Kecalled mbassador to Chile in Protest Move

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Orlando Letelier. tradition of there Chilean military of Supreme Court there to order the exthe 1976 assassination of exile leader ficers to face trial in Washington for test the refusal of the president of the sador out of Chile yesterday to pro-The United States pulled its ambas-

S.-Chilean relations was personally or-Landau for "a thorough review" of U dered by Secretary of State Cyrus R. Vance. The recall of Ambassador George

"We are gravely disappointed by the decision," said State Department in this case. would permit the most expeditious strongly believe that spokesman Hodding Carter, "We and fair method for pursuing justice extradition

act." no precident for this type of terrorist fin Bell teaming the assassination of Leteller "a heinous crime," he said, mitted to ensuring that this case sets "The Department of Justice is comits protest by Attorney General Grif-The State Department was joined in

defendents. Most of the evidence came from Michael Townley, an Chilean high court was similar to evi-dence used in U. S. District Court that the evidence were killed by the blast. Letelier and an American assistant planted the bomb in Letelier's car American who confessed to being the here to convict three Cuban exile co-Both Carter and Bell emphasized secret police presented to the agent

said much of it was based on Townring to the reduced sentence he re-ceived from the U. S. court after the U.S. evidence insufficient and pleading guilty. ley's "compensated confession," refer Chief Judge Israel Borquez called

> appealing Borquez' decision to the full Chilean Supreme Court. Carter said the State Department is

Edward M. Kennedy (D-Mass.) eign Relations Committee and Sen Church (D-Idaho) of the Senate Foraid to Chile now in the pipeline as resuspending all military and economic taking further punitive action such as its ambassador, it stopped short of While the U.S. was quick to recall Chairman Frank

do not want to take such drastic steps Chile. cause the three might still be tried in against Chile's right wing multary Court could overrule Borquez and begovernment because the full Supreme State Department officials said they

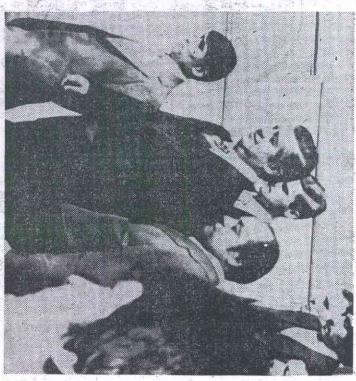
sion today with should take next. here to said Landau will begin intense discus-U.S. diplomats in Santiago, Chile, decide what steps the U.S. government officials

chet. the government of Gen. Augusto Pinooff diplomtic relations altogether with plies still in the pipeline to breaking of the small amount of military sup-The alternatives range from cutting

tion is "serious" about seeing that the three DINA officials stand trial-prequestion that the Carter administradented, U.S. diplomats said there is no vate bank loans would be unpreceand to finance imports. nomically dependent on billions of lending money in Chile, which is ecotry to persuade U.S. banks to The most serious step the Carter ad-ministration could take would be to ferrably in the United States but at few years for development purposes dollars it has borrowed over the past Although a successful cutoff of pristop

role in the Letelier assassination. the least in Chile-for their alleged The Carter administration also has legal system. writers

greater sanctions on Chile. It could several choices on when to impose



Gen. Manuel Contreras Sepulveda, former Chile secret police head, leaves court United Press International

evidence as Borquez recommended. sion or hold off acting to give Chile's military courts a chance to study the Court fails to overturn Borquez' decimove immediately if the full Supreme

cers' rôle in the assassination. in Santiago as particularly hopeful for a full investigation of the three offiment is not considered by diplomats tary courts under the present governever, and the history of Chile's mili decision is considered remote, how preme Court will overturn Borquez' The likelihood that the full Su-

its next moves, newspapers in Santi-ago warned Washington not to react strictly judicial and followed Chile's matic pressure on Chile. Editorial by exerting either political or diplo-While the United States considered said Borquez' decision was

government of Gen. Augusto Pino-There was no comment from the

> a matter for the courts. chet, who has insisted all along it was

riding in his car when it was de-stroyed in a bomb blast at Sheridan area in September, Circle on Washington's embassy row Allende, and in the leftist government of Salvador Letelier, defense minister of Chile aide Ronni Moffitt were 1976.

and Chile, relations between the United States The killing put further strains on

high ranking DINA official.
The third military of Manual Contreras Sepulveda, then the head of Chile's secret police known as DINA, and by Col. Pedro Espinoza, a death had been ordered by Gen. Juan ington trial, Townley said According to testimony in the Wash Letelier's

sination, Townley testified face trial here, Capt. Armando Fer-nandez Larios, helped plan the assas-United States wanted extradited military officer the