

CHILE SOLIDARITY CAMPAIGN



**SUPPORT THE
PEOPLE OF CHILE**

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CHILE: THE RESISTANCE WILL TRIUMPH

A Decade of Repression

On 11th September 1973 the elected President of Chile, Dr Salvador Allende, was deposed and murdered in a vicious military coup. All the apparatus of constitutional government was destroyed, all political activity banned and democratic and working class organisations made illegal. In the waves of repression that followed the coup, 40,000 people were killed, tens of thousands arrested and ten per cent of the population forced into exile. Arbitrary arrest and torture became commonplace. 2,500 people detained by Chile's secret police have disappeared, with their arrests and their very existence denied by the regime.



Monetarist Genocide

All the gains made by the Chilean people under the socialist government of Salvador Allende have been reversed. Monetarist economic policies have been enforced with a vengeance in Chile.

Wages and living standards have been slashed and unemployment has been allowed to climb to over 30%. Millions of Chileans live on the breadline, eking out an impoverished existence on desultory incomes with the help of voluntarily organised soup kitchens.

Economic Collapse and Political Discontent

The Pinochet regime's policies have brought unprecedented economic disaster to Chile. With a soaring external debt and record numbers of bankruptcies, the economy is in ruins. Even sectors that formerly supported the regime have deserted him in droves as the full consequences of military rule in Chile have become obvious. The working class opposition of the last ten years has been swelled by the addition of ever wider sectors of the population.



Mass Opposition: The People lose their Fear

Since May 1983 a huge popular movement of opposition has shaken the regime to the roots. Thousands upon thousands of workers, peasants, slum dwellers, students and others have taken to the streets and squares of the country to call for the end of the bloody military regime and an immediate return to democracy in Chile. New political organisations and new union federations have been thrown up to voice the massive popular discontent. Despite savage physical and legal attacks on the opposition the people have lost their fear. The gains of the popular movement will never be rolled back.



International Solidarity

Throughout the decade of military rule there has been an immense movement of international solidarity to isolate the junta and to support the heroic resistance in Chile. All over the world, campaigns have fought for the lives and freedom of political prisoners, demanded an end to links with the Pinochet regime and built support and solidarity for the popular organisations that represent the Chilean people. As the mass opposition grows in strength and confidence the need for solidarity becomes ever more vital.

**VICTORY TO THE POPULAR RESISTANCE
CHILE VENCERA**

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Individuals £7.50, unwaged £3.00, trade union branches, CLPs, trade councils, small district committees £7.00, student unions, regional committees £20.00.

CHILE SOLIDARITY CAMPAIGN

Founded in September 1973, the Chile Solidarity Campaign has grown by encouraging the affiliation of labour movement organisations, and by the formation of a large number of local groups throughout the country.

It is a united campaign which brings together the efforts of all people in Britain who support the resistance to the military regime in Chile. It cooperates closely with the Chile Committee for Human Rights and with the organisations of the Chilean refugees in Britain. It shares the aims of the vast international solidarity movement:

- to isolate the military junta in Chile by cutting of US aid, trade, and military and diplomatic links with the rest of the world.
- to give concrete support to the growing popular resistance to the regime and to all democratic forces fighting for the rights of the Chilean people.

Campaigns undertaken in Britain:

- for an end to British trading links with the Pinochet regime, and especially for an end to arms supplies to the junta.
- for the economic isolation of the regime in international financial institutions and for Britain to oppose the continued propping up of the junta by the IMF and the World Bank.
- for the complete boycott of the military regime in education, culture and sport.
- for the support of Chilean refugees in Britain and for their right to return to live in their country without restriction on their activity.
- for material support for the Resistance and for permanent lines between the British and Chilean Labour movement.
- for support to human rights organisations in Chile and for organisations defending the living standards of the working people of Chile.
- for solidarity with the huge mass movement for an immediate return to democracy in Chile.