

Kidnapped U.S. Official Found Slain in Uruguay

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MONTEVIDEO, Uruguay, Aug. 10—The body of Dan A. Mitrione, chief United States police adviser to Uruguay, was found today in an automobile parked in a Montevideo street

11 days after he was kidnapped by urban guerrillas.

President Jorge Pacheco Areco described the murder as "the greatest attack this country's political institutions have faced in this century" and asked for and received Congressional approval of a bill giving him sweeping powers and suspending the right of habeas corpus and other civil rights.

[In Washington, a State Department spokesman said the United States had not pressed Uruguay to meet the demands of the kidnapers. President Nixon and other officials issued statements of outrage and grief over the murder, Page 3.]

Warning Was Given

On Friday, Mr. Mitrione's captors, the Tupamaro guerrillas, announced that they would execute him at noon on Sunday if the Uruguayan Government did not release 150 political prisoners.

The Government refused to bargain with the guerrillas.

The American adviser, who had been wounded by a bullet in the chest at the time of his abduction, sent two letters to his wife, Henrietta, by means of guerrilla couriers. The letters asked her to appeal to the Uruguayan Government to agree to a prisoner exchange.

Shortly before dawn today, the police found a car, which had been reported stolen several hours earlier, parked in a Montevideo street. In the car was the body of Mr. Mitrione, shot twice through the head and covered with a blanket.

The blood from Mr. Mitrione's wounds was still fresh when the police found the body.

Mr. Mitrione's wrists showed signs of rope burns, and it was

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presumed he was kept bound during much of his time in captivity.

President Pacheco obtained quick congressional approval for a decree that today would be a day of national mourning.

There were scores of public statements condemning the guerrillas and offering condolences to Mrs. Mitrione and her nine children, four of whom are with her in Montevideo.

Other Hostages Held

The Tupamaros still hold two other hostages, and fears for their lives were acute. They are Aloysio Mares Dias Gomides, second secretary of the Brazilian Embassy here who was kidnapped the same day as Mr. Mitrione, and Dr. Claude L. Fly, an American agricultural expert, kidnapped last Friday.

Mr. Mitrione, who passed his 50th birthday as a captive, headed the public safety division of the United States aid mission here. He was the leading United States expert on Tupamaro activity, and his work was considered to have contributed materially to the Government's antiguerrilla campaign.

He was born in Italy but

became a career policeman in the United States, most recently having served as police chief in Richmond, Ind.

The Tupamaros were organized in the early nineties by Raul Sendic, a Marxist politician and organizer who is now in captivity.

Their primary objective, they say, is to discredit and destroy Uruguay's political and economic system so the nation can start with a new revolutionary tradition.

Unlike other Latin-American guerrilla groups, the Tupamaros have recruited mainly from members of the middle class and the professions and have specialized in urban guerrilla warfare. Nearly half of Uruguay's 2.7 million inhabitants live in Montevideo.

The name of the organization

is a contraction of Tupac Amaru, the name of an Inca revolutionary who sought to overthrow Spanish colonial rule in the 18th century. He was captured by the Spanish and executed.