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Chile Junta Takes Over University

SANTIAGO — (AP) —

The military junta, autono-
Chile's traditionally auto-
mous university system "a
focus of Marxist teaching,"
is firing all university heads
to replace them with its own
people.

Within 10 days, a rector,
delegate appointed by the
new regime will take over
each of the seven campuses
of the University of Chile
while the government draws
up a reorganization pro-
gram, the junta announced.

"I respect the measure, I
accept it, but I also lament
it," said Edgardo Boenin-
ger, the university's head
rector, after meeting with
the junta Friday night.

The shakeup thus puts an
end to one of Chile's most

versity autonomy against
respected institutions — uni-
outside interference. The au-
tonomy had been guaran-
teed by law.

Professors, students and
other employees elected the
rectors in past years, the po-
lice couldn't enter university
campuses without permis-
sion from university offi-
cials.

The junta said it decided
to reorganize the universi-
ties "after a lengthy analy-
sis of the grave conflicts
and problems which had
practically, in recent years,
ended normal class activ-
ity."

During the nearly three
years of Marxist President
Salvador Allende's leftist
government, the universities

were torn by political con-
ings were alternately occu-
pied by right-wing and
left-wing students. Leftist
extremists occupied the
university television station
for eight months in the
name of "the working
class."

The University of Chile,
which currently has 125,000
registered students, was po-
liticized long before Allende
took office in 1970.

His Christian Democratic
predecessor, Eduardo Frei,
made a futile attempt to
take politics out of the uni-
versities with legislation to
reorganize and modernize
the campuses. But the con-
gress defeated the bill. The
junta has closed the con-
gress.

The extremist revolution-
ary left movement, known
as MIR and now outlawed
along with Marxist political
parties, was born in 1965 at
the Concepcion campus of
the university.

A number of university
students are among nearly
6,000 persons still being held
in a makeshift detention
center in the capital's Na-
tional Stadium while interro-
gation to root out Marxists
continues.

The junta has a most
wanted list of leftist fugi-
tives and is offering a \$1400
reward to those who de-
nounce them.

The junta said that Luis
Corvalan, 57, the leader of
Chile's Communists, is now
imprisoned in a special cell

at the army's suburban mili-
tary academy. He was ar-
rested Thursday night in
Santiago and was one of the
top figures on the list.

The junta gave little other
information on Corvalan ex-
cept to say he would have to
answer for arms caches
found by troops at party offi-
ces following the coup. He
could be sentenced to a fir-
ing squad by a military tri-
bunal.

Phone Fest

LONDON — (AP) — A
blown fuse in telephone ex-
change equipment permitted
callers from booths at Lor-
don's Heathrow Airport to
phone without paying, an of-
ficial reported.