

Common declaration by the RCP Chile and MAPU

For May Day, the Paris local committees of the MAPU Workers' Party and the Revolutionary Communist Party of Chile published a common declaration in which they say that: "Almost seven years after the bloody coup d'état in 1973, the fascist military dictatorship has been completely unable to destroy the combativity of Chilean workers and the popular movement. Chilean workers have, in fact, had to retreat, but they have never capitulated. The broad development of struggle by workers, employees, students, women and tenants have proved this during the past year. In fact, the political conditions are rapidly being created to permit further growth of the mass movement in our country."

After analysing the workers' struggles and the manoeuvres of the reformist sectors of the Popular Unity, who "weaken, distract and confuse the people's forces, condemning them to new defeats", they insist, "it is only through reinforcing and developing the people's forces, especially on the political, ideological and organizational levels, that conditions for striking at the dictatorship are created in the short and medium term."

The comrades from RCP and MAPU salute "the struggles of the people and workers of the world, particularly the Iranian people's struggle against North American imperialism; the struggle of the Afghan people against Soviet social

imperialism; the struggle of the people of El Salvador and Nicaragua against North American imperialism; the recently victorious struggle of the people of Zimbabwe; the struggle of the Eritrean people against Ethiopian colonialism and Soviet expansionism; and all the other people who today openly fight for national independence, for their democratic rights and to advance towards socialism".

They finish by calling on "all Chilean popular and democratic forces to mul-

tiple the struggle to build a broad and powerful front against the dictatorship, able to strike increasingly hard at the regime headed up by Pinochet". They urge all genuinely revolutionary sectors to fight sectarianism and develop joint actions in as closely related and permanent a fashion as possible. They invite all the popular forces and the people to promote international solidarity with all people struggling against their enemy in the world and more particularly with the people of Latin America.

