common Room

Theatre Group in "THE BITE" - 15p

A play about the military coup in Chile and its consequences.