

Session 11: The Breakdown of Chilean Democracy

Handout: The Cast of Characters in Chile

Salvador Allende	Leader of Socialist Party and Unidad Popular; President of Chile
Clodomiro Almeyda	Foreign Minister; Maoist, but also a tactical pragmatist
Carlos Altamirano	Leftist socialist and senior member of UP; foresees ultimate armed confrontation with opposition
Hortensia Bussi de Allende	Wife of Salvador Allende
Miriam Contreras Bell	Mistress of Salvador Allende
Miguel Enríquez	Leader of MIR
Jaime Guzmán	Ideological leader of <i>gremios</i> ; corporatist/fascist
Orlando Letelier	Allende's Ambassador to United States; later murdered in D.C.
Orlando Millas	Leader of Communist Party
Eduardo Novoa	Allende's legal advisor
Augusto Pinochet	Chilean army general; later dictator, president, Senator for Life; now awaiting trial
Carlos Prats	Constitutionalist Commander of Chilean Armed Forces under Allende; later forced into exile and ultimately murdered in Buenos Aires
José Tohá	Interior Minister, then Defense Minister; murdered after coup
León Vilarín	Head of National Confederation of Truckers
Pedro Vuskovic	Left Socialist Minister of the Economy; advocates full-throttle nationalization