

New Latin Ties

U.S. Officially Recognizes The Chile Junta

Santiago

The U.S. officially recognized Chile's new military junta yesterday, the Chilean Foreign Ministry said.

Panama, Haiti and Venezuela also sent separate notes to Navy Admiral Ismael Huerta Diaz, announcing their recognition of the military government that toppled President Salvador Allende in a coup on September 11.

Some 20 nations have recognized the junta.

The new government severed relations with Cuba immediately after taking power and a few days later cut relations with North Korea. The junta claimed that both countries had meddled in Chilean affairs.

The Soviet Union broke relations with Chile last week.

The junta's relations with the United States are expected to warm considerably under the new regime.

During his three years in office, Allende nationalized the giant U.S.-operated copper mines and refused to pay compensation, claiming that the companies owed Chile \$757 million in "excess profits" earned since 1955.

Within days after the coup, it was unofficially reported here that the junta had sent

a delegation to the U.S. to explore the possibility of obtaining shipments of wheat to help ease Chile's food shortages. Breadlines are common here.

U.S. recognition of the new government was believed delayed by a controversy over charges by leftist groups and Allende's widow that the United States had a hand in the overthrow of the Marxist Allende government.

Washington has denied any dealings with the military officers who led the coup. General Augusto Pinochet, junta president, told foreign newsmen last week that the Chilean armed forces needed no help in toppling the Allende government.

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Allende's Widow In Cuba to Visit Daughter

Mexico City

The widow of Chilean President Salvador Allende flew to Cuba yesterday for a visit with her daughter Beatriz, who is married to a Cuban diplomat and expecting a baby.

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