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'State of Internal War'

Chile Junta Says Fighting Goes

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SANTIAGO, Sept. 25—A member of the Chilean military junta declared last night that the country is still in a "state of internal war."

Speaking 13 days after the coup that toppled President Salvador Allende and brought his death, navy commander

Jose Toribio Merino last night laid most of the blame for continued bloodshed on foreign "extremists" allegedly still resisting the coup.

"There are still people killing Chileans, most of them foreigners," the admiral told a press conference.

The junta today announced the deaths of 40 more people, bringing to 284 the number officially reported killed since the armed forces seized the government Sept. 11.

A spokesman who released the figures did not say how many of the 40 were troops and how many civilians. The toll of 244 given last Saturday included 31 soldiers and paramilitary police.

The spokesman also said that 5,630 prisoners were being held at Santiago's national soccer stadium more than 1,000 fewer than the figure given on Saturday.

Other opponents of the military junta are being held on prison ships in Valparaiso harbor and several hundred have been sent to a remote island.

(The U.S. Embassy announced that seven American citizens are still held in the national stadium with the other prisoners following the military coup, the AP reported. Two U.S. citizens have not been accounted for, the embassy said.)

The junta released the contents of a letter allegedly written by Cuban Prime Minister Fidel Castro to Allende which, they said, showed that the Cuban leader had "great influence" over Allende.

The junta also claimed that the letter showed the extent of Cuban intervention in Chile's internal affairs.

In the letter, dated July 29, Castro offered Allende Cuban cooperation to overcome the political pressures he was undergoing at the time and praised the Chilean president for his decision to defend his government "with firmness and honor even at the cost of your own life."

The junta statement said a Cuban offer of cooperation appeared to be related to the large quantities of Soviet and Czechoslovak-manufactured arms reportedly found in the presidential palace and Allende's private residence. The junta claims these were supplied by Cuba.

One of the first moves by the new government was to

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break off diplomatic relations with Cuba.

Allende Widow Says U.S. Promoted Inflation

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BONN, Sept. 25—The widow of the late Chilean President Salvador Allende has accused the U. S. government of flooding Chile with forged bank notes to precipitate the overthrow of her husband.

In an interview with the illustrated magazine Stern, Mrs. Allende said the scheme was designed to increase inflation.

"I accuse the CIA, the ITT (International Telephone and Telegraph Corp.), the American copper companies and the State Department," she said. "They never gave him (Allende) a day's peace to govern the country."

A former Chilean ambassador to Mexico City, Hugo Vignera, told Stern he would release documents in two weeks which he said would prove American involvement in the Chilean coup.



A daughter of Mrs. Hortensia Allende sees her mother off on a visit to Cuba.

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