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TO ALL ORGANIZERS AND AT-LARGE MEMBERS

Dear Comrades,

Enclosed is literature from the U.S. Committee for Justice to Latin American Political Prisoners (USLA) concerning the upcoming September 11 actions protesting the repressive policies of the Chilean junta. This material is being provided for your information.

Comradely,

  
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CALL FOR SEPTEMBER 11 ACTIONS ON CHILE

Nearly one year has elapsed since a military junta overthrew the democratically elected government of Salvador Allende in Chile last September 11 and launched a campaign of brutal repression against the Chilean people. To this day, the wave of arrests, tortures and executions of innocent people, the persecution of political activists, and the climate of terror that has led thousands to escape in search of safety, has not abated. Basic democratic and human rights continue to be grossly violated by the military government, including the right of workers to their own organizations. All trade unions and political parties remain suspended or banned.

While many nations have denounced these atrocities and severed relations with the Chilean junta, the United States government continues to provide financial and military aid to this repressive regime. Only a sustained campaign of protests can force the junta to back off from its course and pressure the U.S. government to withdraw its support.

September 11, the first anniversary of the bloody coup, will be an obvious date for everyone to unite in actions in defense of the victims of repression in Chile. Therefore, we propose that Chile protests be held in as many U.S. cities as possible on and around September 11, with the following demands:

- (1) Free all political prisoners in Chile!
- (2) End the ban on trade unions and political parties!
- (3) Cut off all U.S. aid to the Chilean government!

ENDORSERS:

California State Board, Social Services Union  
Bert Corona, C.A.S.A. (Center for Autonomous Social Action)  
Congressman Ron Dellums  
Medical Committee for Human Rights  
National Convention, New American Movement  
Dean Peerman, Managing Editor, The Christian Century\*  
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Unitarian Universalist Service Committee  
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