



Photo by Carol LaFayette

Inti-Illimani, a group of exiled Chilean folk musicians, sang songs of Latin American hope and sorrow in a Sunday afternoon concert. These performers have travelled worldwide to

pass along a message of good faith and hope for freedom in their country. The group, named after a mountain in Bolivia, also sings to preserve the culture of folklore music.

Folk singers perform to free Chile

By MELODY WARD
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I do not play my guitar for applause. I sing of the difference between what is true and what is false; otherwise I do not sing.

Violeta Parra
Chilean New Song
Movement founder

Six men from Chile by way of Rome brought their home culture to Eugene Sunday afternoon. They call themselves Inti-Illimani, which roughly translates into sun-mountain (Illimani is a Bolivian mountain).

"We're nothing exotic and not articles of a museum," a member of the group told the audience through a translator. "It's not a question of exoticness, but one of

defending our culture. We do not want our music to become a picture postcard."

Inti-Illimani has been exiled from Chile since the military coup overthrew Salvador Allende's social-democratic government in 1973. Along with groups like Quilapayun and folksingers like Victor Jara, they were active in promoting a resurgence of appreciation for Chilean folk music during the 1960s.

Because they both were on tour in Europe at the time of the coup, Inti and Quilapayun escaped execution or imprisonment. Many other folk musicians, including Victor Jara, were publicly killed.

The Chilean musical heritage is a mixture of ancient Incan music, indigenous to the country, and

later Spanish and African influences. The result is music as moving as the wind, music that can be very soft and subtle, or full of energy and exciting as the flames of a fire.

For persons who have not heard Latin American folk music, it is difficult to reproduce in newsprint. But the instruments produce harmonious sounds as familiar as a classical guitar, or as the singing of birds, as the case of the Incan flutes.

Though much of the music was instrumental, Inti performed several traditional and contemporary songs. One song was dedicated to America.

"When people talk about America in Europe and other countries, they think of the United

States," one singer said. "But south of the Rio Grande there are 200 million other Americans. This song is for my America."

One of the most moving songs was written about the northern Chilean mines by Victor Jara. It opened with one member of the group sitting alone with his guitar, singing very quietly: "When I went to the pampa, I took along my heart, as content as a Chirique (bird) but while there it slowly died. First I lost all my feathers and later I lost my voice."

Since the coup, Inti-Illimani has traveled around the world several times, introducing people to their culture and spreading the message of their hope for a free Chile through music.

A spokesman for the group thanked those in the audience for demonstrating their concern for the Chilean situation by turning out for the concert.

"This is another example of how it's necessary to know and understand each other," he said. "We were formed at a university in Chile a long time ago. We learned there and then that the world doesn't stop with the glass walls of the university — that it is very necessary to understand the world outside."

At the end, the floor shook with the stamping of feet, the Latin American stamp of approval, and it seemed that Inti-Illimani's wish to share their culture and their message was very well received.

Judge fines first S. African demonstrator

By PAUL WALDSCHMIDT
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The first of 23 anti-apartheid demonstrators was sentenced in Eugene Municipal Court Friday, while students at four other universities this weekend continued to protest their schools' financial investments in companies doing business in South Africa.

Cameron Kelly, 24, of 1841 E. 15th Ave., was sentenced by Judge Wayne Allen. Allen fined Kelly \$50 on a trespassing charge and ordered her \$100 bail forfeited. Kelly was convicted by a jury of five women and one man Wednesday.

Kelly and 22 other persons were arrested after participating in a nine-hour "sit-in" in the State Board of Higher Education's

chancellor's office Jan. 25. They were demanding the board sell the South African stock it voted to divest last Nov. 18.

During the weekend students at Yale, Princeton, Amherst and Wesleyan universities staged a sit-in and voiced demands that the institutions unload their investments and financial holdings in South Africa, according to wire service reports.

The largest demonstration occurred at Wesleyan University where 15 students occupied the office of Colin Campbell, university president, while 50 supporters rallied outside on the Middletown, Conn. campus. The peaceful sit-in began Friday night and the students vowed to remain until a settlement on their demands is reached.

Campbell said he would meet with a delegation but only after the students left the

office. A school official said there were no plans to oust the students.

Similar demonstrations protesting the apartheid policy of South Africa were also held Saturday at Princeton University in New Jersey and Amherst College in Massachusetts.

At Yale, about 70 students carrying banners that read "Yale invests in racism" demonstrated outside the main administration building, Woodbridge Hall, as the Yale Corporation trustees met inside.

A number of students began a vigil Friday night at the New Haven school, protesting the corporation's investments in companies operating in South Africa. They demanded the university divest itself of about \$200 million in stocks in companies such as IBM and General Motors.

The demonstrations were carried out to

coincide with a national observance of Black Alliance Week. The Wesleyan protest was staged to coincide with Parents Day on the campus.

In Eugene, a spokesperson for the Southern African Liberation Support Committee, said the group will decide at a later date if it will appeal Kelly's conviction or if it will forfeit bail. Members of the group say they have agreed to stay together whatever course is taken.

Michael Goldstein, defense attorney, said the group will have 30 days after sentencing to file a notice of appeal for a new trial in circuit court.

Meanwhile, two demonstrators have already forfeited bail of \$55. They are Falamak Bardaei, of Springfield and Ilene Louise Gusfield of Eugene.