Next Thursday Chileans will go to the polls to elect a successor to General Pinochet, who has ruled with an iron fist since the overthrow of Allende in 1973. Whoever wins will face a dilemma — whether to prosecute military personnel for human rights abuses. During the 1970s Andres Valenzuela, right, served in a death squad which hunted and killed Chilean Communists. Most were tortured before they died. Valenzuela now lives among other exiles in France. Iain Guest talked to him there.

Portrait of a torturer

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Gallardo, the Young Communist leader who was tortured then killed — “I admired him most”, says Valenzuela.