

Repression in Chile Protested By Writers and Publisher Here

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The Authors League of America, representing 6,000 writers, and Grove Press, the publishing house, sent separate cablegrams to Chile yesterday decrying what were described as acts by the ruling junta against writers in Chile and their works.

Jerome Weidman, the writer, who is president of the Authors League, cabled the Chilean Writers Society the text of the following resolution, which was adopted Wednesday by the league's council:

"The Authors League of America deplors the book burning and suppression of writers by the Chilean Government. We join with the Chilean Writers Society in affirming the principle of free expression without censorship."

Barney Rosset, the president of Grove Press, sent the following cable to Gen. Augusto Pinochet Ugarte, the head of the military junta that overthrew the Marxist Government of President Salvador Allende earlier this month:

"Humanity stands aghast at your infamous sacking and butchery of the literary testament of Pablo Neruda. Your act recalls the worst days of Hitler's Third Reich.

"The entire civilized world is

watching you and hoping that your desecrations of the human spirit will cease immediately."

The cablegram referred to a New York Times report from Santiago that a house owned by Mr. Neruda, the Nobel Prize-winner who died of cancer Sunday, had been sacked and badly damaged.

A co-signer was Fred Jordan, the senior editor of Grove Press, which has published three collections of poems by Mr. Neruda.

Harvard Group Protests

A group of 44 university officials and professors has appealed to the United States Government, to Congress and to the United Nations to "exert the strongest pressure" on the new military government of Chile "to stop its reign of terror and to restore fundamental human rights."

The appeal was made in a statement sent to The New York Times by the Committee on Latin-American Studies at Harvard University. Among the signers are Jerome B. Wiesner, President of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and John P. Lewis, Dean of the Woodrow Wilson School of International Affairs at Princeton University.

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