

21 IN CHILE EXECUTED IN WEEK, JUNTA SAYS

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SANTIAGO, Chile, Oct. 19—
The military Government said today that 21 people were executed this week.

In the largest officially announced mass execution, 15 people were shot on Tuesday in La Serena, about 235 miles north of the capital. A government communiqué said that a military tribunal had found them guilty of taking part in armed commando groups.

One of them was identified as Jorge Peña Hen—director of the children's symphony orchestra in La Serena.

Six people were executed on Thursday in Puerto Montt, about 470 miles south of the capital. They were said to be common criminals summarily shot for resisting arrest.

In all, 72 executions have been officially announced since the coup that toppled the Marxist coalition Government on Sept. 11. But a tour of the slum areas in Santiago indicated that hundreds of people have died in unannounced executions. Many have been suspected petty criminals killed as part of a campaign against delinquency.