

RESOLUTION

-to be put to the NATIONAL ACTION CONFERENCE ON CHILE to be held at the Digbeth Civic Hall, Birmingham, on March 23 1974.

This National Action Conference on Chile of the British Labour and student movements expresses complete solidarity with the Chilean people who are resisting the fascist military junta. The Conference reaffirms its support of the Chilean people, whatever the form of struggle they decide to adopt, be it non-cooperation, strikes, occupations or armed struggle, etc.

The Conference resolves:

1. To denounce, by all means in our power, the substitution in Chile of a popular, legal and democratic government by a savagely violent repression staged by a military junta, which seized power in the coup d'etat of September 11, 1973.
2. To denounce the role of United States imperialism, and that of its partners, including Britain, and the ruthless power of giant corporations like ITT and Kennecott, which, in alliance with the Chilean ruling class of land-owners and industrialists, overthrew the Popular Unity government, and abolished all the long-standing democratic rights won by the Chilean people, because these were harmful to their own financial interests.
3. To call for action to achieve five principal aims:
 - A. The isolation of the fascist junta by every means at our disposal, political, economic, and cultural, in order to assist those working for its defeat.
 - B. The immediate release of all political prisoners in Chile, the restoration of fundamental human rights, and an immediate end to the brutal conditions of detention, interrogation and torture.
 - C. The resettlement of all refugees forced to flee from Chile.
 - D. A complete change in British government policy towards Chile so that the British people, which fought fascism in Europe, does not become a party to the construction of a fascist state in Latin America.
 - E. The expression of solidarity in various ways with all those Chileans who oppose the Junta, so that they will know that they are supported by the British people.
4. We call upon the British government:
 - a. to halt immediately the sale of arms and all military equipment to the Chilean junta
 - b. to sever diplomatic relations with Chile immediately
 - c. to offer permanent and unconditional asylum to all refugees from Chile who wish to come to Britain, and financial help where needed, making positive efforts to find work and housing for them in Britain
 - d. to withdraw all credits, loans and technical assistance from the Chilean military junta, and to halt all export loans, credits and guarantees to British firms engaged in trade with Chile.

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 - e. to instruct the British representatives before the International Monetary Fund, the World Bank, and other international lending agencies, to oppose all aid to the Junta.
 - f. to initiate and support motions at the United Nations, designed to halt the arbitrary violence and repression in Chile, and to support the struggle of the Chilean people to defeat the Junta.

5. We call upon the Labour Party to adopt all the points in (4) and to press for their immediate implementation. Additionally:
 - a. to give every facility to representatives of the Chilean people here in Britain
 - b. to give every form of aid, material and financial, to the struggle of the Chilean people to defeat the Junta
 - c. to undertake a long-term commitment to assist in the reconstruction of Chile after the overthrow of the Junta

6. We call upon the Trades Union Congress:
 - a. to conduct a survey of the extent and details of British trade with and investment in Chile
 - b. to issue a call to all affiliated trade unions to boycott all work involved in the repair, production, loading or transport of arms or military equipment destined for the military junta in Chile, and to plan and make effective solidarity with any group of workers taking such boycott action
 - c. to support all moves within the trade union movement to ban other non-military goods coming from or destined for Chile
 - d. to move in the international union federations for the repudiation of the Chilean junta and the phoney unions it is setting up
 - e. to press for the restoration of trade union rights in Chile, and especially for the removal of the illegal ban on the C.U.T. -the Chilean T.U.C.

7. We call upon the labour movement in Great Britain:
 - a. to refuse to carry out any work whatsoever upon arms or military equipment destined for the Chilean military junta
 - b. to ban work upon goods coming from or destined for Chile wherever possible, and to support other trade unionists who take such action
 - c. to send an official delegation of trade unionists to Chile to inspect the repression of the working-class and the labour movement there, and the suppression of the right to strike and other labour rights
 - d. to support moves to find jobs and housing in Britain for refugees from Chile
 - e. to bring pressure to bear upon the British government to change its policy along the lines of (4)
 - f. to work to have (4) and (5) adopted as official party policy by the Labour Party
 - g. to exert the maximum effort to raise funds within the Labour movement to support the struggle of the Chilean people to free themselves from tyranny

8. We call upon British writers, artists, musicians, sportsmen, technicians and academics
 - a. to refuse all invitations to visit Chile
 - b. to refuse to allow their works to be used, exhibited or sold in Chile
 - c. to refuse to meet their Chilean counterparts if these visit Britain as representatives of or spokesmen for the military junta

9. We call upon the British student movement:
 - a. to press for the provision of higher education places and posts for student and academic victims of the repression in Chile
 - b. to move, through international student organisations, to send a delegation to Chile to inspect the infringements of academic freedom there
 - c. to raise funds within the student movement to support the struggle of the Chilean people to free themselves from tyranny

10. We pledge to respond as far as possible to whatever calls for international solidarity action are made by the Chilean resistance movement.