

Junta to Try Communist Chief

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SANTIAGO, Chile, Oct. 3—Chile's military junta announced today that Luis Corvalan, secretary-general for the Chilean Communist party, will be court martialed for high treason.

The junta's press spokesman, Federico Willoughby, also rebuked leaders of the British Labor Party who claimed at their convention in Blackpool, England, that Corvalan, 57, would be shot before the day was out.

"We regret foreign interference in our internal affairs," Willoughby said in a statement.

Willoughby said the Communist leader was still being interrogated. "We are telling everybody to mind their own business," the spokesmen said.

The Soviet Union called on U.N. officials to plead for Corvalan's life. In response, Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim and the president of the U.N. General Assembly, Ecuadorean Ambassador Leo-

poldo Benites, issued appeals on Corvalan's behalf.

Willoughby charged that the Soviet Union is in no position to complain since, unlike Chile, it does not protect the rights of persons on trial. All defendants will be treated alike, Willoughby said, "regardless of who is the son of whom, or who is more important than somebody else. We want their judgment to be rapid, just and humanitarian."

The British Labor Party which had condemned the military coup that toppled Marxist President Salvador Allende, today asked Prime Minister Edward Heath to intervene with Chilean authorities.

Corvalan, leader of the Chilean Communists for more than 16 years and a close friend of Allende was captured by soldiers Friday in a drag-net near Santiago. He had been in hiding since the coup and was on the military's list of most-wanted leftists.

Under the state of siege in effect since the coup, the military could sentence Corvalan

to death by a firing squad. Military tribunals have already meted out death sentences to 10 persons. Another nine men were executed on the spot in Santiago Sunday for allegedly attacking soldiers.

About 35 top-level politicians and former Allende Cabinet ministers are awaiting action by military tribunals.

A group of 366 left-wingers were transferred from the National sports stadium, where most prisoners in Santiago are being held, to two of the capital's prisons. Military sources said they would stand trial. Among them was former manager of the newspaper La Nacion, Oscar Waiss. La Nacion will reappear next week under the name of La Patria.

Meanwhile, the junta revealed plans to launch a worldwide campaign to explain why it seized power. A spokesman said it was needed to counteract a campaign abroad to distort the image of the junta and its reasons for the coup.

Government Undersecretary Claudio Lopez Silva told newsmen last night that the junta was "absolutely convinced that the truth of what went on in Chile during the last three years will eventually be known throughout the world."

Foreign Ministry sources said a "white book" is being prepared setting out in detail all the junta's economic, social, political and moral charges against the former government.

The book will be distributed to all Chilean embassies, and Foreign Minister Ismael Huerta will make a detailed report on the charges when he addresses the United Nations General Assembly next week, the sources said.

The junta has announced that a mission from the London-based Socialist International here to report on the treatment of prisoners and on the aftermath of the coup, would be given every possible aid. The mission's members have declined so far to comment on any of their findings.