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SEPTEMBER 11, 1974, FOR A WORLD WIDE DAY OF SOLIDARITY FOR
THE WORKERS AND THE PEOPLE OF CHILE

On 11th September, 1974 it will be one year since the criminal coup d'état was perpetrated in Chile against the Popular Unity Government by a group of treacherous generals backed by imperialism.

It will be a year since heroic President Allende was murdered, a crime which marked the beginning of a time of blood and terror for the workers and the democrats of Chile: murders, tortures, mass imprisonments, violation of homes, war councils, executions of men, women and children.

We may never know how many patriotic Chileans paid with their life their fidelity to democracy.

But 11th September, 1974 is also the anniversary of the birth of the heroic resistance movement of the Chilean People who, far from being passively ruled by terror, immediately joined the fight to reestablish democracy. Democratic and patriotic forces have re-organised themselves with a view to putting an end to fascist dictatorship and reinstating liberty and democracy in the country. The C.U.T., the true representative of a pugnacious and experienced working class, conducts the underground fight of the workers, which is an essential factor for anti-fascist unity and the main motivation for the fight against dictatorship.

Crimes and abuses of the fascist generals caused unanimous worldwide indignation. International, regional as well as national organisations of various countries have expressed their active solidarity for the Chilean workers and have strongly condemned the terroristic and violent government which rules Chile. The international day which was celebrated on February 12 on the occasion of C.U.T.'s 21st anniversary and the recent unanimous

decision of the Workers' group in the International Labour Conference are an eloquent expression of the support of the international trade union movement for the fight of the working class and the people of Chile.

This powerful movement of international solidarity gives encouragement and impetus to the Chilean workers and democrats in their fight. The fascist military Junta has less and less supporters inside and outside Chile. The resistance of the people of Chile is growing stronger and stronger each day.

In these circumstances, the importance of the active solidarity of workers and trade unions throughout the world for their brothers in Chile is growing.

September 11th, 1974, the tragic anniversary of the loss of liberty for the Chilean people and of the martyrdom of heroic President Allende, must be, for the workers and democrats of all nations, a striking date, an occasion for expressing more strongly than ever their most active support for the workers and the people of Chile who cannot resign themselves to live without freedom.

The W.F.T.U. calls for all workers and trade unionists of the world to organise on September 11th large united demonstrations in every country with a view to paying homage to the heroes of freedom and democracy who died in Chile and expressing even more strongly their solidarity for those who go on fighting.

Towards a great day of solidarity of workers' movements throughout the world with Chile to urge

- the cessation of the state of war against the people
- the suppression of war councils
- the release of all trade union and political prisoners
- the granting of safe-conducts to Chileans who have been sheltering in embassies
- the free functioning of the C.U.T.
- reestablishment of democratic liberties and trade union rights
- the full respect of human rights.