

Chile Junta Abolishes Biggest Labor Group

Santiago

The military junta yesterday abolished the largest labor organization in Chile.

A decree removed legal recognition from the Central Workers Confederation, saying that it had "transformed itself into an organ of political character, under the influence of foreign tendencies alien to the national spirit."

The 800,000-member Labor Confederation was largely controlled by the recently outlawed Communist and Socialist parties. Its secretary general, Luis Figueroa, who also heads the Communist party, has been in hiding since the Marxist coalition was topped September 11.

REMOVAL

Another decree ordered the removal of all mayors and city councilmen throughout

the country, and indicated that these posts would be filled by men appointed by the junta.

It is likely that former military officers will be heavily favored. In the capital of Santiago the new mayor is a retired army colonel, Hernan Sepulveda.

"The politicians have already worked a lot in this country," said General Washington Carrasco Fernandez, commander of the army's Third Division. "Now it is only fair that they take a long rest."

GOALS

During the two weeks they have been in power, the armed forces have expanded their stated objectives from their initial goal of overthrowing the three-year-old regime of President Salvador Allende to what now appears to be a large-scale at-

tempt to transform Chilean institutions.

An intense anti-Marxist campaign has sent about 6000 suspected leftists to detention centers around the country and has removed some 500 Marxists from government posts.

Thousands of other leftists are in hiding and an undetermined number have been killed. Yesterday, the government revised the total number of people officially listed as killed during the coup to 284, but the figure is believed to be higher.

BURNING

After publicized incidents of book-burning last weekend, bookstores have removed Marxist literature.

Leftist newspapers have not been allowed to publish, and the anti-Marxist dailies enforce a self-censorship with not the barest criticism

Mexico City Quakes

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Three consecutive minor earthquakes were felt in Mexico City late Monday. They resulted in scores of calls to police and firemen, but caused no damage.

A spokesman for the Seismological Institute said Monday's earthquakes "were so small they were not recorded."

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of the new government.

Pornographic magazines heavily favored by Chileans have also largely disappeared from downtown newsstands.

Despite few signs of any armed resistance, a strict night curfew throughout the country shows no signs of being lifted soon.

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