

## Chile Asks U.S. To Halt Aid

### Washington

Chile's military government, which has been sharply criticized by congressional opponents for alleged violations of human rights, said yesterday that it doesn't want further U.S. aid.

The Chilean government told the State Department that there had been "intentional political exploitation" in the United States of the issue of aid to Chile, and cited "favorable economic conditions" that no longer make U.S. aid necessary.

The last Congress severely curtailed U.S. military assistance to Chile. The Ford administration had sought military and economic aid of about \$100 million, which brought accusations of Democratic candidate Jimmy Carter against President Ford that the United States was supporting a repressive right-wing regime.

Liberal Democrats in both houses of Congress, particularly Senator Edward Kennedy (Dem.-Mass.), had attempted to eliminate completely U.S. military and economic aid to Chile and had been successful in passing an amendment to allow only cash sales of military hardware to the South American country.

Since the fall of Marxist President Salvador Allende, Chile, of all South American countries, has received the largest share of the Food for Peace program. In addition,

Chile has received U.S. aid under economic development programs as well as some arms.

The decision by Santiago's military rulers, delivered by note to Harry Shlaudeman, assistant secretary of state for inter-American affairs, appeared to remove a delicate foreign-policy issue from the presidential campaign.

Since the September 21 assassination in Washington of Chilean Defense and Foreign Minister Orlando Letelier, the Santiago government has been the target of renewed criticism. It is widely believed that Chile's secret police had a role in the assassination.

The text of the Chilean note is as follows:

"The government of Chile asks to be excluded from the U.S. Economic Assistance Act. This decision is based on the favorable economic conditions that have resulted from the policies and domestic efforts put into effect (by this government).

"It is also based on the amounts included for Chile in that program. These amounts do not justify the international political exploitation (in the United States) that has sought to discredit the governments of both Chile and the United States. The government of Chile reiterates its appreciation for the cooperation that has been offered."

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