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PRESS RELEASE - FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

END THE REPRESSION! IWW UNION SUPPORTS CHILE'S STUDENTS FIGHT FOR EDUCATION!

Since last year, Chilean students have held marches to demand, among others, free and public good quality education at all levels.



Police repression has

escalated exponentially, and the eyes of the world are now closely watching, and condemning, how police stations in Chile are filled with students from universities and secondary schools, a large number of them women, against whom gender violence is pervasively being used as a weapon to deter the most militant.



Patricia Rada, Human Rights Lawyer in Chile said:

"He held my breast tightly and above all he yells at me to go home and look after the children".

This is a clear evidence of the focus and the type of violence that carabineros are using, she said.

The spokes person of the Students Assembly Coordination (ACES), Eloisa Gonzales announced that the meeting that was being organised by the student leadership in order to coordinate mobilisations for the coming weeks was forcefully impeded by the police.





Workers across Santiago have been out on the streets supporting the students and we, the Industrial Workers of the World (European Administration) stand in solidarity with Chile's youth in their struggle. We will be organising solidarity demonstrations in the UK and elsewhere to let the Chilean government know: the world is watching.



"FOOL, this child was marching today so that your children can be educated freely and with dignity"

NOTES FOR THE EDITOR:

- 1. Sources: Alejandro Kirk Report, HispanTV (http://www.hispantv.com/)
- 2. Here a link to a subtitled video where the demands of the student movement are clearly laid out by Camila Hernandez, from the Communist Youth in Chile http://multimedia.telesurtv.net/media/telesur.video.web/telesur-web/#!en/video/estudiantes-chilenos-tomaron-edificios-publicos-en-santiago
- 3. This is the list of Universities mobilised in Chile who are joining the strike TODAY. There is also a large number of Secondary Schools on Strike Source: http://www.facebook.com/Infestu

On strike	Occupied
University of Chile: Faculties of Medicine, Urbanism , Arquitecture, Design, Geography. Arts centre University of Concepcion: General and Basic Education, Pedagogy in History and Geography, Biochemistry, Veterinary medicine. Social Sciences School Faculty (anthropology, sociology, psychology, social work, journalism) University Alberto Hurtado: Anthropology, Social work, Literature, Political Sciences, Industrial Relations University Santo Tomas (Santiago): Social Work University Andrés Bello (Viña del Mar): Social Work faculty University of Viña del mar: History Faculty University Tecnológica Metropolitana: all campuses on strike University Austral de Chile: History and Social Sciences, Anthropology and Pedagogy, Law Faculty University Técnica Federico Santa María: José Miguel Carrera, and San Joaquín campus in full strike University Técnica Federico Santa María: José Miguel Carrera, and San Joaquín campus in full strike University Academia de Humanismo Cristiano Pontificia Universidad Católica de Valparaíso (PUCV) all faculties on strike University of Valparaíso: Parvularia Education, Social Work, Psicology faculties Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile: Arts College, Comunications, Civil Construction, History, Philosophy, Literature, Music, Párvulos Education, Pedagogy, Chemistry, Sociology, Theatre, Social Work University Central (La Serena): Sociology faculty University Diego Portales: Faculties of Sociology, Commercial Engineering, Design, Architecture, Visual Arts, Social Sciences Bachellor, Political Sciences, History, Journalism, Publicity, Creative Literature, Medicine, Pedagogy in Education, Basic, Parvularian Education, in Literature, History and Social Sciences, Civil and Industrial Engineering, IT and Telecommunications Engineering, Psychology, Management Engineering University Playa Ancha: Education Sciences University Autónoma: all on strike	University of Chile: Theatre School, Central House University de La Frontera: Occupation by students from Humanities, Phisical Education, Social Work, Journalism, Sociology, Psychology, Sciences, Castellano, History, Law University Central (Santiago): Vicente Kovacevic 2 (VKII) building