

Normality Returning To Chile

Santiago

Workers returned to many plants in the industrial area around Santiago yesterday for the first time since last week's military coup that ended in the death of President Salvador Allende.

As the Chilean capital slowly recovered from the effects of street fighting touched off by the September 11 coup, the four-man military junta that took over the country also authorized movie theaters to reopen.

But it maintained an 8 p.m. to 7 a.m. curfew, and ordered the theaters to close one hour before the curfew.

The junta also authorized the daily La Prensa, a supporter of the Christian Democrat party which led the opposition during Allende's presidency, to resume publication.

In its first edition on resuming publication yesterday, La Prensa called in an editorial for over-all support for the objectives of the military junta, "which undoubtedly have the backing of the majority of Chileans."

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