Melbourne - Australia Year of Salvador Allende Centenary



June 1908 - 2008

Dear Friends, comrades and supporters

The "100 years" Salvador Allende Centenary Collective would like to invite you to speak during the centenary of Salvador Allende's birth activities Thursday June 26 at 12:00 midday at the Trades Hall Council. Please confirm your participation at 0413 597 315 or 0417 507 108 or e-mail salvadorallende100years@gmail.com

Celebrations of his legacy will take place around the world by various social, cultural, political and grassroots organisations.

From Chile the organisers of Allende's centenary have called for activities in the country and abroad to remember the tireless revolutionary fighter who at the last moment of his life face the capitalist and imperialist forces.

Our permanent homage through 2008 will be paid to Allende's legacy. Who was a universal symbol of democratic and free thought of the Chilean people, also the document from Chile organisers recalls the historical legacy of the former president in favor of popular emancipation and for Latin American unity and integration.

Throughout his life, Salvador Allende demonstrated coherence and profound commitment to the cause of social justice. His figure stands as that of a social fighter who identified the destiny of the poor and indigenous people. We agree that he was one of the most interesting presidents of Chilean history, and will surely continue to be studied and remembered for a long time to come.

Salvador Allende Gossens was a popular leader – he leaded the first workers government in Chile, democratically elected Marxist president, a democratic socialist and close friend of Fidel Castro and Che Guevara. He was deposed and murdered in a

violent coup led by Augusto Pinochet (a traitor general) and supported by the CIA on September 11, 1973. The US had always harboured aggression against Allende, who was charismatic enough to unite the left against imperialism and oppression.

Salvador Allende Gossens (1908-1973) was President of Chile from 1970 to 1973. He died in the Presidential Palace during the brutal military coup which installed a military dictatorship in Chile, supported by the CIA and USA Government on September 11, 1973. Allende dedicated his life to the cause of the workers, poor and indigenous people in Chile. He gives his life building a better, democratic, just and libertarian society.

Salvador Allende Centenary 1908-2008 Activities en Melbourne

Thursday June 26, 2008

12:00-2:00pm, Tribute to Salvador Allende, Melbourne Trades Hall

6:30pm, A Toast to Allende's legacy and Film Documentary

Trades Hall, Corner of Lygon and Victoria Streets, Carlton

Friday June 27, 2008

7:00pm till late, a celebration night in the Coburg Town Hall, with Latin bands, song writers, folkloric dance groups and more. With Jeannie Lewis, Chilean and Latin American dance and music groups, a Latin band "The Colombi", and others... All welcome

Support the Campaign **"to name a street Salvador Allende"** in Melbourne. Your name/ signature is needed

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