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A two-day Northwest Symposium on Chile will bring four of the nation's foremost authorities on Latin America to The Evergreen State College campus January 25 and 26.

Organized by students in the Evergreen Latin American Studies group, the two-day event is expected to draw collegians and professors from most of the west coast's social science programs, and is open to the general public free of charge.

Evergreen Faculty Member Dr. Charles Nisbet, an economist who has traveled and studied extensively in Chile, said the symposium will feature four prominent guest speakers: Dr. Richard Fagan, professor of political science at Stanford University and president-elect of the Latin American Studies Association; Dr. Jorge Neff, visiting professor of political science at the University of California at Santa Barbara and formerly a professor at the University of Chile; Dr. James Petras, professor of political science at the State University of New York and recent author of "Ballots Into Bullets; Epitaph for a Peaceful Revolution," published by Ramparts Magazine; and Dr. Maurice Zietlin, a professor of sociology at the University of Wisconsin who is considered one of the foremost Latin American sociologists in the United States.

Primary emphasis of the two-day meeting, according to Dr. Nisbet, will be the military coup last fall that led to the overthrow and death of President Salvador Allende. At the time of his death Allende was attempting to establish a socialistic government in Chile using the country's traditional democratic processes. Allende was chosen in free elections in 1970.

Small-group discussions and lectures will also examine such topics as Chilean politics and voting patterns, and role of the military in Latin American governments,

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social class and polarization, the restructuring of the economy, U.S.-Chile relations before and after the coup, and agrarian reform in Chile.

Seven students are spearheading the symposium. Their interest developed during a seminar of Dr. Nisbet's academic study group "Revolt In/By Economics" and has since attracted the participation of students from outside the program, Dr. Nisbet said.

Persons interested in attending the conference or in obtaining more information should contact Dr. Nisbet at Evergreen (Olympia, Washington, 98505 or call 866-6726).