

NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE ON CHILE

AND PEOPLE'S LOBBY JULY 14-15

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I MUST SPEAK TO THE
DEAD NOW AS IF THEY
WERE HERE,
BROTHERS; IT WILL GO ON
OUR FIGHT WILL GO ON IN THE LAND,
IN THE FACTORIES, IN THE FARMS, IN THE
STREETS THE FIGHT WILL GO ON,
AND THEN;
OUT OF THE SILENCE
YOUR VOICES WILL RISE IN THE MIGHTY
SHOUT OF FREEDOM
WHEN THE HOPES OF THE PEOPLES
FLAMES INTO HYMNS OF JOY.

PABLO NERUDA

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On September 11 the democratically elected Popular Unity Government of Salvador Allende was overthrown by a military coup while the U.S. fleet was stationed off the coast of Chile. The junta's first act was to murder tens of thousands of Chilean workers and to launch a full scale assault on democratic and trade union rights and the living standards of the people.

THE TERROR CONTINUES

Three new concentration camps have been set up in the Atacama desert and over one thousand prisoners are crowded into an abandoned nitrate mine. Reportedly, a crematorium has been built to dispose of the bodies. Walter Rauf, a German Nazi, is in Santiago to advise the junta on methods of dealing with the prisoners.

The junta has asked for the death sentence in secret court martials now in process for Popular Unity Government leaders including Senator Luis Corvalan, Ambassador Letelier, Anselmo Sule, Carlos Morales, Orlando Cantuarias, Jaime Toha, Daniel Vergara, and Anibal Palma.

Safe conduct out of Chile has been refused to hundreds of political refugees now crowding embassies in Chile, including Luis Figueroa and Rolando Calderon, heads of CUT, Chile's trade union confederation.

ATTACKS ON TRADE UNION AND LIVING STANDARDS

Trade Unions are brutally suppressed; anyone caught collecting union funds is charged with treason and is subject to execution. Coal miners, longshoremen and construction workers are among the many gunned down for participating in work stoppages.

Inflation since September has soared over 1100%. The price of bread went up over 1200% by February, from 11 to 134 E°. With unemployment over 25% and 150,000 fired for "political" reasons and barred from other work, a massive health crisis is setting in.

THE DEMOCRATIC RESISTANCE CONTINUES

Anti-Junta slogans are appearing on walls, buses and on paper currency. Chile's Roman Catholic Bishops have spoken out against the lack of legal safeguards under the junta. There is growing unity among the democratic resistance forces, including not only the UP parties, but also elements of the Christian Democrats and other forces not formerly part of the UP. More than 3,000 Chileans defied the junta by marching in the funeral of UP Interior Minister Jose Toha while chanting anti-Junta, pro-Allende slogans.

U.S. MILITARY AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF THE JUNTA CONTINUES

Now that England has cut-off aid to the junta, the United States supplies the major support for the military junta. The junta has received \$170 million in credits from the Inter-American Development Bank and another \$95 million from the International Monetary Fund, both of which are under U.S. control. These same banks denied credits to the Popular Unity Government.

The Junta has announced that it is resuming payments to companies such as ITT, Kennecott and Anaconda Copper, companies nationalized by the Allende Government.

The Junta has announced that it plans to buy T-37 and T-41 aircraft and has already received two cruisers from the United States.

STOP U.S. AID TO THE MILITARY JUNTA IN CHILE

As the international isolation of the junta increases daily, its continued bloody rule depends solely on the massive military and economic aid from the U.S. It is imperative, therefore, that we — as U.S. citizens — end our government's intervention in Chile and leave the Chilean people free to restore democracy within their own country. Our own rights are not safe in the U.S. if we allow the U.S. government to aid and abet fascism in Chile.

Therefore we call on you to join us in Washington, D.C. on July 14 and 15. We will discuss and begin to implement concrete proposals for legislation to realize the following objectives: the cut-off of all U.S. military and economic aid to the junta; the opening of U.S. borders to Chilean refugees; the opening of Congressional Hearings into the U.S. role in the September 11th coup and into the deaths of Frank Teruggi Jr. and Charles Horman.

Arise and turn, look closely at your hands,
If you're to grow, extend them to your brother,
Moving together
United through our blood,
Now and at the hour of our death,
Amen

VICTOR JARA

**LONG LIVE CHILE!
LONG LIVE THE PEOPLE!
LONG LIVE THE WORKERS!**

—last words of Salvador Allende

CONFERENCE AGENDA

SUNDAY, JULY 14th

Registration — 11:00 AM to 12 noon

Plenary Session — 12 noon to 2:00 PM

Key Note Address — Abe Feinglass, International Vice-President, Amalgamated Meat Cutters Union

Pending Legislation — Ronald V. Dellums (pending), Member of Congress

Initiatives for New Legislation — Carolyn Dietchman, Washington Legislative Office
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Discussion

Coffee Break — 2:00 PM to 2:30 PM

Workshops — 2:30 PM to 5:30 PM

- 1 — Cut-off military and police aid to the Junta
- 2 — Cut-off economic aid and U.S. connected international credit (Food for people to be administered by the U.N. Commission)
- 3 — Extend Chilean visitors visas and open U.S. borders to refugees.
- 4 — Embargo on trade with Chile.
- 5 — Congressional Investigation of U.S. involvement in the coup and the deaths of Frank Teruggi Jr. and Charles Horman.

Dinner Break — 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM

Plenary Session — 7:30 PM

Introductory Remarks

Status of legislation on political refugees and violations of the U.S. State Department guidelines by the U.S. Embassy in Chile.

Plenary Session continued

Report back from Workshops

State and Regional Caucuses

MONDAY, JULY 15th

People's Lobby — 10:00 AM

Meetings with Senators, Congresspeople and the State Department.

Report back — 3:00 PM

News Conference and presentation of petitions will be scheduled.

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