

Workers of Chile, Nicaragua - IN THE FRONT LINE!

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Eleven years ago, the elected Socialist-Communist government of Salvador Allende was overthrown in a bloody military coup, directed by the CIA. Tens of thousands of Chilean workers, women and youth were tortured and killed. Over one million Chileans fled the repression and poverty, and a community of Chilean political refugees now live here in South Yorkshire.

While Allende's left-wing government was in power, many measures benefiting the workers and poor were implemented - including the nationalisation of the key Copper mines, previously owned by U.S. & British capitalists. In response, they organised economic sabotage through a committee of businessmen which included Ian McGregor!

The military dictatorship has created many millionaires, but has been a disaster for the working people of Chile. Unemployment has reached 70% in the mining areas, and inflation has gone through the roof.

Chile has built up a gigantic debt to London and New York banks - to the tune of £2,000 per man, woman, and starving infant. To ensure that these debts are paid, these banks are imposing extreme austerity upon Chile's workers. These are the same big banks who have ordered the attack on Britain's miners!



In a struggle far more desperate than ours has yet become, the Chilean workers are fighting back, with massive strikes and street demonstrations, land seizures, barricades and home-made weapons. Their aim is to smash the dictatorship, win democracy, and advance towards socialism.

There are many links between the battle in Chile and our own struggle in Britain, and many lessons we can learn from the Chilean experience. In the meeting on Friday, we will also hear from Nicaragua, where the workers and farmers have joined Cuba in freeing themselves from capitalist rule, and have established a revolutionary government based on the organised and armed people.

7-30
public meeting \times Friday 15th ^{MAR}
with video of Chile's October '84 General Strike
and speaker from Chile \times Solidarity Movement

venue: THE DALTON PROGRESSIVE