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SANTIAGO — (AP) — Chilean security forces scoured the country for leftists yesterday in a continuing drive to wipe out resistance to the military junta that seized power Sept. 11.

Army Gen. Oscar Bonilla, the junta's minister of the interior, told newsmen a strict curfew from 8 p.m. to 6 a.m. will remain in force to aid in the hunt for supporters of the dead President Allende.

"We still can't leave the night to the terrorists," Bonilla said. "We will be able to open it up when we have erased them completely from the face of the country."

Gen. Gustavo Leigh, another member of the junta, said about 7000 persons were being held for questioning at the national football stadium. Another 30 persons he identified as "the VIPs" were being held in a small navy base on Dawson Island

near the southern tip of Chile.

The air force commander gave no names, but other sources said the "VIPs" included at least nine former ministers in the cabinet of the late President Salvador Allende.

Asked about conditions at Dawson Island on the wind-blown Straits of Magellan, Leigh replied. "It is not for tourists. But they are being cared for at a navy base with medical and social attendance."

He added that the island "is without permissiveness. Messages can't be sent back and forth as they could be in Santiago."

Other Developments

In other developments:

● Informed American officials in Washington said there was frustration over

persisting charges of U.S. complicity in the Chilean coup, and that public suspicion about U.S. involvement appeared likely to preclude overt displays of American friendship toward Chile's new junta for the foreseeable future.

● The British government announced recognition of the new Chilean government.

● The Soviet government newspaper Izvestia accused Chilean troops of beating up, wounding with bayonets and detaining Soviet fishermen for a week in Valparaiso. Moscow broke relations with Chile Friday.

● Stockholm newspapers said two Swedes told them the junta tortured and executed prisoners after the coup. They said they had spent more than a week in soccer stadiums, but were freed after the Swedish ambassador intervened.

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