

Varios (intent fuga)
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BRUTAL ASSASSINATIONS USING THE "INTENT TO FLEE" PRETEXT

The detail of the announcements of the deaths in presumed attempts to flee would be extremely long. Bare announcements follow one after another in principal newspapers, that do not reach Santiago. Only a few are reproduced in Santiago. Other announcements are received only by relatives. In other cases, the detained simply disappear, and their whereabouts are disclaimed in all military and government offices and barracks.

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The announcements are never on the radio. The announcements are ridiculous as, for example, in El Mercurio of 10/5/73, page 20: "Four extremists were killed trying to escape during the reconstruction of the crime," a procedure that has never been followed in a Council of War, and less now, when normally the sentence is decided on beforehand. El Mercurio of 10/6/73, page 1: Here, in addition to announcing 12 executions, the paper informs us of four deaths after an attempt to flee in Temuco, when extremists who were detained by different military units of Temuco were eliminated through the use of firearms. Then it says that they intended to flee within the Regiment Tucapel, trying to seize the arms of the soldiers who were watching them, that is to say, of the whole Regiment. El Mercurio of 10/12/73, page 28: Six extremists were executed in San Felipe. The interminable series of announcements of this kind presents some variations, as in a report from La Tercera of 10/30/73: "For trying to escape they execute extremists..." Then it informs us that this occurred in circumstances in which four extremists "were interrogated by special forces military patrols"! Who would believe that the interrogations are in the streets? The truth is that this announcement corresponds to one of the untold cases of death during torture.