

Allende's Widow Asks U.N. to Condemn Junta

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UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Feb. 25—The widow of President Salvador Allende Gossens of Chile, her voice breaking with emotion, appealed to the Human Rights Commission today to condemn the military junta for "genocidal repression."

"The pronouncements of this commission, whose prestige and influence are universal," Mrs. Allende declared, "will intimidate the guilty and save from imprisonment or death the many Chileans who are now being persecuted with a cruelty only comparable to that exercised by Hitler's Nazis."

She was applauded by the visitors who crowded the gallery and by some delegates, particularly those of the Soviet bloc, who by prearrangement had yielded their reserved places as speakers so she could be heard at once.

Mrs. Allende spoke as a representative of the Women's International Democratic Federation, a leftist organization with headquarters in East Berlin. Representatives of the group were allowed to visit Chile last month and returned saying 80,000 people had died in the coup Sept. 11 in which President Allende died—an estimate even some Allende supporters questioned.

A Chilean Challenge

Chile's chief delegate, Raúl Bazán Dávila, sat listening intently or writing during Mrs. Allende's grim account of torture and repression. In a press statement, he called her a "mere instrument" of the Soviet Union, the representative of a Soviet "puppet" organization, and challenged her to talk about the human rights of the recently exiled Soviet writer Aleksandr I. Solzhenitsyn and about political prisoners in Cuba.

After some haggling television was barred because the Soviet bloc and the Netherlands objected. The Dutch said television would lead to a propaganda exercise and help none; the Soviet bloc may have



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Mrs. Salvador Allende Gossens speaking at the United Nations.

prisoners—as numerous photos can attest—are handcuffed and forced to kneel before their jailers.

Summary executions, real or staged executions for the purpose of terrifying those who have been detained, executions of prisoners allegedly 'attempting to escape,' slow death through lack of medical attention, victims tortured to death, are the order of the day under the generals."

"The exact figures will not be known until, with the restoration of democracy in my own country, the murderers are called to account," Mrs. Allende declared. "There will be another Nuremberg for them."

objected because of the efforts under way to get either Mr. Solzhenitsyn or some other prominent Soviet dissident to appear before the commission.

Mrs. Allende, a small woman in a pearl-gray dress, talked animatedly with well-wishers and her voice was strong as she denounced the military junta as "four demented generals" who held power, with the complicity of a small but powerful minority of North American imperialists.

But her voice broke as she spoke of her husband, saying she did not speak as the widow of the "murdered President" but for hundreds of widows and thousands of orphans.

In Chile, which has a traditional dedication to human rights, the most basic rights are daily violate, Mrs. Allende declared.

"There is discrimination against the rights and duties of individuals because of their ideology," she said. "Liberty does not exist where a man is subjected to the dictates of an ignorant armed minority."

"The child born of a family labeled 'Marxist' is not born free, and he runs the same risks of persecution as his parents. Dignity is denied when