

Public Meeting SOLIDARITY WITH THE CHILEAN REVOLUTION!



While this 105th TUC conference is taking place, Chile is in a process of civil war unleashed by the bourgeoisie and the reactionary forces allied to imperialism, which are trying to stop the process of revolutionary transformation of the country. The right has launched a campaign of sabotage and terrorism, which shows clearly all its incapacity to attract the popular masses to its policy. If it felt that it had a support it would wait for the next elections, but it sees that bigger and bigger sections of the population are supporting the programme of the Popular Union.

The defeat of the counter-revolutionary coup last June, which was the result of the decision and intervention of the working class, accelerated the inevitable development of the process of civil war in Chile. At the moment of the June coup, the masses occupied the factories, and they still occupy them, and Allende has not called the workers to abandon the occupations. This indicates that the masses do not fear civil war, are preparing for it, and that the government of Allende, while lacking audacity to confront the right, is not against the development of revolutionary measures.

Chile has shown that it is possible to take important measures of nationalisation and agrarian reform, to seriously weaken the power of imperialism and capitalism in the country, starting from an electoral victory of workers parties, supported actively in strikes and demonstrations by the trade unions and the masses. This is the first conclusion which the TU and Labour vanguard at this conference must draw from Chile, but the second conclusion is that Chile shows that such a process of quantitative advance while the organs of the bourgeoisie, the army, the parliament, the courts etc. remain in place, has a definite limit. This limit has now been reached; the bourgeoisie is mobilising what forces it can, exerting a pressure through the armed forces, the press, through all the means which it still has. The civil war is inevitable, the organs of the bourgeoisie have to be smashed and replaced by workers organs; the workers militia, popular tribunals, soviet type organs in which the masses can discuss, resolve and decide. The Chilean working class is preparing for the final confrontation with the bourgeoisie and the British workers movement must do all it can to help it.

The organs of the Chilean masses already exist in part, they have been built up during the three years of the government of Allende; they are the cordones industriales (factory committees) Comandos Comunales (zone committees), price control committees, Popular Union committees etc, and there is the CUT (the trade union centre) and the workers parties, the Communist Party, the Socialist Party, the left Christian democrats, the MIR, and the trotskyist-Posadists. These are the bases which exist, together with the Workers States and the support of the world masses, to go to power, transforming Chile into a workers State. It is necessary to develop and extend

the power of the factory and zone cttées, discussing all the problems of the country so that through them the working class can function as a leadership of society, attracting those sectors of society which are still under the influence of the Christian democracy. In this way it will be possible to disintegrate the army, attracting the soldiers and non-coms and even sectors of the officers who see that capitalism has produced nothing but misery, starvation and unemployment in Chile. But to exert this function, the masses must, in their organs, act as a leadership of society.

We appeal to this conference to take a resolution of support to the Chilean masses and the Allende government, saluting the decision to ban the fascist 'Patria y Libertad' party and jail its leaders, calling in the resolution to the Allende government to call demonstrations, mobilisations, meetings, conferences public discussions in the street, calling the army to support the programme of the government and to the soldiers to disobey any order which goes against this programme. If parliament is against the programme, which is a programme for the real development of Chile, for the end of exploitation, for dignity and a decent life for the Chilean masses; and it is against because parliament does not represent the interests of the masses (only 20-30% of population are represented there and the weight of parasitic and useless sectors predominate) then it has to be replaced by an organ which really represents completely the interests of the masses of Chile.

We appeal to the vanguard at this conference to continue the discussion on Chile in their union branches, factories, pits, docks etc and in the Labour and Communist parties. It is an important experience from which to draw conclusions about the next Labour government - conclusions about the reaction of the capitalist class to the proposed nationalisations, about the need for the active support of the masses through demonstrations strikes, and mobilisations and meetings, stimulating the left in the party to carry through the programme no matter what the opposition inside and outside the party, and above all the conclusion that it is necessary to construct factory cttées, cttées, which link the factory with the workers areas allowing the masses to intervene and decide on all problems, elevating its capacity to function as a leadership of society. We appeal to the vanguard at this conference to follow very closely the events in Chile, discussing it continuously, studying the analyses made of it by J Posadas general secretary of the IV International, drawing conclusions for their own practical activity.

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6-45pm Wednesday 5th Sept. Committee Room A
The Town Hall
entrance in Corporation St.

Introduction by a member of the RWP(T)
followed by an open full discussion
