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CHILE:

Major Protests Expected

The principal political parties ranging from far left to centrist, key organized labor federations, professional associations, and student groups are planning large-scale antiregime protests tomorrow, the traditional Chilean election day.

the main moderate coalition, basking in the public success of its recently announced accord on returning the country to full democracy, is calling on Chileans to turn out to sign petitions supporting the document; coalition leaders hope to avoid violence. The Communist Party and its affiliated terrorist front reportedly are planning less peaceful actions in Santiago and other cities. a series of bombings last week may be a prelude to terrorist attacks on public places during tomorrow's protest.

Comment: Tomorrow's demonstrations probably will be more substantial and violent than any since late 1984. They probably will result in some rioting in urban centers and slum areas and are likely to produce numerous injuries and some deaths. A massive turnout is not likely, however, because moderate political leaders are reluctant to appear to be collaborating with the Communists so soon after promulgating their national accord, from which the far left is excluded. In any event, there probably will be several terrorist bombings, possibly causing a blackout of central Chile, and perhaps attacks against police stations.

If Pinochet orders the security forces to crack down on demonstrators not involved in violence, he risks provoking wider support for future protests. Such actions, coming on the heels of his swift and emphatic rejection of the moderates' national accord, might lead senior military officers to begin openly to question Pinochet's judgment.