

CHILE 1983

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A NEW DECADE FOR CHILE

There is New Hope...



...but Repression continues...

CHILE COMMITTEE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

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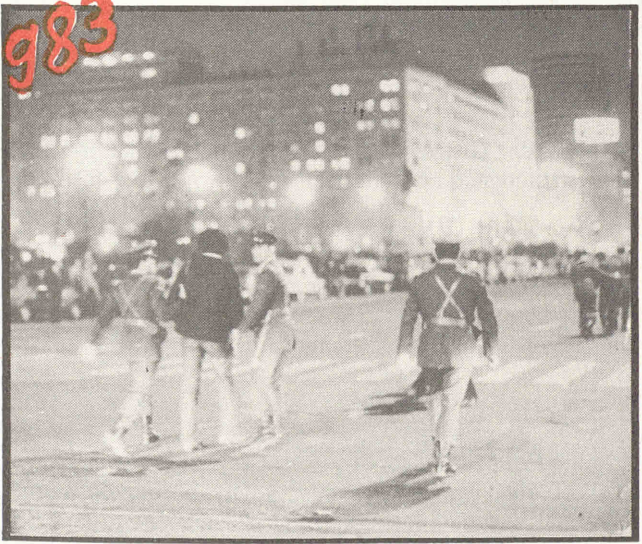


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The government of Chile is overthrown by General Pinochet in a military coup on September 11th. Even US Intelligence estimates 5,000 men, women and children are murdered in the next 3 months and 20,000 are dead by 1976. Over 20,000 political prisoners are held in concentration camps and many of them are tortured. In response the world unites in condemning the barbarity of the Chilean regime; both in the General Assembly of the United Nations and through the breaking by many countries of trade and diplomatic links with the Chilean Junta.

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Ten years on, the Pinochet regime is still in power, and widespread Human Rights violations continue. There are still hundreds of political prisoners in Chilean jails, people are held incomunicado and tortured in the special detention centres of the secret police and mass arrests have become commonplace. At the same time the Junta's free-market economic model has led to widespread poverty, with 30% unemployment and the destruction of the previously existing health and education services. However throughout the ten years of military rule, the Chilean people have never given up hope and today the Church, Human Rights and grass-roots organisations are active throughout Chile, adding their voices to the rising tide of protest against the Pinochet regime's continual violations of Human Rights. These groups need our support.



In this tenth year of repression in Chile, international support and solidarity are as crucial as ever. This year, the Chile Committee for Human Rights is launching a series of campaigns, publications and public events to draw attention to the situation in Chile and defend Human Rights there.....YOUR SUPPORT IS VITAL!!!

We are therefore asking YOU to affiliate to CCHR, support our work and take part in our campaigns on behalf of Human Rights in Chile. If you can help us in our work for Chile, please fill in the form on the back of this leaflet.

THE CHILE COMMITTEE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

The Chile Committee for Human Rights was set up in January 1974 after the brutal military coup in Chile. Over the past 9 years, the committee has taken up the issues of Human Rights violations, such as torture, the plight of the disappeared prisoners and internal exiles. CCHR monitors the situation in Chile, informs the British public of current repression and campaigns for the restoration of full Human and Democratic rights in Chile.

CCHR works closely with the Church and Human Rights Organisations in Chile and establishes direct contact and programmes of support for these groups through its associated charity, THE CHILE RELIEF FUND.

HELP US HELP CHILE

We are asking YOU to help us help the people of Chile in 1983. Your support and solidarity can be shown in the following ways.

Affiliate:

Affiliation entitles you, or your organisation, to one years subscription of the CCHR bimonthly magazine 'Chile Newsletter'. Regular information on Chile and Latin American related topics and access to our letter writing campaign on serious cases of torture, the Urgent Action Network.

Adopt a Political Prisoner:

Political Prisoners can be adopted by both groups and individuals, adoption involves establishing a direct personal link between the prisoner and his or her adopter. It is a valuable way of expressing international concern for the Political Prisoner in Chilean Jails.

Write for a list of CCHR publications and materials for use by individuals, in schools, community groups and other organisations.

Just fill in the form below and return it to CCHR.

NAME.....

ADDRESS.....

I would like to affiliate to CCHR and receive my bimonthly copy of 'Chile Newsletter'.

Affiliation: £5 individuals, £8 organisations.

I would like more information on your political prisoner adoption programme and urgent action network.

I would like a catalogue of CCHR publications and materials.

I would like to make a donation of £..... to help CCHR carry out its work on behalf of Human Rights in Chile.

All cheques and postal orders made payable to CCHR.

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