

Chile Bans Newspaper

Santiago, Chile

New York Times correspondent Jonathan Kandell was refused admission to Chile because of his articles "distorting" Chilean reality, Interior Undersecretary Enrique Montero said Tuesday.

He said Kandell had sent out false, tendentious and malicious news stories concerning Chile.

Agence France-Presse

A Report Russia Accepts Chile's Prisoner Dare

Santiago, Chile

A local newspaper reported yesterday that the Soviet Union has apparently agreed to release an undisclosed number of political prisoners in return for the release of imprisoned leftists being held in Chile.

The afternoon newspaper La Segunda said Moscow may have accepted a challenge issued by junta chief Augusto Pinochet, who said that Chile will release all prisoners detained after last year's overthrow of the President Salvador Allende if Russia and Cuba agree to free an equal number of prisoners.

Chilean authorities are still holding several thousand persons.

Associated Press

A New Report on CIA Role in Chile

Washington

Ray S. Cline, a former high-level intelligence official in the Nixon administration, said yesterday that he was dubious about the administration's covert intervention against President Salvador Allende of Chile but that he supported it because he feared more serious intervention by the Soviet Union.

Cline is the first high official to permit his name to be used in confirming published reports that the role of the Central Intelligence Agency in the effort to oust the Marxist Government included the direct financing of a number of anti-Allende trade groups and labor unions, including truckers.

"State (the State Department) and the CIA were dubious but naturally went along," Cline said, "because the White House — either Nixon and Kissinger, or both — decided to push the program."

"The key role in this whole thing was in the White House," he added. "But it's impossible to tell whether only one or both were enthusiastic about it because the orders came through Kissinger and the 40 committee. It was a National Security Council decision."

The extensive CIA role in Chile became known September 8 when it was reported

ed that the agency's director, William E. Colby, had told a congressional committee that \$8 million in clandestine funds was authorized for operations against the Allende government between 1970 and 1973.

Cline served as director of the State Department's bureau of intelligence and was directly involved in much of the planning and discussions that went on in the 40 Committee, the top-level intelligence board that oversees all intelligence agency.

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