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 gremios; 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