

DETROIT REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT RECORDS

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**CHILEAN ORGANIZATIONS
FLYERS**

U.S. DOLLARS SUPPORT CHILEAN DICTATORS

Who . . .

- Outlaw Trade Unions
- Create Cheap Labor Force for U. S. Corporations and 20% Unemployment
- Foster 1200% Inflation
- Murder 20,000 Workers in One Year

Join in Solidarity with Chilean Workers and Their Families

Hear . . .

ABE FEINGLASS

(International Vice-President, Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen of America)
Member of Chicago Commission of Inquiry into Status of Human Rights in Chile

FRANK TERUGGI, Sr.

(Member of Typographical Union), Father of One of Two Americans Killed by Junta

Thursday, September 19, 1974

7:30 P. M.

UAW LOCAL 212 HALL

12101 Mack Avenue at Conner, Detroit

Donation One Dollar

ENTERTAINMENT

Proceeds to be used to assist Chilean workers and their families.

MICHIGAN COALITION FOR A FREE CHILE, 305 Michigan Avenue, Detroit, Michigan 48226

CAMPAIGN TO END



TORTURE IN CHILE

The background

On September 11, 1973, the democratically-elected government of Salvador Allende was overthrown by the bloodiest military coup in Latin American history. At least 30,000 people have been killed or executed since the coup. More than 10,000 refugees have fled the country. Confronted with soaring inflation and massive unemployment, Chileans face serious malnutrition or near starvation. Meanwhile, the Chilean constitution has been suspended; Congress and political parties dissolved. Trade unions have been banned, freedom of the press ended, and the universities closed or operated under military direction.

Torture in Chile

Now, a year later, at least 15,000 political prisoners are still being held in Chile, deprived of their human and civil rights, subjected to barbarous torture and denied adequate medical attention.

Symbolic of the plight of all political prisoners is that of a number of prominent Chilean leaders, including ministers, senators, and other officials of the Allende government who are now held at Ritoque Naval Base. Many of the 34 reported prisoners, such as Clodomiro Almeyda, Luis Corvalan, Fernando Flores, Pedro Ramirez, and Benjamin Teplisky, were previously imprisoned on Dawson Island in the Antarctic under deplorable conditions threatening their lives. Reliable sources indicate that of the 11 officials whose condition is known, all have been severely tortured, physically or psychologically: Clodomiro Almeyda, Luis Corvalan, Orlando Letelier, Daniel Vergara, Oswaldo Puccio, Tito Palestro, Jaime Toha, Sergio Vuskovic, Julio Palestro, Erich Schnake and Bautista Van Schowen.

The national campaign

Without international protest, this brutal treatment of these prisoners will continue, condemning them to physical deterioration and possible death. The National Coordinating Committee in Solidarity with Chile, in conjunction with solidarity organizations around the world, is therefore calling for a national campaign against the torture of these Chilean leaders.

The long-range goal of this campaign is to broaden support for the restoration of democracy in Chile, and to end U.S. military and economic aid to the Chilean junta. The specific demands of the campaign are: 1) To end the torture, and 2) To free the prisoners. We demand immediate medical inspection and treatment of prisoners by an international team of doctors.

What you can do

Send letters and telegrams to General Pinochet in Chile. Copies of letters should be sent to Secretary of State Kissinger. OR tear off the attached letter and mail it to General Pinochet (address given).

Gen. Augusto Pinochet Ugarte
Edificio Diego Portales
Santiago, Chile

I am deeply concerned to learn of the torture and inhuman prison conditions of 34 Chilean leaders, many former officials of the Allende government, now reportedly being held at Ritoque Naval Base.

Reliable sources report that of the 11 officials whose condition is known, all have been severely tortured, physically or psychologically: Clodomiro Almeyda, Luis Corvalan, Orlando Letelier, Daniel Vergara, Oswaldo Puccio, Tito Palestro, Sergio Vuskovic, Julio Palestro, Jaime Toha, Erich Schnake and Bautista Van Schowen. I am also concerned with the safety of the remaining prisoners, including Fernando Flores, Pedro Ramirez and Benjamin Teplisky, whose condition is unknown.

I call upon you to end the torture and release these prisoners. Until release, immediate medical treatment by an international team of doctors is urgently requested.

National Coordinating Center in Solidarity with Chile

156 Fifth Ave. New York, NY 10010

WOULD YOU DIE TO PROTECT THIS PLANT?

The answer is so obvious that the question seems ridiculous...

but chilean workers died defending their factories

Why?



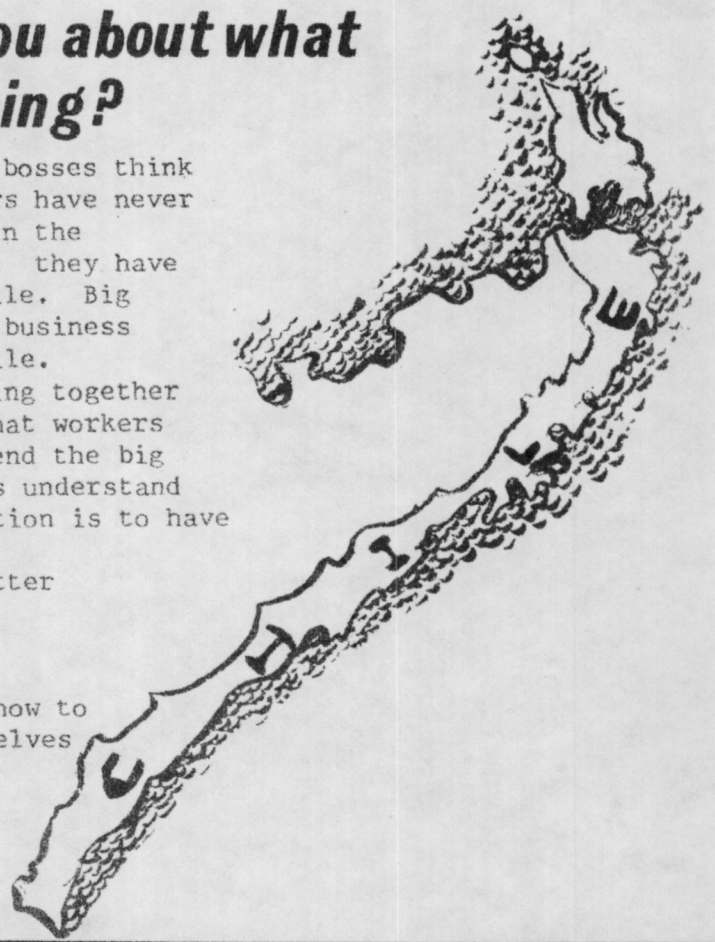
Under the Socialist government of Salvadore Allende, many factories had been taken over and run by the workers. As one foundry worker put it:

"What happened in the foundry was sort of the reflection at our level of what was going on in the country as a whole. It was sort of a new birth. All of a sudden this factory belonged to Chile, our production to the national welfare. The destiny of the foundry was in our hands and, through it, the destiny of our country. We were listened to for the first time; we could suggest, criticize, invent... More and more we became conscious of our possibilities... It was the birth of a new sort of society-- the reflections of our hopes and aspirations. Great perspectives opened-- and for this were ready to sacrifice ourselves-- and so we did, simply because we were convinced that this would mean a better world for ourselves and our kids."

Why hasn't anyone told you about what Chilean workers were doing?

Let's face it. We only get told what the bosses think we ought to know. Just like the newspapers have never printed anything about all the loopholes in the voluntary overtime clause in our contract; they have never printed the straight story about Chile. Big business runs the government here and big business is behind the military dictatorship in Chile. Giant corporations like Chrysler are getting together all over the world, trying to make sure that workers stay divided and powerless. But, in the end the big corporations are bound to fail. All of us understand that the only way to defeat good organization is to have even better organization.

One of the ways to start building that better organization is to start finding out what's happening to workers in other countries; what we can learn from them and what they can learn from us. That's how to start building that better world for ourselves and our children.



COME TO A ...

BEER AND PRETZEL GET TOGETHER...
SPEAKERS: PAT and ADAM SCHESCH
who were in Chile at the time of the coup.

and a Local Worker on Worker's Control and Union Democracy.

MOVIE - FREE BEER AND PRETZELS

THIS SATURDAY
NOV. 24
7:30 p.m.

DAIRY WORKER'S HALL
15840 Second Ave.
Highland Park

Bring the Family