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Dear Comrade Barnes.

With regards to your letter of March 24, 1974, concerning the submission for internal publication of the report of the representative evaluating the world congress, let me state the following.

In our conversation, you did not clarify as to whether or not this written report would complement or substitute for, the joint tour of the Branches by representatives of both the International Majority and the Minority, as we had previously proposed (refer to our letter of February 28, 1974). Your letter sheds no further light on this subject.

Therefore, I would suggest that the Political Committee take up this question, and make a decision. If the decision is to use the report (s) as a complement to a joint tour, then I will submit the report that you request.

However, if you intend to use this written report as a substitute for the joint tour, I would object. I also object to the fact that you refuse to give any type of definitive answer to the request for a tour prior to the receipt of the written reports. It should not be difficult for the P.C. to make the decision on the tour at this time, especially since you have had our request for such a tour for well over a month.

Please communicate your answers to the above as quickly as possible so that we can make preparations in fulfilling our obligations to this task of giving the membership of the party the fullest report of the congress and the decisions that it made which every Trotskyist must seek to carry out.

Lastly, please inform Cde. John B. and myself when PC meetings are, so that we may attend them, if that is possible for us to arrange.

Comradely,

Bill Massey, IT National Coordinator

Bill Massey

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April 8, 1974

Mr. N.O.
New York, N.Y.

Dear N.O.,

At the April 6 meeting for Edelstam held in Berkeley, 4 of the members of group which they identified as the San Francisco/Berkeley Revolutionary Marxist Collective were passing out this leaflet, selling copies of the March issue of the Canadian RMC's OLD MOLE and selling a pamphlet on Chile. The Chile pamphlet was mimeoed and contained a statement of purpose of the group.

I have sent a copy of the pamphlet to Los Angeles addressed to Jack Barnes who Barry said would be there this weekend. I also talked with Barry on the phone and gave him all the information I had about the Revolutionary Marxist Collective.

I have enclosed a zeroxed copy of the RMC's statement of aims for your information.

Comradely,
Jeff Powers
Jeff Powers

CHILE

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Solidarity

The people of Chile are calling for the help of people in all countries. It is our responsibility to aid their resistance to the fascist junta, by ; contributing funds ; spreading the truth about the causes of the coup; and developing strategies to prevent future "chiles" here and in other countries. Since agents of the U.S. government, army, CIA, and corporations such as ITT and Anaconda were directly involved in the military plots- we should be in the forefront of aiding the peoples resistance and the revolutionary forces in Chile. The interest shown in the Edelstram tour and other activities shows the popular support for the Chilean movement in this area. It is time to transform this sentiment into ongoing action. Help form a Committee for Solidarity with the Chilean resistance.

OPEN MEETING FOR ALL SUPPORTERS OF THE CHILEAN RESISTANCE MOVEMENT

THURS APRIL 18, 1974

7:30 pm.

MODERN TIMES BOOK STORE

3800 17th St. (Corner 17th and Sanchez)

RESISTANCE GROWS

APPEAL FROM MIR

Comrades,

Fascism has imposed itself in Chile, with the support of US imperialism and its sub-imperialism in Brazil.

The dominant fascist sectors, the officers in the army and the reactionary extreme right, are trying to resolve by fire and blood the crisis which runs through the system of capitalist domination in Chile.

All democratic freedoms have been abolished. By now at least a thousand people have been shot. The number of dead must amount to tens of thousands. Nearly as many again are detained in concentration camps where torture is widespread.

Parliament has been closed down.

The army has intervened militarily in the universities.

The workers' organisations have been dissolved. Thousands of workers have been sacked. A real system of forced labour exists today. Wages have been frozen. Prices shoot upwards. The administrators named by the government to run the factories are the former owners, the former directors.

A state of siege exists throughout the country. The whole population is subject to the curfew and can be hauled before a military tribunal as in time of war.

The number of summary executions is increasing, and a virtual pogrom is being carried out against foreigners.

A regime which draws its inspiration from Nazi Germany rules Chile today.

Comrades,

It was neither socialism, nor the proletarian revolution, nor the workers which failed in Chile. In Chile what collapsed so tragically was a reformist project based on the illusion that one can achieve socialism by counting on the passivity of the ruling class and working within the framework laid down by the bourgeoisie.

The struggle has hardly started.

A battle has been lost, not the war.

The working class and the people, the left and the revolutionaries are still powerful. The struggle will be long and hard. But we are sure of winning.

From the struggle for the restoration of democratic freedoms, today abolished by the dictatorship,

from the defence of the standard of living of the masses, today under direct attack by fascism,

uniting the whole left and the democratic sectors prepared to push forward the struggle against the dictatorship, the mass movement will reorganise itself,

the popular resistance to the dictatorship in the country and in the towns will develop and grow.

This will lead to the overthrow of the dictatorship, to the restoration of democratic freedoms, and will open the way for a powerful revolutionary process involving the workers and peasants, which will culminate in the proletarian and socialist revolution.

Comrades,

The struggle of the Chilean working class and people against the fascist military dictatorship is an integral part of the struggle of the peoples of the world against imperialism. The international solidarity of the socialist countries, of the democratic and revolutionary countries and sectors, and particularly of the Cuban revolution and of the fraternal revolutionary movements in Latin America—the ERP in Argentina, the Tupamaros, and the ELN in Bolivia—has been and will continue to be fundamental.

I do not want to end without paying tribute to Salvador Allende, who gave his life in defence of his beliefs, to the workers and to the militants of all the organisations of the left, and in particular to our own militants who are dead, are dying, or are imprisoned in the fight against the fascist military dictatorship.

ABOUT OUR GROUP

The authors of this pamphlet are a newly formed group of revolutionary militants in the Berkeley - San Francisco area. Our participation in the political struggles of the last decade has convinced us of the importance of revolutionary organization. The American socialist movement lacks many things, but it does not lack its "share" of collectives, leagues, unions, and parties all claiming to be that organization or at least its sturdy foundations. Yet if we look at the real character of their work, in for example an area as central as solidarity with the Chilean resistance, we see how flimsy these claims really are.

We do not hold these groupings morally responsible for their shortcomings. In many ways they are a reflection of the political confusions of the working class they are aspiring to lead. What we do criticize them for is their consistent failure to study and assimilate the experience of the workers and revolutionary movements in other countries and in particular the rich experience of the European revolutionaries beginning with May 1968 in France.

Our group, which is smaller than most and not free of this debilitating American "firstism," still sees a place for itself in that we are consciously trying to overcome this deficiency. We hope that the analysis that we have presented on the Chilean revolution and the movements underway internationally to defend, nourish, and sustain it will indicate this and prepare the way for a needed internationalization of discussion among American militants.

The activities of our group at the present time are concentrated on the vital work of solidarity with the Chilean resistance. Our actions in the solidarity movement and the ideas and positions we bring to it are directly inspired by the activities of the solidarity movements in Western Europe and Canada. In particular, we have been influenced by the work of the militants in sections of the Fourth International such as the former Communist League in France (now banned but organized around the paper Rouge), the International Marxist Group in Britain, and the Revolutionary Marxist Group - Groupe Marxiste Revolutionnaire in Canada and Quebec. Both the general analysis of this pamphlet and much of its factual material are taken from the various newspapers and magazines of the Fourth International, papers which we intend to distribute regularly.

At present, our members in Berkeley are working in the NICH. Comrades in San Francisco are trying to set up a viable Chile Solidarity Committee there.

Readers of this pamphlet who would like to know more about our perspectives on Chile solidarity work or more general questions should contact us at the following number: call San Francisco 282-4518.

REVOLUTIONARY MARXIST COLLECTIVE
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