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MATERIAL FOR A 20 TO 25 MINUTE INTERVENTION BEFORE THE TRIBUNAL INVESTIGATING THE CRIMES OF THE FASCIST MILITARY JUNTA IN CHILE, SITTING IN ALGERIA. THIS MUST BE ACCOMPLISHED ESPECIALLY IN REGARD TO THE CHILEAN TROOPS IN SOUTH AFRICA, WHICH IS THE MOST IMPORTANT DENUNCIATION

by the peoples of the world through the United Nations, and by the armed aggression of October 1975 against the nascent Popular Republic of Angola, which merited the most categorical rejection of all progressive human beings.

The permanent aggressive and interventionist attitude towards the internal affairs of other African countries displayed by the South African regime has contributed to its situation of isolation not only being maintained, but aggravated even further.

DIPLOMATIC TIES

From 1974 to date, the changes which have occurred in the relationship between Vorster and Pinochet have been substantial - especially from the public point of view.

If at that time the fascist regime of Chile was careful not to publicize its secret links with the South African racist, now these have come to the surface due to the dynamics of the events which have occurred during such time and also as a consequence of the permanent rejection of the methods which have alienated new sectors from them and which has obliged Pinochet and Vorster to support each other, however it might be and even under the public gaze.

Pinochet received the South African Ambassador to Argentina, Robert A. du Plooy, in Santiago as a "guest of honour" at the activities of the Patriotic Festivals of September 1974.

The racist ambassador congratulated Pinochet, telling him, among many other things, that he was "very impressed by how he found the country" and giving out frantic eulogies to the repressive armed corps who filed past in the military parade, when he was on the rostrum to which all honour was being rendered.

In May 1975, not even a year after the previous visit, the new Ambassador of Vorster to Argentina, Heinrick Geldonhuy, landed at Pudahuel airport in Santiago.

In order not to arouse the greater anger of the Chilean people, a few days later, in secret and with no publicity, an official diplomatic mission from Vorster to Pinochet was opened. This is why the operation in question was allowed to pass unnoticed by the Chileans.

"Confidential" document of Pinochet's Chancery, which indicates the line to be followed in "consolidating friends", as in the case of South Africa; the support of the Pinochet Junta for the system of apartheid in international forums; the installation in Santiago of a secret Embassy of the Vorster regime; the offer by Vorster to Pinochet of a credit for 450 million dollars in exchange for mercenary troops and a fascist Embassy in Pretoria; the establishment of a Consulate General of Chile in Pretoria headed by Corvette Captain Carlos Asthon, who had been one of the principal brains behind the Psychological War against Chile; the facts which show the way that Vorster sends individuals from his Transkei to Pinochet; the commitment of Pinochet to opening an office of his Government in the Bantustan; the relations of Pinochet with Ian Smith through Vorster; the interminable chain of Ministers and Under Secretaries from Vorster's regime who travel officially to Santiago, etc.

I also hand over to this Honourable Tribunal the evidence which shows, unmistakably, the strong economic ties between the regimes of Vorster and Pinochet, ignoring all the agreements and recommendations of the international community through the United Nations. Millions and millions of dollars are at stake, as the Tribunal will be able to ascertain on investigating the evidence I am handing over. These are facts acknowledged even by the Chancery of Pinochet and that of Vorster.

The sporting links between the Vorster and Pinochet regimes endure at a time when the vast majority of the peoples of the earth refuse to recognize the South African racists, even in sport. Chile and South Africa played the Finals of the Davis Cup in a Stadium which was used as a concentration camp and centre for the torture and extermination of so many democratic Chilean men and women.

The reports I am handing to the Honourable Tribunal also contain the evidence about the publicity campaign which Vorster is waging in Chile in order to gain supporters for racism. To this end, he engaged the American enterprise McCann Erikson which asserts that Chileans in South Africa will not feel like strangers; that there they will see "primitive civilizations whose traditions are maintained intact"; that "it is a unique country, South Africa", and which distributes numberless leaflets which describe the "bounties of racism".

I am also supplying the Tribunal with evidence which demonstrates the unity which exists between the so-called "Justices" of Pinochet and Vorster, including the

"official" visit to South Africa by the President of the Supreme Court in the service of the Chilean assassin, Jose Maria Eyzaguirre, who on his return to Santiago had become a propagandist for the apartheid regime.

The Tribunal may observe the efforts of Pinochet to transplant apartheid to Chile, to which end he would bring Rhodesian emigrants to that country, and endless authentic evidence about what is behind the conspiracy between Vorster and Pinochet, which is becoming, due to the nature of the regimes headed by these two men, an attack not only against the peoples of Chile and South Africa but also against the whole human race.

Re the united police work of Pinochet and Vorster

In August 1976, the joint work of the police forces of Vorster and Pinochet began to come to light. The first public occurrence which demonstrated the closeness of their links was the handing back of two young Chileans - Pablo Monje and Juan Silva - who arrived at Cape Town in a foreign merchant ship fleeing from Pinochet's secret police. Vorster's Minister of the Interior immediately announced that the two young men would be handed over to Pinochet on "the first plane to South America".

And so it was.

"GOOD FRIENDS" IN THE MILITARY TOO

It is a mystery to no-one that the training ship of the Chilean Fleet, brig-schooner "LA ESMERALDA", has become a floating embassy of Pinochet's fascist regime's torture and assassinations. In her holds and decks hundreds of Chilean men and women were tortured in the period immediately following the fascist military coup. Many human beings were killed there, their corpses hauled into the merchant ship "Puelche" which threw them into the water on the high seas. There is an infinity of irrefutable proof which demonstrates the atrocities which occurred on the so-called "training ship", which has meant that the brig-schooner has been forcefully rejected in all the ports where she has tried to call as a "floating embassy" of the Chilean Navy.

In South Africa, Vorster has reversed the situation.

In 1976, a South African racist official sent specially to Pinochet by Vorster travelled on "La Esmeralda" to participate in the XXI training cruise in the waters of the Atlantic Ocean. Because of that, the Chilean brig-schooner was even rejected in North American ports.

However, it was in 1977 that the so-called "training ship" became a real, ~~officials~~ "floating embassy" of the Pinochet torturers to Vorster's apartheid regime. The XXII "training" cruise included, for the first time in Chile's history, two South African ports : Cape Town and Durban.

The closeness of the relationship between the armed forces of Pinochet and Vorster is so brazen that the reception committee for the ship of torture and crime, the brig-schooner "La Esmeralda", when she berthed at Cape Town on 4th March, was composed of : Vorster's Minister of External Relations, H. Miller; the Under-Secretary of External Relations, B. Fourie; the mayor of the province, L.A.N. Munnik; the commander of the military garrison, Brigadier L.N. Robertson; the commander of the naval base, Commodore E.W. Jupp; the head of the so-called Courts of Justice of Vorster, T.P. Roberts; the director of the port, P.H. de Brain and other individuals of the same type : fanatical racists.

In contrast to what happened in the rest of the world, the "La Esmeralda"'s officers in Cape Town were able to hold a press conference under the auspices of the Vorster regime; they attended official receptions where they received tribute of all kinds of homages; they placed a floral offering at the monument of the first governor of the city; they filed past the monuments to the most outstanding racists; they effected "professional" visits to the installations at the naval base and to finish off, the surgeon on board the Pinochet "floating Embassy" assisted Dr. Christian Barnard in a heart operation.

On 8th March, the brig-schooner set sail with all relevant honours for Durban, where tribute was paid in a similar fashion.

The military delegations sent by Pinochet's Junta to South Africa which have received similar treatment are innumerable. Just to quote another example : in October 1976 the Chief of the Dept. of Aero-space Medicine of Pinochet's Air Force, squadron leader Jacob Helo, travelled to Johannesburg where he participated in an Aero-space Medicine Congress. Pinochet's high functionary visited numerous military units and South African air bases where he held meetings of a "military-secret" nature.

VORSTER - ARMS DEALER FOR PINOCHET

Practically no civilized country on the planet appears prepared to sell arms directly to the Pinochet Junta. All the peoples of the world are struggling to prevent arms continuing to be sent to the Chilean fascist regime which uses them in the genocide it is carrying out in that country.

In actual fact, the fascist Military Junta of Augusto Pinochet effects 40% of its armaments purchases through the racist regime of Vorster. In many parts of the world, this has been more than demonstrated, to quote just one example, in Bonn FRG.

Already in August 1975 negotiations were taking place between the South African military attache in FRG, John Edward Lello, and the then second in command of the Chilean fascist Air Force, Air Force General Jose Berdichewski. The South African naval attache in Bonn, John Carlos Ferris and embassy official Pierre Francois Gows also participated in the armaments' purchase deal.

At the end of 1975, South African military experts arrived in Santiago from Pretoria on a mission to train the Chilean soldiers in the use of the arms acquired through the Vorster regime.

It is worth noting that one of the main intermediaries in this purchase of armaments by South Africa destined for Pinochet was Mr. Bomuller of Munich, who at the same time is a leading member of the pro-Pinochet "German-Chilean Circle EV"

The exact place where the double purchase-sale of armaments for Chile through South Africa negotiations always take place is Pinochet's Embassy in Bonn, where no less than three members of the Pinochet armed forces hold diplomatic posts. However, the existence of "direct commercial contacts" has also been laid bare, as in the case already reported and many others which it would be interminable to detail on this occasion.

An important role in all these negotiations has been played by the West German family Von Hassel, which still today considers itself as the "colonizer" of German South West Africa", i.e. Namibia.

A descendant of the Von Hassel family is the Counsellor of the West German Embassy to Pinochet, and Karl Uwo von Hessel was one of the first West German politicians to sing the praises of the Pinochet fascist regime in Chile.

This is just one example. In Israel there is another.

PINOCHET AND VORSTER - CHAMPIONS OF "SATO"

In 1976, after the victory of the Angolan people, Vorster in Pretoria and Pinochet in Santiago began to agitate desperately for what they pompously call "South Atlantic Treaty Organization".

Chile does not touch the Atlantic Ocean at any place on her extensive coastline. Obviously, it is a question of achieving a formula to unite militarily with the Vorster regime, "their good friend!"

Pinochet in Chile and Vorster in South Africa asserted that, through the so-called "South Atlantic Treaty Organization", they would take charge of defending the Southern Cones of both Latin America and the African continent. Both of them, in conspiracy with the United States, intend in this way to continue oppressing the respective peoples, ensuring^{for} the United States, furthermore, the sea route round the Cape of Good Hope, the focus of the main interest in the imperialist offensive-defensive scheme, since the main portion of its supplies of oil from the Arabian Gulf is transported via this route.

For the United States, Chile under fascism is in practice the most suitable ally to re-inforce its military policy over the whole sweep of the Atlantic and the Pacific, as it already has control of strategic shipping round the Cape Horn which links the two oceans.

Chile under fascism and South Africa under the apartheid regime are of foremost importance for the imperialist military strategists, as they form part of a system which will assure them of absolute military control of the Southern part of the globe, from Diego Garcia in the Indian Ocean, Australia and New Zealand. The realization in mid August 1976 of the Eighth InterAmerican Naval Conference in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, and the series of meetings called between August and September by various Latin and North American naval chiefs in Argentina, in which South African Vice Admiral James Johnson, a special guest at the "Units XVII" operations, also participated, provided a propitious occasion to give impulsion

to the North American idea, the creation of the "South Atlantic Treaty Organization" SATO, whose principal champions are Pinochet and Vorster.

Pinochet and Vorster have encountered certain difficulties in fulfilling the order passed on to them by the Pentagon regarding the creation of SATO, the most important being the resistance of the progressive forces on the world stage. But there are others, such as the reluctant position adopted by the Brazilian regime. Its Chancery is in favour of not participating together with South Africa, in order to assure some ties, preferably commercial, with other African countries.

Meanwhile, the Martial Navy of Brazil maintains a different attitude, supporting the idea of the Vorster and Pinochet regimes, while trying for Brazilian hegemony in the South Atlantic which, incidentally, annoys Argentina.

There are also contradictions with the other main ally - Uruguay.

However, events show that Pinochet and Vorster are continuing to act as the basic props of the Pentagon in the propagation of the idea.

At the Institute of Political Science at the Catholic University of Chile, siezed from the Church of that country by the Pinochet, the Information Officer of the South African Embassy in Santiago, Chris Landman, gave a speech on the subject of "The Cape Sea Route and its strategic position". Vorster's diplomatic envoy to Pinochet then complained about the "delay in the creation of the Pact", blaming third parties for this.

PINOCHET'S MERCENARIES FIGHTING FOR VORSTER

The "Jornal de Angola" headlined right across its pages - edition no. 896, 6th November 1977 - "Pinochet's troops fighting in Namibia".

The newspaper maintains that "the presence of Chilean fascists on African territory tends to internationalize still further the existing conflicts in our continent".

Practically all newspapers, wireless agencies, radio stations and television channels in the world have reported or commented on the matter on one occasion or another. Among these is the newspaper "Excelsior" of Mexico which, in an extensive reportage published two months before that in the "Jornal de Angola" - 22nd September 1977 - warned that the first report of the presence of Chilean fascists on African territory was made known in March 1976 by the paper "New

Nigeria" of Nigeria. This publication reveals that a South African delegation headed by the Vice Minister of External Relations of Vorster's regime had "secret" talks with the fascist Military Junta of Chile.

"New Nigerian" advises that Pinochet committed himself to send to the Vorster regime Chilean troops trained in North American bases in the Panama Canal Zone.

At the beginning of 1976, Pinochet's Chilean troops arrived to install themselves in the South of Angola facing Namibia, under the orders of the Pretoria High Command, according to the report.

When various communications media in the world commented on these occurrences, the South African racist regime was still occupying the southern part of Angola. Thus the soldiers sent by Pinochet's fascist regime occupied those positions, also covering the Namibian front.

The information agencies of the whole world were worried. For example, "Novosti", in a despatch signed by the journalist Yuri Gyodzov and headed "Chilean mercenaries for the South African Republic?", speaks of an "exchange of Chilean cannon fodder for South African loans".

The Western Telegraph Agency "Interpress Service" (IPS), among many others, disseminated a report signed by their correspondent Joaquin Andrade in which the presence of 120 fascist military personnel, fighting together with the South African forces, is made known.

Another of the many reports on the subject : In December 1976, the Mozambican paper "Noticias" specifically reported that those 120 soldiers sent by the Pinochet Junta after training by the North Americans in the Panama Canal Zone, were already participating in joint operations with the racist South African Army against the South West African Peoples Organization (SWAPO) in the north of Namibia, whose territory is illegally occupied by the Vorster regime's forces.

In Dakar, March 1977, the SWAPO Leader, Mathew Kalomoch, produced more evidence, pointing out that among the thousands of mercenaries arriving in Namibia to support the aggressive forces of the racist Vorster were members of Pinochet's regular army. The wireless agencies which circulated this report throughout the globe revealed, furthermore, that members of the special troops of the Chilean fascists, better known as "Black Berets", were fighting on the frontiers of

Mozambique and Rhodesia in actions against the patriots who are struggling against the regime of Ian Smith.

The Algerian magazine "Algerie Actualite" in April 1977 reported that the number of mercenaries sent by Pinochet to Namibia has increased. The publication emphasizes that this is due to "the complicity between the fascist Military Junta and the racist regimes of the Southern African Cone" which "is sustained by the uniformity of criteria and methods employed by those governments".

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The media of all the world give more and more news about this affair. On 12th. January 1978, Radio France International, from Paris, in the ~~programme~~ of 21.00 hrs/GMT/gave the following information:

PROGRAMME

"Chilean troops in Namibia. SWAPO, South West African People's Organization, says that 500 Chilean mercenaries of Pinochet's dictatorship are located near Ondanwa, in the north of Namibia. This information was sent ~~in~~ by cable to Kurt Waldheim, Secretary General of UN by SWAPO leadership".

"The Times" of London, published on January 18, 1978 the following ~~edit~~ A.P. CABLE :

"New York, Jan 17.- SWAPO claimed in a message to the United Nations that Chilean mercenaries were fighting alongside South African troops against its guerrillas in Namibia. It hinted that the United States had consented to this."

Given below is more evidence - the most important of it - about the presence of Chilean troops and soldiers in South Africa. This will be handed over by the speaker. This part is to be the most vital of the presentation.