Respected Officer

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scrupulously avoided poli-Augusto Pinochet Ugarte last Thursday, General Before he became the Chilean strongman

Allende last Tuesday. posed President Salvador until a four-man junta demilitary, which had stayed out of politics for 46 years with the tradition of Chile's His silence was in keeping

as singularly nonaligned. tion, Pinochet was regarded who had upheld that tradi-But even among officers

neral Carlos Prats resigned. commander-in-chief of the army last month after Geinfantry officer became The tall, powerfully built

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hoped Pinochet would keep Marxist policies, apparently strong opposition to his the military in its non-Allende, who was facing

political role.

eral left to head the minisceeded Prats when the gensumed the post. He had sucinterior. year that Pinochet had astries of defense and of the It was the third time in a

deal of initiative. Fellow oftent. They describe him as quiet and businesslike, but tary people who have observed his career as intellifantry officer with a great also as an experienced inlicers respect him, they say. gent, ambitious and compe-Pinochet is known to mili-

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mor as well as a certain lined," with a sense of huenergetic and very discip-1950's recalls him as "very when he taught artillery and military geography in the with the 58-year-old general An officer who studied

aspect of his apparently tra-"toughness."

Probably the most unusual

cal Society of Chile. a member of the Geographiject at the army colleges in Quito and Santiago and he is text. He has taught the subcluding a secondary school three geography books, ingeography. He has written the general's interest in ditional military career is

Santiago in 1936. fantry after graduating from was commissioned to the in-25, 1915, in Valparaiso, the the military academy in birthplace of Allende. He port city that was also the Pinochet was born Nov.

made an official tour of the as military attache to the Chilean embassy in Wash-ington. He also visited the U.S. in 1968. 1965, the Panama Canal Zone in U.S. southern command at In 1956, Pinochet served 1968 and 1972, and ATTACHE

brigadier general in 1968 — Promoted from colonel to

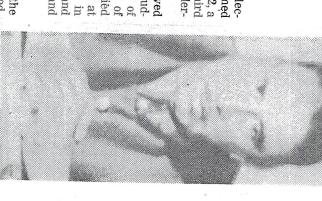
appointment as commanderin-chief. army chief of staff in 1972, a a year before Allende's elecpost he held until his third tion — Pinochet was named

French. speaks some English and law and social sciences at the University of Chile in several decorations, includ-Santiago for two years, and Military Merit. He studied ing the Colombia Order of Merit and Chilean Star of The general has received

FAMILY

riguez. The couple are both Roman Catholic. They have Pinochet is married to the former Lucia Hieriarte Rodtwo sons and three daugh-

command to control riots and strikes. put it under the general's tiago a military zone and The general first received public attention last fall when Allende declared San-



Intelligent and ambitious GENERAL PINOCHET AP Wirephoto

ice, goes out to kill." Pinochet said he hoped his men would not have to go into the streets "The army, unlike the polbecause

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