

A Chilean Poet's Attack on Nixon

Santiago, Chile

Pablo Neruda, Chile's Nobel Prize - winning Marxist poet, published a new volume of poetry yesterday calling President Nixon "bloodthirsty," "illiterate," an "indifferent jackal" and "a cornered rat."

Attacks on Nixon are the theme of the 44 poems in "Invitation to Nixonicide and Praise of the Chilean Revolution," in which Neruda condemns the U. S. President for "inhuman atrocities" in Vietnam and accuses him of trying to overthrow Chilean Socialist President Salvador Allende.

"Nixon accumulated the sins of those who preceded him in treachery," Neruda says in the prologue. "He arrived at his zenith when, after accepting the terms of a cease fire, he ordered the bloodiest, most destructive and most cowardly bombing in the history of the world.

"Only poets are capable of placing him against the wall and perforating him with the most mortifying verses."

"The duty of poetry is to

convert him, by dint of rhythmic and rhymed discharges, into an unrepresentable rag."

The state-operated Quimantu publishing house printed 60,000 copies of Neruda's book for bookstores and newsvendors to sell for 60 cents.

Neruda, 68, a staunch supporter of Allende's leftist government, resigned this month as Chilean ambassador to France because of ill health.

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