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**Chile's Junta Said to Plan
Military Trials for 5,200**

By Reuters

SANTIAGO, Chile, Sept. 17—A senior official said here today that 5,200 civilians detained during the military take-over of Chile would be tried by court-martial.

They will be tried under wartime military laws, the source said.

Last night the ruling military junta said that 4,000 supporters of President Salvador Allende Gossens, who died during the coup d'état last Tuesday, were being held.

The source said there had been summary executions during the fighting that raged in the capital and other areas last week. Only people caught shooting at the military or

committing sabotage, were executed, he added.

If the courts-martial sentence any of the detained to death, the sentences will have to be confirmed by the local army commander, the source said.

The foreigners detained by the military will also stand trial, he said. There are some 13,000 foreigners in Chile—many left-wing exiles—and the military have charged that they took part in terrorist activities and joined in the fighting last week.

Meanwhile, commercial activity was slowly returning to

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normal in the capital and other cities. Truck rumbled through the streets here distributing supplies to groceries and public transport was operating.

But the situation in the industrial belt around Santiago, where supporters of the ousted Popular Unity coalition Government were believed to be still holding out against the military, was not immediately clear.

Nor were there any reports on the situation in the port of Valparaiso, Chile's second largest city, which has been cut off since an around-the-clock curfew was imposed there after attacks on military installations over the weekend.

After meeting with Gen. Augusto Pinochet Ugarte, head of the military junta, officials of the Chamber of Building Constructors said the chamber would repair the badly damaged presidential palace where President Allende died, reportedly a suicide.

At the same time President Allende's presidential residence, also damaged by air and ground attacks after members of his bodyguard resisted an army take-over of the building, will be demolished and a chapel built on the site, a chamber official said.

Assassination Plot Reported

SANTIAGO, Sept. 17 (AP)—Two daily newspapers, quoting "a high military source," said today that the Government of the late President Allende had planned to assassinate top military officers and opposition political leaders.

The newspapers, El Mercurio and La Tercera de la Hora, said a "high military source" brought the documents describing the plot to the newspapers after they had been found in a safe at the presidential palace.

The documents, whose authenticity could not be verified by newsmen, reportedly were taken from the safe of Daniel Vergara, a Communist party leader and President Allende's Minister of the Interior. The newspaper said the assassinations were to have taken place during a military parade.

El Mercurio and La Tercera de la Hora opposed the Allende Government. They have been the only newspapers permitted to publish by the military junta.

Junta Head Gives Policy

The head of Chile's new junta said yesterday that "social conquests ought not to be stopped but should be carried out on a basis of law, when asked if the nationalizations or expropriations of the Government of the late President Allende would be carried on or reversed.

Gen. Augusto Pinochet Ugarte's statement was cabled from Santiago in response to questions sent by The New York Times over the weekend. He also said "the sooner the better" when asked about elections, and asserted that the junta had control of the country with only isolated centers of resistance in Santiago.

In the policy statement, General Pinochet said, as translated from Spanish by The Times:

"The Government believes that social conquests ought not to be stopped. These and other changes ought to be carried out on a legal basis—which does not have to be static—and without deceptions, pressure or thefts or mockery of true popular sentiment.

"This military action is not a step back, but one for legality and order. We seek only to carry out advances in a rational form."

Action 'Unanimous'

Chile's electric company was nationalized in 1970, with compensation, under the Christian Democratic Government of President Eduardo Frei Montalva. Take-overs under President Allende with intense disputes over compensation included such American-owned interests as the Cerro, Anaconda and Kennecott copper mines and the International Telephone & Telegraph Company's share of the telephone company.

General Pinochet, in answer to other questions, said the armed forces and the police had acted "unanimously," and declared the coup was decided on "when the military intelligence services verified the existence of large arsenals in the power of the Marxist elements."

He said it was "insolence" even to ask whether there had been any United States aid or cooperation because "the armed forces and police of Chile, with a pure tradition of respect for legitimate authority, will never accept a foreign intrusion."

Asked when parliamentary government might be restored, he said: "When the country returns to normality and the unity of all Chileans and of Chile as a nation and a state attains sufficient strength to guarantee return to its traditional and exemplary republican democratic path. Under those conditions, elections—the sooner the better."