

Chile Anniversary

In Ottawa, about 50 people marched in front of the Chilean embassy on Sparks Street and held a religious commemoration on Parliament Hill.

"It's the first anniversary of the overthrow of Allende's government and we want to commemorate his life and his work and to protest the continued imprisonment of political prisoners in Chile. We also want the restoration of the civil liberties of the Chilean people," said Willy Behrens, a representative of the Ottawa Chilean Association.

He also hopes actions like the demonstration will bring people's attention to the fact that there are still about 10,000 political prisoners in Chile who, he says, have not been charged or tried but are still in jail.

The Ottawa Chilean Group is trying to get the Canadian government to open the door to allow more refugees into Canada. They say initially the government was good but lately the doors have closed on immigrants.

Behrens also points out that there are thousands of Chilean refugees in other Latin American countries like Argentina and Mexico that can't get help from those governments and need a third party, like Canada, to help them emigrate.

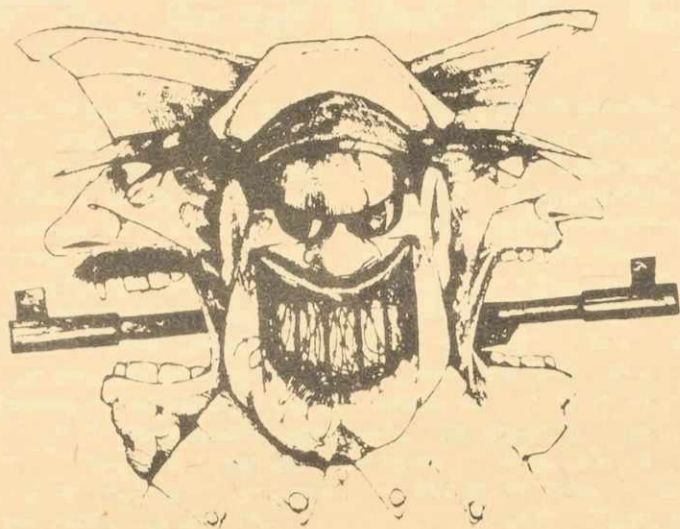
"All we ask for is that the Canadian people give us their solidarity in this movement," he said.

Allende was elected to the Presidency of Chile with close to 36 per cent of the popular vote. He was able to become president because of the Popular Unity government of his party and the Christian Democrats who together captured 70 per cent of the vote. In a 1973 election Allende picked up 44 per cent of the vote and in municipal elections his party captured 50 per cent of the seats.

But all this ended last year when the army attacked the capital, killed Allende and many of his aides and threw most of his co-workers into jail. It has been admitted by former CIA director Richard Colby, that the American government channeled millions of dollars into Chile in an attempt to overthrow the Allende government.

This was mostly done because of pressure put on the American government by huge mining concerns whose copper interests in Chile had become nationalized by Allende.

The United States government also cut off all aid to Chile and called for and received co-operation from other governments in an economic boycott of Chile. The Chilean Association of



Canada has honoured Allende and in a release they say:

"September 11 is a day of mourning for Chile and the entire civilized world. There are men who die for their ideas and there are others who kill for a lack of ideas. There is not a Chilean left who doesn't have a dead relative, an imprisoned friend, or

acquaintance who isn't being persecuted.

No repressive minority government lasts for long. People are dying from hunger in Chile, there are no civil liberties and the most frightening corruption is corroding the Armed Forces. Those governing Chile must be repudiated."

HOUSING

Tents are sprouting on university lawns across Ontario as returning students find it next to impossible to obtain housing for the coming year.

At the University of Waterloo in Waterloo the student's council has pitched close to 30 tents while lakehead university in Thunder Bay has four on its lawns.

The University of Guelph has pitched one giant tent and may use a football storage area as a temporary dormitory for 300 students. Ryerson in Toronto is also thinking of setting up tents this week.

Other universities like Queens are setting up temporary housing in residence lounges and common areas.

In Ottawa almost 2,000 students are looking for accommodation and most university housing officers are calling the situation a crisis. Last year several Ontario universities had to set up tent cities.

The reasons for the student housing shortages are many: — an Ontario land speculation tax penalizes homeowners who rent rooms to students — there is a freeze in Ontario, imposed by the government against building any new residences

— there is a general shortage of low income housing because of the difficulty in obtaining mortgage money to build and the increasing trend of developers to renovate older low income housing into modern town houses that sell for high prices.

— the reluctance of landlords to rent to students.

Much of the housing that is available for students is also of such a low standard that students can't live in them

While the tents are serving apractical purpose in housing students they are also a highly visible political tool.

The Ontario Federation of Students, a province wide organization of university and college student unions, says the problem is caused by the government housing and tax policies and the government should be visibly confronted.

"It's interesting to have this shortage in light of an Ontario government study, which has never been released, that states with the exception of Northern Ontario and the community colleges the universities have not demonstrated a need for housing starts in the next few years," said OFS researcher Carolyn Kendrick.

Another problem faced by students is the Ontario Student Assistance Program which estimates that students need not spend any more than \$32 per week for room and board. Loans are granted to students for room and board using the \$32 figure as a base.

However, the average room cost is now between \$20-25 dollars per week and the food bill for one person run to about \$16 which puts the cost of living for students well over the provincial government estimate.

"It's obvious that the government has to raise the OSAP housing allowance and change its housing policy or else tent cities will be a common thing on Ontario campuses," said Kendrick.

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