

2 Britons Freed in Chile Report Brutal Conditions

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SANTIAGO, Chile, Sept. 19—Reports are spreading here of the arrest, ill treatment or disappearance of foreigners, mainly those who came here as political exiles from other Latin-American countries. Some reports have been confirmed, others not.

Two British citizens said they had been held for two days in the national stadium along with thousands of other foreigners and Chileans and reported what one termed "systematic brutality."

A couple from the United States, Mr. and Mrs. Adam Schesch have been seen in a cell in the stadium and have according to Richard Barbor-Might, a British journalist and lecturer. Mr. Schesch was reported to be a researcher from the University of Wisconsin.

A United States Embassy spokesman confirmed that Mr. and Mrs. Schesch were being held in the Stadium on charges of possessing leftist propaganda and "other material."

Priests Are Detained

Six other Americans, including two Maryknoll priests, have been detained in the arrests that followed the overthrow of the Government of the Socialist President, Salvador Allende

Hungarian Official Dies

BUDAPEST, Hungary, Sept. 19 (UPI) — Deputy Premier Peter Valyi died yesterday of injuries suffered when he fell into a cauldron of molten metal at the Lenin metalworks in Miskolc, northern Hungary, on Saturday, the Hungarian press agency said. He was 54 years old. Witnesses said a crane ran out of control and pushed Mr. Valyi into the pit.

Gossens, according to United States Embassy sources. The identification of the prisoners was not available.

This afternoon, Marlise Simons, correspondent for The Washington Post, was detained by two plainclothes men in her hotel, according to a witness. Miss Simons was one of the few foreign correspondents here during the coup. It was learned that Miss Simons had been taken to the fifth floor of the Ministry of Defense "for questioning of her copy."

She was released tonight after four hours of questioning.

This morning a spokesman for the military junta promised to give newsmen all that they needed "to report the truth."

The spokesman charged today that there were 14,000 armed foreigners living in the country and that many were training leftists.

Helicopters have been dropping leaflets warning the population that "foreigners have come into the country to kill Chileans" and called on the people to denounce all foreigners engaged in "subversive activities."

There is no figure for the number of foreigners who have been arrested on suspicion of subversive activities.

The United States Consul, Fred Purdy, has tried four times to see Mr. and Mrs. Schesch in the stadium.

The German and Swedish Embassies have also been refused authorization to see their nationals being held in the stadium. Accounts on the number of prisoners in the stadium vary from 3,500 to 15,000.

An account of conditions in the stadium was given by two Britons, Mr. Barbor-Might and Adrian Jansen, who is doing



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Members of Chile's four-man military junta attending mass in Santiago yesterday to mark Independence Day. From left, Gen. Gustavo Leigh Guzmán of the Air Force;

Gen. Augusto Pinochet Ugarte of the Army; Adm. José Toribio Merino of Navy, and Gen. César Mendoza of national police. Ceremony was held at Sanitago Cathedral.

research at the University of Chile. They told a group of correspondents in a hotel here that they had been arrested last Thursday as suspects and marched at gunpoint to a police station, then taken by bus to the stadium.

"There were Bolivians, Haitians, Nicaraguans, Brazilians, Uruguayans, Paraguayans, Guatamalans and Paraguayans in our cell and they were terrified," Mr. Jansen said.

"Adrian and I weren't ill-treated personally but many others were," Mr. Barbor-Might said.

Another Britan with them, a businessman, was rammed in the stomach with a gun butt

when he refused to sweep the cell, saying he was a British subject, according to Mr. Jansen.

"We saw systematic brutality," Mr. Barbor-Might declared. "We saw prisoners, mostly Latins, kneeling on the ground with their hands up in the air, being kicked and beaten on the calves. Another group came into our cell and appeared to have been badly beaten up."

Mr. Jansen said he had heard firing whle they were

in the stadium "which could only have come from inside." He described one Latin-American doctor who had received five or six bruises on the back and stomach.

The Britons said the prisoners had asked them to appeal for help from Amnesty International, a private London-based organization that concerns itself with political prisoners.

The junta issued a statement yesterday declaring that many foreigners had contributed to

Chile's development and that the Government's "coercive action was directed against those foreigners who intervned in politics and those extremists who entered the country in recent years."

Under President Allende, Chile had become a haven for leftists from many Latin countries. There is deep concern here among the embassies about their fate under the new military Government.