

# OAS Report on Torture in Chile

## Washington

The Inter-American Commission on Human Rights has compiled the most detailed and documented denunciation yet to appear of human rights violations in Chile since the military coup of September, 1973.

In a report to the parent Organization of American States, the commission finds "extremely serious violations" of ten fundamental human rights established by hemispheric agreements to which Chile is committed.

It cites physical and mental torture retroactive imposition of unconstitutional punishments and total deprivation of political rights.

In accord with the commission's mandate, the 175-page report was submit-

ted first to the Chilean government before presentation to the OAS Council last week.

Chile, objecting strongly to most of the report, submitted a 125-page rebuttal to the OAS council attacking "certain surprising and disturbing conclusions in conflict with the real state of affairs."

Most of the report is based on a 12-day visit to Chile ending Aug. 2, 1974, by five jurists of the seven-member Human Rights Commission and six staff members. Commission members are selected regionally by the OAS Council and are widely respected throughout the hemisphere.

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