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Mexican Embassy

332 in Chile Get Asylum

SANTIAGO (Chile) — (AP) — The Mexican Embassy here said yesterday it has become a haven for 332 persons seeking political asylum from the military junta that toppled Salvador Allende and took over Chile.

There were no reports of major violence in Santiago, with only scattered shooting Friday night. The junta said its forces were meeting only disorganized resistance from diehard supporters of the Allende regime.

Among those expected to fly out on a Mexican airliner dispatched from Mexico City for the refugees was Hortensia Busse de Allende, widow of the Marxist president. Chile's new rulers say Allende committed suicide as his three-year experiment in democratic socialism crumbled under the junta's guns.

She was to take up at least temporary residence in Mexico City, where President Luis Echeverria has offered her and her family political asylum.

Executions

The army announced that since the coup it has executed two "extremists" accused of resisting military authorities during antisniper operations. One was executed in Valparaiso, a port about 80 miles west of Santiago, and the other in Puente Alto, about 12 miles from the capital, the military said.

A third man — a policeman accused of killing two of his superiors — was reported unofficially to have been executed by a court-martial in Antofagasta, a far northern port.

The military chieftains who now run the country said Friday they moved against Allende because he had allowed 10,000 extre-

mists to enter the country from abroad.

The junta had explained its coup earlier by citing Chile's dire economic problems, which the generals blamed on Allende's attempt to socialize the economy.

The generals in charge have released no official count of the number of people killed since they attacked Allende in the Monedera presidential palace Tuesday and seized control of the country. Unofficial estimates have placed the death toll at around 1,000.

New President?

Thousands of windows were shattered in fighting related to the coup and some office buildings had yawning holes from apparent shellings or bombings. The presidential palace, scene of Allende's reported suicide, was heavily damaged.

A reliable Chilean source said in London that former President Eduardo Frei will be called on by the junta to head a new government.

The source said he was told of the plan in a telephone conversation with a former legislator in Chile who belongs to the Chilean Christian Democrats, Frei's anti-Marxist party that fought Allende's socialization program.

There was no immediate comment on the report in Chile.

Hundreds of leftists were reported arrested on orders from the junta to jail "Chilean and foreign extremists." Others sought asylum, including some of those taken in by the Mexican diplomats.

Chilean borders remained closed and news dispatches were subjected to censorship.