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The gunning down of Christian Democratic party leader Edmundo Perez Zujovic last week in Santiago de Chile was part of a CIA-Chilean right wing plot denominated Plan Calvo Sotelo, according to information reaching here.

Jose Calvo Sotelo was a conservative Spanish politician whose dawn murder on July 13, 1936, ~~was~~ imputed to progressive forces, *was used as the rationale for* ~~the~~ ^{the} army mutiny led by Francisco Frnaco which initiated the Spanish Civil war. *par.*

The June 8 killing of Perez Zujovic has also been attributed by those who oppose ^{Chiles new} ~~the~~ Popular Unity government ~~that now rules~~ ^a ~~Chile~~ to "left-wing elements". The affaire Zukovic is ~~xxxxxxx~~ ~~xxxx xxxxxxx~~ is a key link in the chain of seditious activities that have been ^{building up} ~~the~~ ^a ~~plans~~ for more than six months. The first link was forged on Ocotober 22, 1970 ~~xxxxxx~~ days before Allende was to be sworn into office as president of the new socialist ~~xxxxxxxx~~ oriented government. On that day the army chief of staff General Rene Schneider was shot down in a manner supicious ^{ly} similar to the most recent murder. In both cases the car in which the victims were riding was blocked by other automobiles from which the assailants fired the fatal sub-machine gun shots. *par.*

The first phase of Plan Calvo Sotelo, the murder of Schneider, backfired on the schemers. Instead of causing ^{the desired} ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ chaos and creating conditions for a coup or civil war, the assassination welded even greater popular unity. President Allende took office as planned and investigation ^u ~~proved~~ what had been suspected from the first,

that right-wing subversive elements were behind the killing. By design or chance, the murder of Zujovic occurred on the precise day in which the military prosecutor closed his case against the those accused of the Schneider ~~xxxxxx~~ assassination. The highest ranking conspirator, ex-General Roberto Viaux faced 20 years ~~xxxxxxxxxx~~ and the material authors of the crime, life imprisonment. Three of the accused ^{con}spirators, Diego Izquiero, Alan Cooper and Andres Widow are believed to have fled to the United States. PAR

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In order to defeat the reform bill it was necessary to provoke an open confrontation between the powerful Christian Democratic party and the new coalition government. ~~Rxxxxxxx~~ ~~xxxxxxx~~ By blaming the left-wing for the murder of Zujovic, a top man in the Christian Democratic party, it was hoped to open an unbridgable schism between the two ~~xxxxxxx~~ most powerful political forces in the country. Because Christian Democratic power largely depends on reformist doctrine and demogogy it has politically been impossible for its more conservative ^{members} ~~leaders~~ to lead the

in Santiago taped and broadcast a telephone ^{CALL} which said:
 "This is a commando group of VOP. We have liquidated Perez
 Zukovic" Two weeks before the Zukovic murder a carbinero
 was killed during a supermarket holdup and ~~xxxxx~~ leaflets
 distributed in Santiago also linked this action to the VOP. *para*

Journalist Mario Gomez of the periodical Puro Chile wrote *that*
~~that~~ on the basis of information given by a "high personage linked
 to government circles that actually the VOP was ~~dissolved~~ a
~~group~~. He said that a ~~xxxxx~~ breakoff from the VOP which
 carried out the assassination is led by ~~xxxxxxx~~ and 5 ex-policement
 and directed by 2 foreigners who are functionaires of the CIA.
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The opposition press immediately took advantage of the
 murder to demand the elimination of a self-proclaimed left
 militia organized by other militant left wing organization who
 support *but at the same time* criticize from the left, the ~~VOP~~ Popular Unity government.

The largest of these groups, the Movimiento *ento* de Izquierda
 Revolucionaria (MIR) was quick to repudiate the assassination of
 Zukovic and called for joint action to defend the government of
 Allende. The Secretary of MIR, Miguel Enriquez went to the
 presidential palace shortly after the murder to express solidarity
 with the government. Another ^{militant left} organization MR-2 also emitted
 a statement backing the government again calling on the workers
 to be militant.

The only member of the group that assassinated Zukovic
 publically identified was ~~Tomas~~ Ronald Rivero. He had been
 previously sought for more than 20 other assaults and with the
 murder of the carbinero Tomas Guittierez during the supermarket

Rivero had presumably been a member of MIR and had been expelled in 1968 as an agent provocateur.

A few days after the murder ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ the Chilean navy announced that ~~xxx'xxx'~~ as ~~xxxx~~ ~~of~~ a link in a prolonged investigation they had ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ the Panamanian flag merchant ship Puelche and had boarded it. Before they were able to board ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ the navy took pictures of crewmen throwing part of the cargo overboard. On the ship they found, according to extra official sources arms and other contraband materials. According to one Prensa Latina dispatch they found 5000 sub machine guns aboard. ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ Speculation has it that the Puelche's cargo was ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ destined for the insurrectional phase of the Plan Calvo Sotelo

President Salvador Allende has acted with ~~with~~ vigor since the murder and has stressed the unity between the different segments of military and civilian security forces. In his original statement hours after the murder of Zukovic, Allende ~~xxxx xxxx~~ announced the imposition of marital law in and around Santiago de Chile and ~~excluded the murder~~ said that the murder "seeks to prevent the people from carrying forward by democratic means the social changes aimed at ridding the country of its backwardness" He said the it was intended "to provok a sensation of chaos in a desperate effort to alter the state of normality".

Allende attacked a UPI cable dateline Santiago that spoke of a "struggle for power following the murder". He said that ~~xx~~ rather "there is a decision of the government to struggle

police and army and indicated that the apprehension of the criminals was imminent. He called on the population to help ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ locate these ~~xxxx~~ elements.

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The attempt to use the Zukevic murder ~~xxxxxx~~ to create conditions for ~~xxxxxxxxxxx~~ the overthrow of the Allende government has failed. If and when the murders are caught and prove to be linked to right wing circles it will signify an important ideological victory for the Allende regime and a crushing blow to the forces that want to prevent Chile from going down the road to socialism.

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