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Chile Claims Cuba Sent Weapons for Civil War

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UNITED NATIONS, Oct. 9 —Chilean Foreign Minister Ismael Huerta charged today that Cuba had sent enough weapons to Chile to equip 20,000 Chileans for civil war. He said that this had been done with the blessing of the late President Salvador Allende.

Cuba led about half the members of the United Nations out of the General Assembly when Huerta rose to speak. Most African states joined in the walkout, but most Latin American states remained.

A vice admiral in the Chilean navy, Huerta pledged that the Chilean junta would return neither "to a recent or a remote past. The workers have fought long and hard struggles defending their legitimate rights. The armed forces are a part of this noble people."

Huerta emphasized that the junta would stick to Chile's

claim of 200-mile territorial waters, put forward by its predecessors, at the following conference on the law of the sea. That will keep Chile in a common front with many of the nonaligned countries critical of the coup that deposed Allende.

But Huerta crowned a long recitation of the junta's version of recent Chilean history with an extended look at what he called Cuban intervention.

He described how 13 cases flown in last March, and described as works of art sent as gifts by Cuban Premier Fidel Castro, had turned out to contain 472 side arms and machine guns, two submachine guns and 40,000 cartridges.

He repeated claims made in Santiago that the Cubans had sent in weapons not used by the Chilean armed forces, and that the "popular militia" had been found in possession of antitank guns and 106-mm. "cannons." The total, he said, would be enough for an army of 20,000.

Huerta read a letter said to be from Castro to Allende, in which Castro urged Allende to defend the Chilean revolution by calling on the workers to "paralyze those that threaten to overthrow the government, preserve the loyalty of those who vacillate, impose their conditions and decide Chile's destiny once and for all."

Castro sent Carlos Rafael Rodriguez, a Cabinet minister and Cuban Communist leader, and Manuel Pineiro, the chief of the Cuban secret police, to help Allende plan this encounter, Huerta said.

Huerta also repeated allegations of economic mismanagement under Allende that have already been widely reported. They included a shift in the balance of payments from a \$78 million surplus in 1970 to a \$438 million deficit this year; the loss of all the 1970 holdings of foreign exchange, totaling \$48 million; and a 323 per cent rate of inflation in the past 12 months.