

FREI WANTS A BAN ON ARMED GROUPS

Ex-Chilean President Says
They Prevent Stability

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—Eduardo Frei Montalva, the Christian Democratic leader and former President, said today that the disbanding of all armed groups by the Chilean Government was necessary to achieve political stability here.

Mr. Frei returned from Europe, cutting short a vacation and lecture tour, because of the political crisis created by the assassination of Edmundo Pérez Zúkovic, Minister of the Interior under Mr. Frei, by left-wing extremists.

The Christian Democrats, the largest single party in the Chilean Congress, are putting pressure on the left-wing government of President Salvador Allende Gossens to take action against radical groups, such as the revolutionary Left Movement, that are reported to be armed.

Mr. Pérez Zúkovic, 59 years old, was shot to death by members of an extremist left-wing organization called the People's Organized Vanguard, a splinter group of the Revolutionary Left Movement. The group has rejected Dr. Allende's relatively moderate and nonviolent "road to socialism" in favor of "armed struggle."

Leaders Are Slain

Policemen killed Ronaldo Rivera Calderón, the 26-year-old leader of the People's Organized Vanguard, and his brother, Arturo, 20, on Sunday. Another

of the group's leaders, Heriberto Salazar Bello, 45 years old, died Wednesday in a suicidal attack on federal detective headquarters in which he killed two detectives. A third detective, wounded in the action, died today.

Although Dr. Allende and the Communist and Socialist parties that support him have denounced the People's Revolutionary Vanguard as "counter-revolutionary," the Government maintains close relations with the student-based Revolutionary Left Movement.

Mr. Frei, who was received at the airport by his former ministers and 400 cheering Christian Democrats, said that he had returned with "the sole aspiration of contribution to an end to the climate of violence."

He said that the killing of Mr. Pérez Zúkovic, attributed by Dr. Allende to "extreme right-wing infiltration of the People's Organized Vanguard," had been generated by a campaign in the Government press, radio and television that characterized the former Minister of the Interior as "seditious. Mr. Pérez Zúkovic's anti-Communist views were well known.

'Campaign of Calumnies'

"One cannot unleash with impunity upon a country a campaign of calumnies, abuse and lies in a systematic way to destroy the honor of persons and poison national life," Mr. Frei said in a statement at the airport. He added:

"This situation must end not only in words, but in deeds.

"If the Government wants to restore public confidence it should eliminate all armed groups. The armed forces and carabineers should be solely responsible for international and internal security."