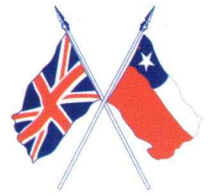


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ARMED FORCES CELEBRATIONS

Chilean Air Force Day

A reception was held by the Air Attaché to the Embassy of Chile and Mrs. Teare on 21st March, at the RAF Club, 128 Piccadilly, London W1.



Receiving their guests. From left to right: Group Captain (I) Fernando Frenkel, Mrs. Jimena Teare and the Air Attaché, Group Captain (A) John Teare.



From left to right: Mr. Luis Palma, Mr. and Mrs. Neil Irving with H.E. Sr. Mariano Fernández.



From left to right: Mr. Luis Palma, Mr. Luis Montero, Captain Enrique O'Reilly and Mr. Juan Pablo Crisóstomo.



Group Captain (F) Enrique Cisternas, Captain Valentín Díaz and Mrs. Nayareth Cisternas.

Chilean Navy Day

The annual wreath-laying ceremony at the tomb of Admiral Lord Cochrane by H.E. Sr. Mariano Fernández and the head of the Chilean Naval Mission, Captain Enrique O'Reilly, took place at Westminster Abbey on 21st May. It was followed by the usual elegant reception at One George Street Conference Centre.



H.E. Sr. Mariano Fernández and Naval Attaché, Captain Enrique O'Reilly leaving Westminster Abbey.



At the reception: Lady Olga Maitland, Captain Enrique O'Reilly and H.E. Sr. Mariano Fernández.



"From left to right: Mrs. M. Angélica Fernández, Mrs. Andrea O'Reilly, Countess Dundonald and Mrs. Georgina Roberts."



From left to right: Mrs. Norma Montero, Mrs. Carmen Pearson, Mrs. M. Angela Gómez, Mrs. M. Angélica Damm and Mrs. M. Angélica Fernández.

BEYOND THE ATLANTIC

A conference cycle was organised by the Cervantes Institute in London, with the participation of the Embassies of Chile, Costa Rica, Cuba and El Salvador.

The first conference, entitled "Chile, Latin America and Europe", was given by H.E. Sr. Mariano Fernández and was attended by members of the Diplomatic Corps, Chilean nationals and special guests.



H.E. Sr. Mariano Fernández addressing the audience.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

This was held at Canning House in the presence of H.E. Sr. Mariano Fernández and was presided over by Mr. Julian Amey, Chairman of the Society. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as well as the Accounts and Treasurer's report.

Mrs. Alicia Rickus and Mrs. Henriette Subercaseaux have been elected full members of the Executive Committee, while the following members were co-opted to the Committee: Mr. Jonathan Cook, Mr. Peter de Bruyne and Mr. Alasdair Grant.

The chairman informed that, since the Society had suspended the practice of annually awarding ceremonial swords to the top cadets graduating from the various Armed Forces academies in Chile, the present Executive Committee had decided not to seek to re-commence the award.

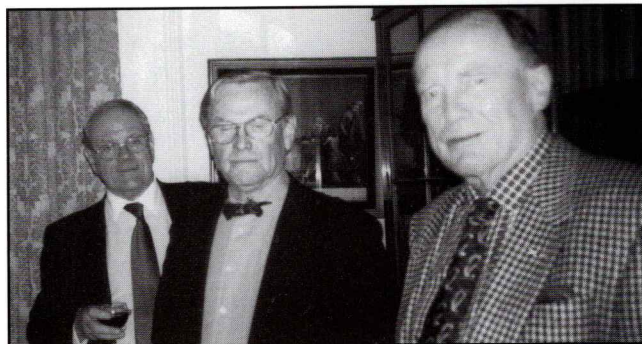
A slide show was given by Chile Tours and wine and snacks were served.



From left to right: The Treasurer, Mr. Robert Hart, the Chairman Mr. Julian Amey and the President of the Society, H.E. Sr. Mariano Fernández.



From left to right: Ms. Celia Pink, Ms. Geraldine Eves, Mrs. Peggy Hart and Lady Dora Pink.



From left to right: Mr. Gordon Baker, Mr. Roger Venables and Mr. Sandy Hay.

VISIT OF GENERAL CHEYRE

An Army Board dinner hosted by General Sir Mike Jackson, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, took place on 3rd April at the Tower of London to welcome General Juan Emilio Cheyre, Chief of the Chilean Army.

Among the distinguished guests were; H.E. the Chilean Ambassador and Sra. de Fernández, Colonel and Mrs. Mark Rollo-Walker, ex-British Defence Attaché in Chile, as well as Colonel and Mrs. Sergio Gómez, Military Attaché to the Chilean Embassy in London.

DINNER AT LANGAN'S

The Society's Executive Committee hosted a dinner at Langan's, 26 Devonshire Street, London W1, in honour of Mr. Richard Wilkinson on his appointment as the new British Ambassador to Chile, and to introduce him to the Society and its aims. It was an opportunity to exchange ideas and establish links for greater cooperation between the Society and the British Embassy in Santiago.

We wish all success to Mr. Wilkinson in his new position.



From left to right: Mr. Jonathan Cook, Mr. Alan Macdonald, Mr. Peter de Bruyne, Mr. Robert Hart, Mrs. Georgina Roberts, Mr. Alasdair Grant and Mr. Richard Wilkinson.



From left to right: Mr. Richard Wilkinson, Mrs. Claudia Munro-Kerr, Mr. Julian Amey, Mr. Sam Bell and Mr. Jonathan Cook.

A TALE OF TWO DIVAS

by Robert Hart

We had been looking forward to the long-awaited Royal Opera House debut of Cristina Gallardo-Domas as Cio-Cio-San in *Madama Butterfly* in April 2003. Cristina started her operatic career in the Teatro Municipal in Santiago in this very role in 1990 with such acclaim that her La Scala debut followed only four years later. Remember that opera performances are planned years ahead so this was rapid progress indeed. After La Scala she performed the classic diva roles such as Mimi, Violetta and Desdemona, in many leading opera houses.

We knew something was wrong when we were handed an additional sheet as we bought our programme at the last night of Cristina's run: Cristina was ill! A sick diva is every opera producer's worst nightmare and one can imagine the frantic phoning round to find a replacement, not just anyone but someone of comparable quality. What luck then that they found Nuccia Focile.

Nuccia was born in Sicily and followed the traditional path through the Turin Conservatory to stardom in Italy's many opera houses, including, of course, La Scala. She has since sung the leading diva roles in many of the world's opera houses, including Covent Garden and the Teatro Colon but not, I believe, the Teatro Municipal. As it happens we had heard her sing *Nedda*, *Pagliacci's* wife, with the Welsh National Opera only two weeks previously.

At such short notice and with a cast with whom she had had little practice, Nuccia gave us a really splendid performance, both in her acting and her voice.

So how, you might ask, could we compare the two divas. Well, as luck would have it, the BBC had recorded Cristina's performance earlier in her run and this was broadcast two days after our ROH visit. Both divas had their finer points, but for us it was Cristina who brought out the incredible pathos of this classic tragedy. She has a magnificent voice, warm but strong and beautifully modulated, and her acting was superb. On balance we thought Chile had it by "un aplauso"!

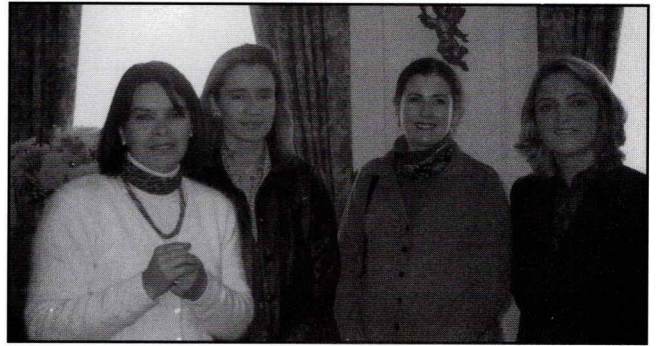
AT THE AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE

A cheque for £2000 was presented to H.E. Sr. Mariano Fernández by Mrs. Rita Phillips on behalf of the artists who took part in "The Encounters Exhibition" at the Mall Galleries, London SW1, in November last year.

The donation was made during a meeting of the Group of Chilean Ladies in London hosted by Sra. de Fernández. The money will benefit the charity of Sra. Luisa de Lagos, wife of the President of Chile, that supports youth and junior orchestras in the country.



Mrs. M. Rita Phillips presenting the cheque to H.E. Sr. Mariano Fernández.



At the presentation. From left to right: Mrs. Andrea O'Reilly, Mrs. Mónica Ojeda, Mrs. Marcela de la Maza and Mrs. Fernanda Chamás.

INTERNATIONAL SPRING FAIR

A huge crowd packed the Kensington Town Hall, London W8, on 13th and 14th May for the annual International Spring Fair.

All the accredited embassies in London had joined forces in aid of the International Social Service (ISS), a registered charity aimed at resolving family problems across the world.

The different stalls showed off their arts and crafts as well as selling their national food and drink. The Chilean stand looked very attractive with a colourful and rather artistic display of fruit kindly donated by Mr. Roger Manning of the Chilean Fresh Fruit Association, Europe.

The wines, courtesy of the Chilean Wine Importers in the U.K., had never been of such variety and fine quality, among them Anakena (Chilean News – October 2002). The vineyards on display were: Concha y Toro, Cousiño Macul, Viña Echeverría, William Fevre, Viña Montes, Viña La Ronciere, Viña San Pedro, Miguel Torres, Viña Undurraga, Viña Casa Lapostolle, Viña Cono Sur, Viña Morandé, Viña Montgras, Viña Tarapacá, ViñaValdivieso, Viña Anakena and Viña Ventisquero.



Diplomats' Wives in Action. From left to right: Mrs. M. Angélica Damm, Mrs. Jimena Teare, Mrs. Marcela Palma, Mrs. M. Angélica Fernández and Mrs. M. Angela Gómez.



Helping at the Spring Fair. From left to right: Mrs. Jimena Teare and Mrs. Andrea O'Reilly.

TO BID FAREWELL

A reception was offered by H.E. the Chilean Ambassador and Sra. de Fernández on Wednesday, 28th May in honour of the Minister Counsellor and Mrs. Palma on the occasion of their return to Chile.



From left to right: The Chilean Ambassador and Sra. de Fernández with the guests of honour.



From left to right: Mrs. Jimena Teare, Mrs. Mónica Ojeda, Mrs. Fernanda Chamás, Ms. Falastin Shakhtur and Mrs. Marcela de la Maza.



From left to right: Mrs. M. Rita Phillips, Mr. Richard Wilkinson, the new British Ambassador to Chile, and Mrs. Marcela Palma.



From left to right: Viscount Montgomery of Alamein, H.E. Sr. Mariano Fernández and Mr. Jaques Arnold.

The Group of Chilean Ladies in London got together for lunch at the Hurlingham Club on Tuesday, 3rd June to say good-bye to Mrs. Marcela Palma. It turned out to be a double celebration as it was her birthday.

In attendance were: Mrs. María Angélica Fernández, Mrs. María Angela Gómez, Mrs. Norma Montero, Mrs. Rita

Phillips, Mrs. Ana María Heusser, Mrs. Carmen Pearson, Mrs. Carmen G. Heap, Mrs. Carolina Somner, Mrs. Henny Subercaseaux, Mrs. Carmen Troup, Mrs. Georgina Roberts, Mrs. Alicia Rickus and Mrs. Ime Steinberg.



The Group of Chilean Ladies in London at the farewell lunch.



In the beautiful surroundings of the Hurlingham Club. From left to right: Mrs. Carmen G. Heap, Mrs. Ana María Heusser and Mrs. Marcela Palma.

A TALENT TO BE RECKONED WITH

The finals of the BBC Singer of the World in Cardiff took place in St. David's Hall, Cardiff, on Sunday, 29 June.

The five finalists competing for the £10,000 prize, plus a virtually guaranteed 20-year operatic career came from Finland, Russia, Canada, Austria and Chile.

Angela Marambio, a 27-year old soprano who studied at the Musical Institute in Santiago was a hot favourite to win the competition for the quality and richness of her voice. Her interpretation of arias from Bizet's Carmen, Puccini's Turandot and Mozart's Marriage of Figaro received rapturous applause. The audience and viewers from all over the world awarded her the audience prize based on her performance throughout the various heats.

The winner was Tommi Hakala, a Finnish baritone, with his rendition of arias from Mozart's Marriage of Figaro, Wagner's Tannhauser and Verdi's Falstaff.

Richard Fairman of the Financial Times commented that, of the five finalists, the three impressive voices belonged to the ladies. The Russian mezzo-soprano, Elena Manistina, produced a huge sound; Erica Wall from Canada sang with a light lyric soprano of promising quality, but needed more emotional electricity to set her performance alight. Angela Marambio had that in abundance, together with a voice of beauty and amplitude. She was unlucky not to walk off with the main prize as well as the audience prize.

CHILEAN NAVY APPOINTMENT

At a ceremony held at the Naval College in Valparaíso on 26th December 2002, the outgoing head of the Naval Mission in London, Captain Gustavo Jordán, was promoted to the rank of Rear-Admiral. This was followed by a ceremony at the Palacio de la Moneda in Santiago where he received the decoration "Presidente de la República", degree "Gran Oficial" from H.E. President Ricardo Lagos.



Chilean Navy Ceremony at the Naval College in Valparaíso, Chile.



Captain Gustavo Jordán being promoted Rear-Admiral by the Commander-in-Chief of the Chilean Navy, Admiral Miguel A. Vergara.

DONATIONS

Two poor rural schools of the VII Region, "La Obra" situated in Curicó, 200 km from Santiago, and "Mariano Latorre" in Linares, 350 km from Santiago, were each the beneficiary of a computer and scanner, donated by the Group of Chilean Ladies in London.

The presentation ceremonies at the two schools, were held on 29th April. The programme included speeches from both headmasters, while the pupils gave heartfelt renditions of Chilean songs and dances.

The co-operation of Sr. Ernesto de la Fuente, landowner of the region, was paramount. He and his wife made the necessary purchases in Santiago and took them to the schools on behalf of the ladies in London.

Escuela La Obra – Curicó (VII Region)



Sr. Ernesto de la Fuente giving the presentation speech.

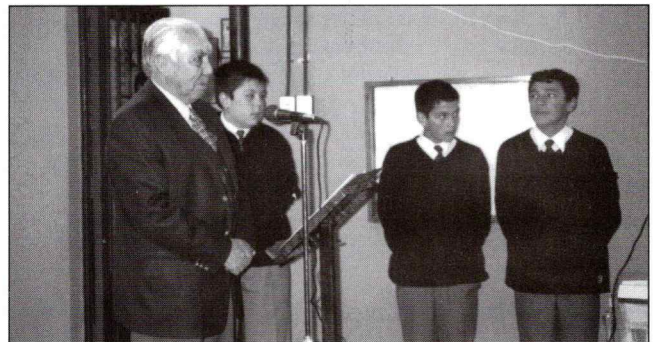


Sra. Gloria de la Fuente handing over the computer to the headmaster, Sr. Sergio Gaete.



The "huaso" and his "chinita" dancing for the guests.

Escuela "Mariano Latorre" – Linares (VII Region)



Sr. Ernesto de la Fuente addressing staff and pupils.



An enthusiastic rendition of the "cueca" at the "Mariano Latorre" School.

THE ROYAL ACADEMY PAYS TRIBUTE TO ROBERTO MATTA

A display of three oil on canvas paintings by the Chilean Surrealist artist, Roberto Matta, took pride of place on the end wall of the American Associates Gallery. This was in tribute to the artist who died last November in Civitavecchia, Italy, at the age of 91. Roberto Matta was an Honorary Academician of the RA.

The exhibits were "Morphologie de L'Amour" (1966), "Pandora Germana" (1986) and "Italia Matta" (1987), and it was the last of these that created the greatest impression for its sheer scale and powerful combination of shades of blue.

Roberto Matta was born in Santiago in 1911 where he studied architecture at the Universidad Católica. In 1933 he travelled to Paris and began working at Le Corbusier's atelier. While in Europe he met Federico García Lorca and Pablo Neruda. In Madrid, Neruda introduced Matta to Salvador Dalí and André Breton who invited him to join the Surrealist group.

His first solo exhibition was at the Julian Levy Gallery in New York in 1940. Since then, there have been further exhibitions, including at the Museum of Modern Art, New York; Nationalgalerie, Berlin; The Hayward Gallery, London; Musée National d'Art Moderne, Paris; Museo de Bellas Artes, Santiago, and the Museo Yokohama, Japan.

LATIN AMERICAN SUMMIT IN GREAT BRITAIN

On 12th July 2002, the eve of the Conference of Progressive Leaders, better known as the Third Way Summit, President Ricardo Lagos of Chile was the speaker at a meeting attended by ex-President Bill Clinton, Canadian Prime Minister Jean Chrétien and Foreign Minister Jack Straw, at the Hilton London Metropole.

The Chilean leader asked for better treatment for Latin America when he proposed radical changes in favour of the smaller economies since what they need is not help, but trade.

On behalf of the countries of Cono Sur, President Lagos made a harsh analysis of the consequences for the rising economies and smaller countries of the rigid regulations applied by the more powerful nations and the institutions born after the Second World War.

On the same day, President Lagos and Prime Minister Tony Blair assisted at the signing of a convention between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Republic of Chile for the avoidance of double taxation and the prevention of fiscal evasion with respect to taxes on income and capital gains. Finance Minister, Nicolás Eyzaguirre, signed on behalf of Chile and Chief Secretary to the Treasury, Paul Boateng, for the U.K.

During a dinner at the Dorchester offered by the British Prime Minister to all the delegates at the Conference, including the Prime Ministers of Canada, the Czech Republic, Hungary, New Zealand, Poland and Romania, as well as British parliamentarians, the host thanked the President of Chile for the brave and resolute way in which he handled the Iraq discussions before the Security Council of the United Nations

Mr. Blair also congratulated him for the excellent Chilean wines served throughout the evening. These were Anakena – Chardonnay Reservado 2002; Veramonte – Primus 2001 and Concha y Toro – Late Harvest 2002.

On Sunday, 13th July, fifteen heads of state gathered at Pennyhill Park Country Club, Surrey, to exchange ideas and discuss strategies to meet the challenges arising from world globalisation.

On Monday, 14th July, H.E. Sr. Ricardo Lagos offered the 2003 Canning Lecture in Lancaster House, London SW1. This series of lectures started in 1998, allowing Heads of State of Latin America to present issues affecting the state and development of relations between their countries and the U.K. to an influential and informed audience.

The week's events concluded with a banquet offered by the Lord Mayor of London at the Guildhall in honour of the President of Chile. The following Chilean wines were served and praised: Santa Rita – Floresta Sauvignon Blanc 2001; Casa Lapostolle – Merlot, cuvée Alexandre 1997 and Santa Inés – Late Harvest 1998.



President Lagos sharing an informal moment with Prime Minister Blair.



Ex-president Bill Clinton listening intently to the President of Chile.



Finance Minister, Nicolás Eyzaguirre, and Chief Secretary to the Treasury, Paul Boateng, at the signing of the convention.



Banquet at the Guildhall. From left to right: H.E. Sr. Ricardo Lagos, the Lord Mayor of London, Sr. Nicolás Eyzaguirre, Viscount Montgomery of Alamein and H.E. Sr. Mariano Fernández.

O'HIGGINS BIRTHDAY

On Wednesday, 20th August 2003, and in the presence of H.E. Sr. Mariano Fernández, members of the Diplomatic Corps, representatives of the Armed Forces, Mr. John Ross, standing in for the Mayor of Richmond, and special guests, gathered together in O'Higgins Square, Richmond, Surrey, to honour General Bernardo O'Higgins, the Liberator of Chile.

The ceremony began with the national anthems and was followed by the laying of wreaths on behalf of the Chilean Embassy, Instituto O'Higiniano and retired members of the Chilean Air Force.

A vin d'honneur was served at the Pitcher and Piano Bar.

In his speech, the Ambassador of Chile said:

"Today, August the 20th, 225 years ago, 400 kms south of Santiago, Bernardo Riquelme, son of an Irish officer and a Chilean lady, was born. Today in Chillán, his hometown, the Deputy Mayor of Richmond, together with the Chilean national authorities are paying tribute to this man that we, the Chilean citizens, consider "El Padre de la Patria", the Father of our Fatherland.

Bernardo, later legitimated as Bernardo O'Higgins, represents for us, if not a typical, to some extent a classical South American, even a Chilean case of what life demands from a human being throughout his life; to become an archetype, a model, a symbol of love and sacrifice for his beloved country.

O'Higgins is an example of this kind of people, so devoted to the public affairs that puts at their disposal the best of his life. This means soul, knowledge, experience and emotions to achieve better condition of life, dignity and freedom for his own people and his country.

Throughout his life he knew poverty, loneliness, abandonment, failure, misunderstanding. Later he enjoyed success, honours, victories, power, reputation. Finally, bitterly, he experienced slander, hatred, forgetfulness, betrayal, exile, death far away from his country and beloved countrymen.

His masterpiece was to convert a very long, poor and far away fragment of the Spanish Empire into the Republic of Chile.

From 1817 until 1823, Bernardo leads the new young Republic and produces the key institutional decisions, which allow us to become the independent state we are now.

To create a new country is one of the most relevant exploits in politics. O'Higgins, don Bernardo, was the crucial personality in the foundation of our country. Today, in Richmond, thanks to the friendly co-operation of its Council, we pay tribute to this man remembering on his birthday his exceptional task. We are Chileans, somos chilenos, thanks to Bernardo O'Higgins, his decisions, his fights, his work, his generosity and his sacrifice.

We pay tribute to our national hero in Richmond, with pride and gratitude, because under the shadow of these trees, under the roof of a house in this neighbourhood, looking at the Thames wavy waters, admiring the spring flowers and gardens of this charming corner of England, a very young South American thought, visualised, learnt, and discovered the basic ideas that led him to try the beautiful venture of the independence of Chile.

Today, 15 million Chileans performing properly in politics, economy, social development, and culture; participating in this globalised world with a thriving spirit; hoping day by day to improve our democracy, our identity, and our welfare; offering friendship to all countries; feeling very close to the impressive democratic and developed United Kingdom, cannot forget that we had a beginning headed by Bernardo O'Higgins who, due to his formative years is, to some extent, a son of Richmond."

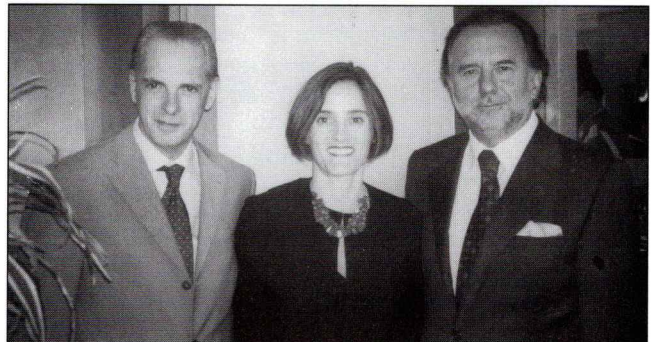
Mr. John Ross replied on behalf of the Borough of Richmond.



At the wreath-laying. From left to right: Mr. John Ross, H.E.Sr. Mariano Fernández and Military Attaché, Colonel Sergio Gómez.



Mr. Cristián Faúndez, President of the Instituto O'Higginiano, presenting a commemorative medal to Mr. John Ross, assisted by Messrs. Walter Reed and Jaime Aguilera.



From left to right: The Venezuelan Ambassador and Sra. de Toro-Hardy with H.E. Sr. Mariano Fernández.



From left to right: Mr. Felipe Torres, Mrs. Verónica Rocha, Mr. Barry Hamilton and Mr. Cristián León.

PATRICIA HOWARD'S EXHIBITION

The self-taught portrait painter showed her charcoal compositions at the International Maritime Organisation, 4 Albert Embankment, London SE1.

The private preview was graced with the presence of H.E. Sr. Mariano Fernández and her ex-colleagues of PROCHILE, including the Commercial Attaché, Mr. Luis Montero, who served as a model for one of the portraits. The spitting image!

Chilean wine and pisco-sour were served courtesy of PROCHILE.



The artist in front of some of her portraits.

NEW COUNSELLOR TO THE EMBASSY IN LONDON

Mr. Isauro Torres is the new Counsellor to the Embassy of Chile in the U.K., replacing the outgoing Counsellor, Mr. Luis Palma.

Mr. Torres was born in Santiago where he received a Law Degree from the Universidad de Chile. His distinguished career includes Co-ordinator for Asia Pacific Economic Forum (APEC), Economic Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Between 1996 and 2000 he was posted as Counsellor to the Embassy of Chile in Perú. He previously served as head of the Department of International Security Affairs, MOFA (1994-1995). From 1989 to 1993 he was First Secretary to the Embassy of Chile in the U.S. where he had previously been Second Secretary (1982-1984), and from 1985-1986 he was First Secretary to the UN International Organisations in Vienna, Austria.

He is married to María Isabel Molina and they have four children; María Isabel, Jacinta, Isauro and Benjamín.



Mr. Isauro Torres, Counsellor to the Embassy of Chile in the U.K.

THE ARRAU INTERNATIONAL PIANO COMPETITION

The tranquil city of Chillán, 400km south of Santiago, is undoubtedly most famous as the birthplace of "El Libertador", Bernardo O'Higgins. However, it can boast another famous son, the internationally acclaimed pianist, Claudio Arrau, who was born there 100 years ago, on 16 February 1903.

To commemorate the centenary of his birth, the city dedicated an International Piano Competition to his memory as part of the Chilean government's "Year of Arrau" celebrations. The distinguished pianist, and member of the Society, Professor Malcolm Troup, travelled to Chillán to participate as a member of the jury. The following is a resumé of his editorial for the magazine "Piano Journal".

The competition was held in the Teatro Municipal, a large bare hall with a leaking roof – an unfortunate drawback since the competition was held in June in the middle of the rainy season! There were seven competitors (two others withdrew due to ill health): two Chileans, two Russians, an Argentinian, an Israeli and a Japanese. These were almost outnumbered by the jury, a truly international group consisting of the Chilean pianist Edith Fischer (herself a pupil of Arrau); María-Iris Radrigan, Professor at the Universidad Católica; Elisa Alsina, Professor at the Universidad de Chile; German pianist Michael Korstick, Uruguayan pianist Raquel Bordonini; French pianist Jean-Francois Dichamp and Professor Troup.

One by one the contestants were whittled away until two were left:- the Israeli Oksana Glouchko (originally from Russia) and the Japanese Makito Akane. The initial stages of the competition were solo piano performances, but the final round was a full concerto, performed with the Symphony Orchestra of Chile, conducted by David del Pino, in the same Teatro Municipal, suitably waterproofed and decorated for the occasion. Glouchko played Beethoven's 4th Piano Concerto and Akane played the same composer's 5th Concerto. The jury decided that the overall standard did not warrant presenting the first prize, but the second prize went to Ms. Makito Akane and the third to Ms. Oksana Glouchko.

However, it was not all intense competition. The citizens of Chillán pulled out all the stops to ensure both the contestants and jury enjoyed their stay, including a visit to the hot springs (Termas de Chillán), the local ski slopes, the picturesque village of Quinchamalí, famous for its black ceramics, and a visit to a vineyard – in this case the Casa de Giner in the Itata Valley. In Chillán itself there was a visit to the Escuela Mexico, donated to Chillán by Mexico after the devastating earthquake of 1939, which features murals by David Alfaro Siqueros, a contemporary of Diego Rivera, and Xavier Guerrero. Chillán is opening a Museum to Arrau, which will include some of his collection of historical artefacts as well as his piano. There was an official unveiling of the imposing new tombstone over the famous man's grave, a moment made more poignant by the presence of Claudio's son, Christopher, who now lives in Seattle, Washington, US.

The competition finished with a gala dinner, attended by the Minister of Culture, Claudio di Girolamo, who had come from Santiago to demonstrate the personal commitment of President Ricardo Lagos and his wife to the cause of music in Chile.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

In the March 2003 issue of the Chilean News, there was mention of a donation of \$1600 made by the Society to the Chol-Chol Foundation, which lends money to women in rural Chile to operate their micro-businesses. Below is an extract from a letter received from the Foundation.

Temuco, 13th May 2003.

Dear Sirs,

I am writing to express my gratitude for you kind and thoughtful donation of US\$1,600 to the Fundación Chol-Chol.

This donation will be of great help and support to the accomplishment of our goals in our work with indigenous communities of the Ninth Region of Chile. Your donation will be used in two ways. On one hand, for the

implementation of our Commercialization fund, through which we will be able to separate our sales costs from the Rotating Commercialization Fund with which we purchase textile products from the rural women with whom we work. On the other hand it will be used to re-start our program of food preservation, through which the women learn how to prepare jam, marmalade, pickles, etc, for their own consumption and for sale.

Again thank you for your kindness and please send our regards to Alan Macdonald and Jonathan Cook for their recommendation. We deeply appreciate your support.

(signed) Pamela Ríos Vera, Executive Director,
Fundación Chol-Chol para el Desarrollo Humano.

TRAVELBAG

Ester Toro, now a resident in Kirkel-Altstadt, Saarland, Germany, wrote to me so enthusiastically about her recent trip to Chile that I felt compelled to share her experience.

Soon after arriving in the country with her daughter, Mariana, who lives in Berlin, they planned what was their first trip to the north, and they fell in love with it.

Their first port of call was Arica where they hired a car and drove the 150km to Putre. There, an overnight stop was necessary in order to get used to the altitude of 3,500 metres. On the road they ate in transport cafés where one can get sandwiches, excellent soups and "té de coca".

Travelling further inland, they were fascinated by the isolation, silence and tranquillity of Chungará, on the border with Bolivia. A beautiful day contributed to the magnificent view of the snow-capped Parinacota Volcano.

Back in Arica, they went to the Azapa Valley, famous for its olive groves. Neither could remember seeing so many different colours of bougainvillea before. On visiting the market they saw stalls selling medicinal herbs and coca leaves for indigestion and against altitude sickness. Ester bought two small packets but then decided not to take them with her to Europe in case they were sniffed out by a dog at Frankfurt airport!

The travellers then went to San Pedro de Atacama. It was a surprise to find so many new hotels in San Pedro. They stayed at one, very recently opened. It was unique in the sense that it matched the architectural surroundings. It was formed of quaint little adobe houses furnished in a minimalist style: no chair or table and the beds were like benches of blue granite with very high and excellent mattresses. Ester had never seen anything like it, but, according to Chileans, it was "in".

They went up the mountain stream of the Puritama river and swam in the hot springs at an altitude of 3,200 metres. It was wonderful! The only other swimmer was an American woman who worked in the City of London!

They also took tours of the lakes of the Altiplano as well as the Valley of the Moon. There were young people everywhere and so many different languages spoken. On one excursion the group included a girl from Namibia, three young men from South Africa and a chef from France!

After visiting the north, Mariana returned to Berlin while Ester and a friend embarked on a trip to the south on the Camino Austral. With a base in Coyhaique, there were trips to Puyuhuapi and the lakes all under blue skies and dazzling sunlight. What a contrast between the arid beauty of the north and the deep exuberant forests of the south! As Ester marvelled: "How magnificent is the natural beauty of the Chilean landscape."

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LATIN AMERICAN SOCIETIES GOLF TOURNAMENT 2003

The Society was the host of this year's tournament that took place at the West Surrey Golf Club, near Milford, Surrey, on Friday, 6th June.

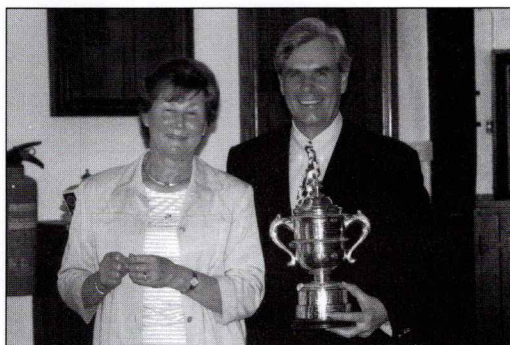
The results of the competition were as follows:

The Ambassador's Cup, the main prize, was won by Mr. David Thomas of the Anglo-Brazilian Society.

The winner of the Punta Arenas Cup was Mr. John Rickus of the Anglo-Chilean Society.

The Lan Chile trophy, awarded for the best score by members of other Societies ("las demás sociedades"), went to Mr. Peter Walsh of the Anglo-Venezuelan Society.

Next year the competition will be hosted by the Anglo-Argentine Society.



Mrs. Ian Peters and Mr. David Thomas, winner of the Ambassador's Cup.



Mr. John Rickus, accompanied by Mr. & Mrs. Ian Peters, receiving the Punta Arenas Cup.

SUMMER GATHERING AT BONHAMS FARM

The traditional Asado was held under perfect weather conditions on Sunday, 6th July and in the presence of H.E. the Ambassador and Sra. de Fernández.

John Long and his family were among the early arrivals to start the preparations for the barbecue and, as usual, those steaks and chorizos were in great demand. By general consent the empanadas were the best to date.

For years the cash bar has been run by Chris Hopewell and this summer was no exception. A complimentary pisco sour welcomed the guests on arrival and helped to set the mood.

The team responsible for preparing the salads and pudding once again was headed by Henny Subercaseaux. Peggy Hart and Betty Blair were also there; it would be impossible to imagine the Asado without these two faithfuls. Judith Hart with new recruit, Alicia Rickus, completed the team.

The highlight of the day for the children was the Piñata full of sweets, and for the grown-ups the raffle that gave the

top prize, a case of Cousiño Macul Antigua Reserva, to Mrs. Sheila Baker.

Music for dancing was provided by Cocomex, a four-piece Latin band that kept the party going in full swing.

Mrs. Cherida Cannon was presented with a bottle of champagne, thanking her for the use of the venue.

The Society thanks the organisers and their assistants, specially Claudia Munro-Kerr, Cristián León, Alasdair Grant, Jonathan and Claire Cook, Robert Hart, Sam Bell, Alan Macdonald and Susannah Grant.



The Chilean Ambassador and Sra. de Fernández flanked by, from left to right: Mr. Julio Toro, Mr. Peter Heap, Mrs. Carmen G. Heap, Mr. Alan Macdonald, Mr. Patricio Damm and Mrs. Marcela Toro.



A family business. John Long, on the left, preparing the barbecue with brother-in-law Rhys, wife Olwen and sister-in-law Glenys, the children of the late Sidney Jones.



A rare moment of relaxation behind the bar. From left to right: Mr. Chris Hopewell, Mrs. Alicia Rickus, Mr. Philip Lee and Mrs. Christine Trautt.

FOOD AND DRINK

The Heat is on in Chile

By Terry Farr, Chef-Patron of Friends Restaurant, Pinner.

Whenever anybody told me they had been to Chile, I always used to assume they were in the wine trade. Chile produces an enormous amount of good quality, good value, wine. It usually came as a surprise to hear they had been there on holiday.

I recently had the pleasure of meeting Miguel Correa, a wine maker from Chile, whose estate, Viña Estampa, is in the Colchagua Valley. He was at the restaurant presenting his wines for me to taste. His winery is in only its second year, and already the wines have won medals at international wine

fairs. I was particularly interested in the wine made from the Carmenère grape, a varietal that originated in France, but was wiped out by phylloxera (an insect that destroys vines by eating the roots), and is now only to be found in Chile.

During our tasting, I remembered I had been a guest at a wine tasting and lunch at the Chilean Embassy some years ago. Apart from the range of wines we tasted, I recalled the privilege of sitting next to the Ambassador at lunch, and chatting with him about the cuisine of Chile. When I told him I was planning to do a menu of Chilean food to go with the wines on our list, he said he would get his personal cook to give me some recipes. He was true to his word, and here is one of them.

Chilean Corn Pie (Pastel de Choclo)

This is a kind of Chilean Shepherd's Pie.

Serves 4

100g finely chopped onions
2 tbsp. vegetable oil
300g minced beef
1 tbsp. flour
150ml stock, beef or vegetable
1 tbsp. oregano
50g raisins
10 pitted olives
450g sweetcorn
1 egg
50ml single cream
1 tbsp. caster sugar
Salt and pepper

Fry the onions in the oil, and add the meat. Fry until well browned. Add the flour and cook gently for a few minutes. Gradually add the stock, and simmer for 15-20 minutes until quite stiff. Add the raisins, olives and oregano, and season to taste. Blitz the corn, together with the cream and egg, until smooth. Add the sugar and season to taste. Put the meat mixture into a shallow dish, and spread the corn mixture over the top. Bake in a moderately hot oven (350F), until golden brown, about 25 minutes. Serve with a bottle of Chilean Merlot.

(This feature and recipe appeared in the May 2003 issue of "Limited Edition", the magazine for Hertfordshire, and sent to us by Mrs. Carmen Pearson)

Valparaíso Restaurant – a corner of Chile in the North of England.

"I always come here with a friend whose aunt is from Chile. It's his favourite restaurant." Thus read the article included in the "Insider's guide to Liverpool", "The Times", 16th August 2003. The article was by Eve Peasnell who strongly recommends it both for excellent food and very good value.

As one who is always chasing the news, I decided to conduct my own interview. I contacted Julio Arellano, a native of El Melón, Chile, (V Region) and proud chef and proprietor of the Valparaíso Restaurant in Liverpool since 1985. In next to no time, Julio, a very friendly and chatty person, had put his beloved restaurant at my disposal, describing with great enthusiasm the upstairs function room suitable for parties and special occasions and where the Liverpool Spanish Circle meets once a month to practice the language and meet others with an interest in Latin America and Spain.

Valparaíso Restaurant - 4 Hardman Street, Liverpool, Merseyside L1 9AX, telephone 0151 708 6036.

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NEW MEMBERS

Thomas Bourne
Professor Marcela Contreras
Robert and Alice Fookes
David Andrew Muat
María Isabel Noguera

OBITUARIES

Hernán Errázuriz Talavera

Hernán Errázuriz Talavera, former Ambassador of Chile to the Court of St. James (1993-1996), died after a long illness in Santiago on 21 April, 2003. He leaves his wife Carmen Cruzat, three sons, five daughters and numerous grandchildren.

Hernán was born in Santiago on 14 February, 1941 into a patrician family of Castillian-Basque origin. The Basque families arrived in Chile early in the 18th century from the Navarre region of Spain. They supported the Bourbons against the Habsburgs in the wars of succession to the Spanish crown and they were rewarded with posts in the civil, military and colonial service. In Chile, the Basques from Navarre inter-married with the landed gentry that descended from the Castillian 'Conquistadores' from the Extremadura region of Spain. After independence the Errázuriz family were the pillars of the Liberal Party that dominated Chilean politics in the second half of the 19th century and beginning of the 20th century. Two Presidents, Federico Errázuriz Zañartu and Federico Errázuriz Echaurren, came from this distinguished family.

Hernán's father and grandfather, Ladislao Errázuriz Pereira and Ladislao Errázuriz Lazcano, were presidents of the Liberal Party and senators of the Republic during the first half of the 20th century. Hernán himself was President of the Liberal Youth Party in the 1960's and later president of the newly reconstructed Chilean Liberal Party (PAC) in the 1990's. The PAC supported the transition to democracy and is part of the 'Concertación' - the present coalition of parties that governs Chile.

Hernán was educated at the German school of Santiago and later at the Military Academy of Chile, where he distinguished himself, becoming Brigadier Major. During his student days he was well known for his charm, brilliance and good looks and cut a dashing figure in Chilean society. He studied law at the University of Chile where he graduated in 1965. He became Professor of Economic Law in 1968 at the same university and in 1974 was elected Director of the Institute of International Studies, a post he held until 1983. All his professional life he practised law in the firm established by his grandfather in 1905 - Errázuriz and Co.

After his return from England he was an innocent party in a disagreeable incident. His firm's telephone number appeared in a notebook of a Mexican citizen, connected with a drug cartel, who had been arrested by the Chilean police. The Mexican had contacted him for legal advice on investments in Chile. There was no way for Hernán's firm to know of the potential client's connection with a drug cartel. Despite this, Hernán was detained by the police for a day. He felt let down by the Chilean Institute of Law (equivalent to the British Law Society) for not protecting him strongly enough against the unwarranted police action.

Hernán not only had a distinguished academic, professional and political career but was an exemplary 'paterfamilias'. During his posting in London he worked hard to advance Anglo-Chilean relations, especially in the fields of infrastructure and natural resources investments. He will be missed by all those who knew him.

This obituary was contributed by Professor Marcial Echenique.

Jonas Goro Gadelius

Michael Roberts writes:

Jonas Gadelius died peacefully on 31st July, 2003 at the Chelsea & Westminster Hospital after a brief fight against cancer.

Jonas was born in Tokyo in 1926, the seventh child of Knut Gadelius, the Swedish founder of the Gadelius group of companies. He grew up in Sweden, returning to Japan in 1950 to work for Gadelius KK. In 1958, he went back to Sweden, to head the Export Department of Gadelius & Co. However, he was soon in Tokyo again, and was Chairman of Gadelius KK in Japan when the Gadelius Organisation was taken over by the Swedish company Fläkt in 1974. He continued to hold this position on the board of the new company in Japan.

His extensive travels took him all over the world and it was in Chile that he met his wife of forty-three years, Gabriela (Gabita).

He liked to relax listening to jazz and playing golf. He enjoyed good food and was a very good cook. An admirer of Japanese art, his pride and joy was his collection of Netsuke, (miniature carvings, mainly from ivory or wood).

A staunch member of the Society, he was a regular attendee at the social functions and a great supporter of the work of the Group of Chilean Ladies in London.

He was a kind and altruistic man, who gave generously to charities and other causes he considered worthy of his support.

Our friendship lasted for almost 20 years, a true and loyal friend of whom I will always have the fondest memories.

Memorial services were held in London and Tokyo.

He is survived by his wife and daughter, Lorena.



Mr. Jonas G. Gadelius

WEDDING

The wedding took place on 2nd April 2003, at the Camden Town Hall, London NW1, between Mr. Santiago Cabrera of Chile and Miss Anna María Marcea of Cologne, Germany. The couple met in London while finishing their Drama and Economic Studies respectively.

The groom is the son of H.E. the Chilean Ambassador to Russia, Sr. Pablo Cabrera and Sra. Cecilia de Cabrera.

BIRTHS

Oh Boy!

On 13th June 2003, at the West Middlesex Hospital, Isleworth, to the Assistant Naval Attaché and Mrs. Cristián de la Maza, a son, Felipe José. A brother for Joaquín, Tomás, Francisca, Javiera and Teresa!

Sugar and spice...

On 18th August 2003, at the Chelsea and Westminster Hospital, to Gonzalo and Isabel Cuadra, a daughter, María Inés. Mr. Gonzalo Cuadra is the head of Chile Copper Ltd.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

A guitar concert by Luis Orlandini will be held at the Ambassador's residence on Tuesday, 21 October 2003.

An exhibition by Guillermo Muñoz Vera will be held from Monday, 3rd November 2003 at 161-163 Seymour Place, London W1.

The ALAF Christmas Fair will be held at Kensington Town Hall on Saturday, 22 November 2003.

Christmas Party on Friday 5th December at Canning House.

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