

Allende Minister Reportedly a Suicide

SANTIAGO, Chile, March 15 (Reuters)—José Tohá González, Interior and then Defense Minister in the Government of the late Dr. Salvador Allende Gossens, hanged himself in the military hospital here today, according to a report by military authorities.

Mr. Tohá killed himself in a bathroom of the hospital where

he had been receiving treatment for gastric pains, the report said. He had been brought to Santiago for treatment three weeks ago and from remote Dawson Island in Tierra del Fuego at the southern end of Chile. He was a prisoner there, along with other members of Dr. Allende's Marxist Government.

Dr. Allende, like Mr. Tohá, member of the Socialist party, died in the coup on Sept. 11, and the official version is that he committed suicide by shooting himself.

Mr. Tohá served as Interior Minister from October, 1970, through January, 1972. After battles with the Chilean Congress, which censured him, he was named Defense Minister.