

Chilean Antileft Politician Slain; Allende Invokes an Emergency

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SANTIAGO, Chile, June 8 — Ambushers firing submachine guns killed today a former minister who was an outspoken antileftist politician.

Shortly after the slaying President Salvador Allende Gossens clamped a state of emergency on Santiago Province and put military units on alert throughout the country. He asserted that the killing had been deliberately staged to create "an atmosphere of chaos."

The state of emergency permits policemen to make some arrests without warrant, allows press censorship and suspends some individual rights.

Under the provisions, which can be maintained legally for six months, a curfew from midnight to 6 A.M. was also imposed.

The victim, Edmundo Perez Zukovic, 57 years old, who as Minister of Interior was responsible for internal security under the previous government, was hit as five bullets.

It was the second political assassination here in seven months. Gen. René Schneider Chere, commander of the army, was ambushed and fatally



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Edmundo Pérez Zukovic

wounded Oct. 22, just after the election in which Dr. Allende, a Marxist, was victorious.

Witnesses told the police that three men in a car blocked Mr. Perez Zukovic's car as he left his home about 10:30 A.M. They fled after the shooting.

The victim's daughter, Angelica Maritzi, who was with him and was uninjured, got help from a woman passer-by and they drove the dying man to Chile's military hospital a few

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blocks away.

Detectives said she related that she had told her father, "Get out your revolver because they are following us!"

He replied, "But I don't have a pistol."

Mr. Pérez Zukovic was considered to be in the Christian Democratic party's right wing. As Interior Minister from 1967 to 1969 he was the target of bitter criticism from the six leftist groups now in Dr. Allende's coalition. They held him responsible for a bloody clash between policemen and homeless squatters in 1969.

Dr. Allende's Interior Minister José Toha, told the press that "the political affiliation of the authors of this crime has been identified," but he refused to give details.

The Christian Democratic party demanded that army intelligence, not the police, handle the investigation of the death. In a harshly worded statement, it said it "lacked confidence in the civilian police."

The police said they had arrested a man named Ronaldo Rivera Calderón in connection with the slaying. They did not give his political affiliation or other details.

The woman who helped drive Mr. Pérez Zukovic to the hospital, a motorist and two students were being held for questioning.

In a nationwide radio-television address, Dr. Allende said the slaying was "a deliberate provocation intended to alter the institutional life of the country."

Latin America's first freely elected Marxist President, he has promised to use democratic methods to bring socialism to Chile.

"I reiterate categorically that I will maintain democracy and liberty," he said. "I will fulfill without vacillation my duty to maintain order, internal peace and the law."

Prominent Right-Winger

Mr. Pérez Zukovic was one of the most prominent members of the Christian Democratic right wing which backed Eduardo Frei Montalva in confrontations with left-wing radicals and Marxist-led labor unions during his presidency.

Mr. Pérez Zukovic sought to destroy the so-called Revolutionary Left Movement, an extremist group to the left of the Communist and Socialist parties, which began bank robberies and other violent revolutionary actions and established clandestine guerrilla training camps in 1969 and early 1970.

Members of the group were released and granted amnesty by President Allende, who tried to create a basis for a political understanding that would prevent violent political actions.

When General Schneider was assassinated by right-wing extremists seeking to prevent Dr. Allende from taking office, the magazine Punto Final, which speaks for the Revolutionary Left Movement said Mr. Pérez Zukovic was involved. He denied it.

Since Dr. Allende took office Nov. 4, Mr. Pérez Zukovic has been working against any deal between his party and the Government. The dead man had eight children.