

CHILE HUNT NETS A LEFT-WING HERO

'Comandante Pepe' Planned
Land Seizures by Peasants

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SANTIAGO, Chile, Sept. 20 —A hero of the Chilean left known as "Comandante Pepe" has been captured with 17 of his men while attempting to organize resistance in the south against the military junta, was officially announced here today.

The capture of José Gregorio Liendo deprives the movement of the Revolutionary Left of one of its leading activists. This Cuban-inspired movement has led the resistance to last week's military take-over.

The military junta is continuing its crackdown on supporters of the former left-wing Government of the late President Salvador Allende Gossens.

Most are said to be either dead, under arrest or in hiding.

The state of siege, established when President Allende was overthrown on Sept. 11, remains in force and so contact with the rest of the country is difficult. However, reports from travelers indicate that the military is bringing sporadic resistance under control.

Appeal for Information

Gen. Gustavo Leigh Gingman, Commander in Chief of the air force and a member of the junta, appealed over the radio for information on the whereabouts of persons wanted by the military courts.

He listed 16 leftists who are wanted, including former Senator Carlos Altamirano, the secretary general of the Socialist party; Luis Maira, a leader of the Christian Left Movement; Alejandro Villalobos, the leader of the Movement of the Revolutionary Left; and José Cademartor, a former Minister of Economy.

Federico Willoughby, civilian spokesman for the junta, announced the arrest of Comandante Pepe at a news conference this morning. He said that the leftist leader had been taken in the town of Panguipulli, over 500 miles south of here.

Commandante Pepe was known as a Chilean Robin Hood who encouraged landless peasants on the south—particularly the Mapuche Indians—to seize farms from the rich. In his early thirties, he rode about the countryside on horseback wearing a flowing cape.

Military raids in the slum district of La Legua yielded bazookas, machine guns, grenades and other armaments, the Government spokesman said.

He could not give the number of casualties and arrests since last week's bloody coup d'état. Reports on the number of dead run from the latest official figure of 100 to 20,000.

A mission from the United Nations Commission for Refugees arrived here this morning to try to persuade the military leaders to respect the political asylum of the thousands of political refugees here.

Foreigners Arrested

The junta has said that there are 14,000 armed foreigners in the country and that many are training leftists.

The Government set up a special unit today to interrogate foreigners. Many thousands of Brazilians, Bolivians, Uruguayans, Cubans and other Latin Americans are said to have been picked up apparently because of their contacts with leftist organizations here.

Foreign newsmen have also been having trouble with the authorities, the correspondents for The Washington Post and the French daily Figaro were interrogated about their reports yesterday, and today the home of Newsweek's resident reporter, Dwight Porter, was visited today by six carabinieri, or national policemen. They confiscated books and magazines generally dealing with Marxism and Chilean left. Mr. Porter is a United States citizen.

Leftists, both Chileans and others, are making desperate attempts to find asylum in embassies here.

Guards have been set up around most of the embassies to discourage them. The Mexican, Peruvian and Argentine embassies have accepted refugees and are now said to be full.

Murder of Allende Denied

SANTIAGO, Sept. 20 (Reuters) — A spokesman for the military junta today denied a report that President Allende had not committed suicide last week but had been murdered.

The New York Times in a dispatch from Mexico City today quoted President Allende's widow as saying in an interview that contrary to her earlier views, she now believed her husband had been murdered.

According to the interview, Mrs. Allende said she had received new evidence on his death. "I think he was murdered because of the bullet wounds he received," she was reported to have said.

Apparently replying to this statement, Federico Willoughby, the junta's spokesman, said he would show newsmen photographs of the dead President if his family permitted it.