

# Chile Arrests Elusive Communist Party Aide

Santiago

The military government announced yesterday the arrest of the secretary-general of the recently outlawed Chilean Communist party.

The official, Luis Corvalan Lepe, was captured Thursday night, according to the government announcement. It gave no further details.

Corvalan, a 57-year-old former senator, had eluded a huge military roundup that has sent about 7000 suspected leftists to makeshift detention centers since the September 11 coup that toppled the marxist coalition government.

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The four-man military junta that now rules the country has declared all Marxist parties illegal.

The president of the junta, General Augusto Pinochet, who is also army commander, has indicated that the chief executive's post will be rotated.

"I was elected president because the army is the oldest institution," Pinochet said in an interview pub-

## Chile Willing To Talk With U.S. Companies

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Chile is prepared to reopen talks with U.S. copper companies on compensation for their holdings here which were expropriated under President Salvador Allende's government, Foreign Minister Huerta said yesterday.

But he added that Chile's five big copper mines would not be denationalized. They were nationalized when Allende first took office and his government later refused to pay compensation.

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lished yesterday in the Chilean magazine Que Pasa, "but I will not be the only president of the junta. After a time, it will be Admiral Merino, and then General Leigh, and so on."

Admiral Jose Toribio Merino Castro is the navy chief and General Gustavo Leigh Guzman heads the air force. The fourth member of the junta, General Cesar Mendoza, is the director general of the national police.

The government announced it was offering \$14,000 for information leading to the arrest of any of the 13 most-wanted Marxists.

The martial law in effect since the coup will apparently be used to enforce a campaign against common criminals as well as leftists.

"WAR"

The new director of the Ministry of the Interior's Investigations Department, General Ernesto Baeza, has announced a "war to the death" against criminals.

"Any delinquent who is caught in a criminal act and dares to resist police action will be dealt with drastically, including if necessary his physical extermination," he declared.

The only fighting reported in the country in the last few days has been in the hills and woodlands around the

## More B-52s Returning From Asia

Washington

The Pentagon announced yesterday the first withdrawal of B-52 bombers from Southeast Asia since American combat operations ended August 15.

The return to the United States of 15 of the bombers will leave about 175 of them still on Guam and in Thailand.

The Air Force, anticipating the congressionally ordered August 15 cutoff date for Cambodian bombing operations, had withdrawn one group of 15 B-52s in mid-July.

A Defense Department spokesman said the second group of 15 would begin heading for their home station at Blytheville Air Force Base, Ark., today from Guam. He said it would take about two weeks.

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town of Panguipulli, 530 miles south of the capital. Military sources said about 200 leftists there had engaged army units sporadically.

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