

Allende Friend's Chile Prediction

A Stanford professor and close friend of President Salvador Allende who watched the bombing of Allende's palace said here yesterday that the world cannot expect the Chilean people to live for long under a military government.

The democratic traditions of Chile are too strong, said

Professor Fernando Alegria, of the Department of Spanish and Portuguese. For the last two years, Alegria has been counselor to the Chilean embassy in Washington, D.C. in charge of cultural affairs.

Alegria, who returned to Stanford Sunday night after a visit to Chile that began ten days before the coup, told a press conference here that he believes Allende "died fighting."

"I think the president died the death of a hero."

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Alegria — who is also a noted Chilean writer — had been invited to a late lunch at the palace by Allende's wife the day the military began its takeover.

Instead of lunch with his friends, the Allendes, "I witnessed the brutal bombing of the palace," he said.

He saw bodies floating down a river in Santiago, but said reports of executions by the military should await an investigation by a United Nations Commission and the International Red Cross.

The social changes in



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Chile wrought by Allende are "irreversible," he said.

And "I don't see how anybody could change the nationalization of the copper mines."

Excerpts from the last-known poem by Pablo Neruda, the Chilean Nobel laureate who died last week, were read at the conference.

In the poem, Neruda called President Nixon, several South American dictators and Christian Democratic leaders in Chile "hyenas ravaging our history, rodents gnawing at flags that were raised with so much blood and fire."