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BOMBS KENNECOTT CORPORATION

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Tonight, on the second anniversary of the fascist coup in Chile, we attack the national headquarters of Kennecott Corporation in Salt Lake City, Utah, in solidarity with the heroic revolutionary struggle of the Chilean people. We attack Kennecott for all the years it has robbed the Chilean people of their copper and wealth, for its role in the overthrow of the Unidad Popular government and the murder of Salvador Allende, and for its oppression and exploitation of working people in the US.

--- Kennecott, with Anaconda and ITT, shares responsibility with Kissinger and the CIA for the overthrow of the democratically elected Popular Unity government. Kennecott and Anaconda organized for an international boycott of Chile's copper and simultaneously forced the price of copper down 20%, bringing crisis and suffering to the people of Chile and undermining the economy.

--- Kennecott continues to drain wealth from the people of Chile. Kennecott is receiving 68 million dollars from the military dictatorship in "compensation" for the nationalization of its mines. This on top of more than 4 billion dollars in copper profits which Kennecott and Anaconda together mined out over a forty year period.



"In Salt Lake, Joe, by God," says I
Him standing by my bed,
"They framed you on a murder charge,"
Says Joe, "But I ain't dead."

"The copper bosses killed you Joe.
"They shot you Joe," says I
"Takes more than guns to kill a man."
Says Joe, "I didn't die."

Joe Hill, by Hayes and Robinson

Two years after the coup, the junta rules by force and terror. Over 40,000 people have been murdered by the counter-revolution, including Miguel Enriquez, the leader of the underground revolutionary party MIR. A former Nazi SS colonel, Walter Rauf, advises the junta's secret police. The working class has

been the most strongly repressed. The junta abolished the workers' Central Labor Federation, wages are strictly controlled, and the right to strike has been outlawed. Many labor leaders have been killed or imprisoned, including the militant miners from the El Teniente copper mine.

US imperialism moved to crush Allende because his Popular Unity government fought for national independence and socialism for Chile. The UP government nationalized, without compensation, the big international corporations like ITT and Kennecott which for years exploited Chile's workers and robbed its national wealth. The same government raised all worker's wages, reduced rents, and distributed free milk to children. It stood in firm solidarity with the struggle of Vietnam and built a close alliance with socialist Cuba. Most of the working class of Chile actively supported the Government.



The people of Chile form a critical part of the struggle against the same imperialists who oppress mineworkers and other workers here in the US. In 1967 a strike at all four divisions of Kennecott was maintained for 8½ months. Kennecott fought the strike by increasing the production and import of copper from Chile. The striking workers understood how Kennecott's international holdings weakened their own struggle. When Kennecott's mines were nationalized by the Allende government, it was clear that Chile's recovery of its own natural resources actually strengthened the workers in their struggle here. This is an important step in the building of international class solidarity.



Chileans seize land from big landowners, 1971.



Striking miners in Ludlow, Colorado, 1914.

Miners everywhere have always had to strike for what they need. The history of mineworkers' struggle in the Rocky Mountains-- the first organizing drives at Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, where twice in the 1890's the owners threw thousands of workers into concentration camps for months at a time, the 1903-1904 Colorado miners' strike, which after 15 months of violent confrontation finally won the 8 hour day, and the great leaders like Joe Hill and Big Bill Haywood -- is a tradition of militancy and struggle that the workers today know and continue to build. There have been seven strikes against Kennecott in the last 24 years. Currently Kennecott has laid off 2100 of its 12,500 workers and has closed many of its mines for the summer. In the fall it plans to reopen at only 60% capacity. This is Kennecott's strategy both to keep prices and profits high by limiting supply and to intimidate labor militancy by threatening workers' jobs.

Just as Kennecott robbed Chile of its natural wealth, today at Black Mesa and at the Four Corners area of the Southwest, Peabody Coal, a wholly owned subsidiary of Kennecott and the largest coal producer in the US, strips the coal from the land of Native American people and rewards them with low wages and the destruction of their traditional homes. In the Four Corners the poisonous emissions from the electric power plants are greater than in NYC and LA combined.



"From San Diego up to Maine,
In every mine and mill
Where workers strike and organize,"
Says he, "You'll find Joe Hill."

"I dreamed I saw Joe Hill last night,
Alive as you and me.
Says I, "But Joe, you're ten years dead."
"I never died," says he.

Fascism in Chile could not survive without aid from the United States. This year the Ford administration is giving Chile 165 million dollars in aid. Just last month Ford refused to release Nixon's files on Chile, files which would expose and document the CIA's deep involvement in the coup.

Beset by an economic depression at home and defeats internationally, imperialism attacks the revolutionary process wherever it grows. Today Kissinger and the CIA are trying to apply the same strategy they used in

Chile to Portugal, in an attempt to crush the growing strength of the working class there and restore the country to fascism.

Throughout the world people support the struggle in Chile, and identify it with their own struggle for freedom. Workers in a Glasgow Scotland mining equipment factory are refusing to fill orders from Chile. And last spring in Mexico City delegates from 35 countries met in a world tribunal called by the Mexican government to condemn the crimes of the dictatorship. International solidarity supports the Chilean people.

In Chile the resistance continues. Resistance committees operate throughout the country wherever people come together, in factories, schools and sports clubs. They organize sabotage, lead strikes, distribute propaganda and posters, share news and information. These committees exist clandestinely-- slowly growing within the belly of the fascist regime. The struggle of the Chilean people and the international solidarity movement will determine the outcome of the struggle in Chile.

**STOP US AID TO THE JUNTA!
THE RESISTANCE IN CHILE WILL WIN!**

LA RESISTENCIA CHILENA TRIUNFARA!



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CHILE STADIUM (excerpts)

by Victor Jara*

Here alone
are ten thousand hands which plant seeds
and make the factories run.
How much humanity
exposed to hunger, cold, panic, pain
moral pressures, terror and insanity?

What horror the face of fascism creates!
They carry out their plans with knife-like
precision.
Nothing matters to them.
For them blood equals medals,
slaughter is an act of heroism.

Let Mexico, Cuba and the world
cry out against this atrocity!
We are ten thousand hands
which can produce nothing.
How many of us in the whole country?
The blood of our Companero Presidente
will strike with more strength
than bombs and machine guns!
So will our fist strike again.

How hard it is to sing
When I must sing of horror...
in which silence and screams
are the end of my song.
What I see I have never seen
What I have felt and what I feel
will give birth to the moment.....

*Victor Jara, one of the most loved Chilean
folksingers, was cruelly tortured by the
junta and died the day of the coup. This is
his last poem.



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