

Mrs. Allende in Mexico

--Fears of Reprisals

Mexico City

With tears streaming down her face, Hortensia Allende, widow of the late president of Chile, arrived in Mexico yesterday to accept political asylum.

She appealed to the United Nations to "prevent reprisals" against followers of her late husband.

Mrs. Allende received a heroine's welcome at Benito Juarez Airport by a crowd of 3000 Mexican officials, peasants and workers.

President Luis Echeverria and his wife were among the first to meet the tearful Mrs. Allende, whose husband reportedly committed suicide during Tuesday's military coup.

"My husband preferred to kill himself rather than be betrayed alive," Mrs. Allende said at the air terminal.

"May they raise their voices in the United Nations General Assembly, in the Commission on Human Rights, to prevent reprisals by reactionary forces. Many of our people remain in Chile and we are afraid of the reprisals, which they face."

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Mrs. Echeverria tried to comfort Mrs. Allende, but she, too, burst into tears.

"We had no army nor armed forces of any kind," Mrs. Allende said. "So there was no resistance of any

kind to the attack on the palace. Pretty soon they began to demand that the president surrender. The bombardment continued."

She said her husband told her, "the junta has given us ten minutes. You others go

on out. I will come right away, I will be the last.

"And thus he was found dead on the floor as you have seen in the photos. He died fighting for what he

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considered a noble cause," she said.

The crowd cheered as Mrs. Allende stepped from the Aeromexico DC-5.

School children waved Chilean flags, peasants lifted posters of Allende and labor union members waved welcoming banners. Exiles from other Latin American nations cheered when the plane touched down.

Echeverria sent the Mexican airliner to Chile following the coup that toppled Allende's Marxist regime, the first to be freely elected in the hemisphere.

Mrs. Allende descended

from the plane, followed by her two daughters and other relatives and companions. A third daughter had already left Chile.

Aboard the airliner were 66 persons who accompanied Mrs. Allende, the Mexican President's press office announced as the plane neared the airport. The Mexican ambassador to Chile, who was recalled following the coup, was also aboard the airliner. Many of the others were believed to be Chilean political exiles.

There were no special security measures, except for a few plainclothes policemen. The airliner left Santiago Saturday and stopped in Lima and Panama City.

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