

Carter Influence Denied

Chile Frees 166 More Political Prisoners

Santiago

Chile's military government, under sharp international criticism for alleged human rights violations, freed 166 political prisoners yesterday, bringing the total released in two days to 295.

President Augusto Pinochet denied that the decision to free the political prisoners had been influenced by President-elect Jimmy Carter and vowed that "restrictive measures of security and order" will be left intact.

An additional 888 persons either being tried by military tribunals or already serving prison terms

for political reasons were not affected by the general amnesty.

The prisoners freed yesterday were bused to Santiago under heavy guard from Puchuncavi, a prison camp on the Pacific coast, and released at the Tres Alamos prison camp in the capital's southern outskirts.

Chile had liberated 129 persons unconditionally on Wednesday as part of the government's vow to release all prisoners being held without trial under state of siege laws.

The release of prisoners came after Carter said earlier this week that future U.S. economic aid to Chile would be conditioned to more respect for human rights in this country.

Speaking in the southern city of San Javier, Pinochet said reports that the decision to release the prisoners had been influenced by Carter's election were "distorted."

"This is not so," Pinochet said. "I do not allow myself to be influenced by anyone and this program was planned in September."

The Catholic church of Chile yesterday said liberation of the prisoners was "a concrete step" but said it would insist that the disappearance of 883 persons in the past three years be clarified.



Prisoners embraced each other before they were released Wednesday in Santiago. SFChronicle NOV 19 1976

'Many Unaccounted for in Chile'

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Amnesty International said yesterday the government of Chile still holds a substantial number of political prisoners that it did not account for in this week's announcements of the release of hundreds of such prisoners held under state of siege laws.

A subject of particular urgency,

a spokesman said, is the fate of 1500 persons arrested by Chilean security forces since September, 1973, who have disappeared. Authorities refuse to acknowledge the detention of these persons despite numerous eyewitness accounts of the arrests, the spokesman said.

Specifically not accounted for, he said, is a group of prisoners who

were transferred from the Puchuncavi camp to another place of detention a few weeks ago.

The spokesman also noted that no political prisoners on trial or who have been sentenced have yet been freed.

Costly Try for Los Angeles

Los Angeles

The ill-fated attempt to create Canyon county cost Los Angeles county \$288,000, according to a report yesterday to the Board of Supervisors.

Residents of the area in northwest Los Angeles county had petitioned to create a new county, but the proposal was turned down in the November 2 election.

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