

Attack on Chile Army Regiment

Santiago

Seven men were killed and several others injured in an abortive attack on an army regiment in Temuco in southern Chile Saturday night, President Augusto Pinochet announced yesterday.

Pinochet spoke to newsmen after attending a Sunday Mass commemorating the coup he led two months ago to overthrow the government of President Salvador Allende.

Pinochet, leader of the

military junta now ruling Chile, said the soldiers of the Tucapel regiment occupying three square blocks in downtown Temuco repelled the attack without suffering losses of their own and arrested two of the attackers.

It was the first open assault on an army regiment since the September 11 coup.

The leaders of the junta have repeatedly said they anticipated such attacks but warned that such actions would bring drastic coun-

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ter-action.

Temuco, the capital of Cautin province, is about 375 miles south of Santiago. During the Allende government, it was a stronghold of the extremist Leftist Revolutionary Movement, which inspired several illegal land takeovers by squatters in the area.

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