

USSR Cuts Relations With Chile

Moscow

The Soviet Union announced today that it is breaking relations with Chile and accused the military junta there of unleashing a "provocative campaign" against it.

A statement carried by the official Tass news agency demanded that the Junta Grant safe passage out of the country to all Soviet citizens.

"A provocative campaign against the Soviet Union is being fanned up in the country, anti-Soviet sentiments are being whipped up and there have been acts of arbitrariness and violence against Soviet institutions and citizens in Chile," the statement said.

It accused the Chilean government of specific hostile acts against Soviet seamen, artists, newsmen and citizens.

"In such a situation," the statement said, "the Soviet government regards as impossible the further presence of the USSR embassy in Chile and states that it is severing diplomatic relations with Chile."

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