

Message from the Front Ranks of the Anti-Fascist Resistance in Chile

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The Workers' Advocate has received the following letter from the Finance Committee of the Frente Del Pueblo de Chile (People's Front of Chile). We urge all revolutionary and progressive people to strongly support the anti-fascist, anti-imperialist struggle of the Chilean people led by the Revolutionary Communist Party of Chile.

Santiago, Chile
March, 1977

"Frente Del Pueblo"
("People's Front")

To: The Workers' Advocate
United States of America

Esteemed comrades:

Accept the revolutionary salutes of us Chileans who are fighting in the ranks of the anti-fascist Resistance, for the overthrow of the Pinochet dictatorship.

Today, the isolation of the Military Junta is greater than ever. Desperate, the Chilean fascists are intensifying their bestial repression against the people, with all its resultant crimes, tortures, detentions and disappearances.

Today, more than ever, Chile is being sold to the highest bidder, delivered up to the voraciousness of the big multi-national corporations, in the first place, to those of North American imperialism.

Today, as in the best of times, the monopolists and latifundists (big landlords - ed.) of the country are gleaning incredible profits from the superexploitation of the people, causing enormous suffering.

Today, trying to take advantage of the situation, some sectors of the opposition to fascism are tied to

the great powers, intent on making a secret agreement, for a "way out" against the people and damaging liberty and national independence. They look for mutual understanding based on the disorganization, demobilization and demoralization of the popular masses, sabotaging at the same time all their initiative which is bound to overcome these obstacles.

To those of us in the front ranks of the anti-fascist Resistance, this situation doesn't discourage us, seeing that, although it momentarily prevails, it is only one aspect of what is happening in Chile (and that which has been most known to the world): the other side of the coin is that there exists in the Chilean people an enormous desire to struggle and to overthrow the fascist regime. This is so, as it is measured by how the masses unite and organize in every center of work, study or population; the anti-fascist struggle has become strengthened and expanded to the length and breadth of our country.

The road which the fighting forces of the Resistance uphold, among them the FRENTE DEL PUEBLO, is the road of mass struggle, of the always greater development of the underground organization of the Committees of Resistance and all types of anti-dictatorial committees and organizations. The struggle of our people, through all of its forms, including the armed struggle, is the sole guarantee for the overthrow of tyranny, the smashing of fascism and the establishment of a United Democratic Government.

Our policy is to base ourselves on the Chilean people's own forces, because we know that we will win liberty through our own struggle and it will not be a gift from anyone. Nevertheless, our people need the support of the people of the world. International

solidarity must be centered on aid to the struggle of the Chilean people, to their fighting organizations, to the underground press, etc. To propagate this struggle and aid is the primary task of international solidarity. Another important task is to isolate and weaken still more the dictatorship by means of the boycott, denunciation and other measures, all of which are an aid to the people's struggle in Chile. We reject the defeatist concept of "solidarity" of certain sectors, who put in the center the denunciation of the tortures, the repression and the blows which the people receive, magnifying these and minimizing the fighting which the popular masses are developing day in and day out against the dictatorship.

We also think we must obtain the financing of the Chilean Resistance fundamentally by basing ourselves on our own forces; in this sense, we guide our work. Nevertheless, our people need the aid of international solidarity. Today, in Chile, one-third of the active population is without work. In Chile there are ONE MILLION unemployed. The wages of the "privileged" who work are not high enough to insure a minimum diet. Inflation, cruelly punishing our people, has been averaging 1% a day during the three-and-a-half years of the Pinochet dictatorship.

In these conditions our work of financing the Resistance is very difficult. This is why, without abandoning our work of supporting ourselves, we are making a definite call to aid us economically in order to: aid the concrete work of the Committees of Resistance; aid the comrades that must work in secrecy; aid us in setting up hundreds of small workshops of propaganda throughout the country and publishing more widely the clandestine press; aid the political prisoners and their families, as well as the families

of those who have disappeared.

With regard to international economic aid, the politics are also very clear:

-- The organizations of the FRENTE DEL PUEBLO in the exterior are self-financed, besides helping to finance the work in the interior of the country.

-- We send ALL the money that is accepted from other organizations and persons to the country.

-- We send it not directly from the country, to the address that you indicate to us, confirming the reception of all aid received.

-- In addition, we can send directly to you, from Chile, various materials and documents of the Resistance, for which no more is necessary than to indicate to us a name and address.

We will be grateful if you would send whatever contribution that you are able to send us by way of international draft or check to:

Bernard Guerrien
ANCR - B.P. 55 - PARIS 75623 - CEDEX 13,
FRANCE.

Grateful for the valuable contribution that you can presently offer us, we take leave with warm greetings.

(COMBATIENDO VENCEREMOS!
FIGHTING WE WILL WIN!)

Finance Committee
FRENTE DEL PUEBLO DE CHILE
(signed & stamped)

(Translation of letter is ours.)

End.