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The launching of the new guided missile frigate "Condell" for the Chilean Navy, at Yarrow shipyard, Glasgow, on June 12th.

LAUNCHING OF THE "CONDELL"

MODERN GUIDED MISSILE FRIGATE FOR CHILEAN NAVY

On June 12th, at 2 p.m., the long anticipated launching of the new "Condell" took place at the shipyard of Yarrow (Shipbuilders) Ltd., Glasgow.

Chile was well represented at the ceremony, among the distinguished guests present being Admiral Raúl Montero Cornejo, Commander in Chief of the Chilean Navy, on a special visit to Britain, Madame Raquel de Bunster, wife of H. E. The Chilean Ambassador, who performed the act of christening the new ship and who was accompanied on the launching platform (see photograph) by the Ambassador, Sir Eric and Lady Yarrow, Rear-Admiral Adolfo Walbaum, Chief of the Chilean Naval Mission and Naval Attaché, and Mrs Walbaum.

Madame Bunster made a charming speech touching on the history of the Chilean Navy and its present day development which was enthusiastically applauded. Fortunately the weather, which plays such an important part on these occasions, was reasonably favourable, that is to say it did not rain.

It is reported that the "Condell" will be completely fitted out within about a year.

PFG Condell is a general-purpose frigate equipped with a surface missile system and a helicopter for anti-submarine and reconnaissance duties. The ship has an overall length of 372 ft., a beam of 43 ft, and a standard displacement of about 2,500 tons.

This frigate is the seventh wide beam Leander to be launched from Yarrow and will have a total complement of 254 Officers and Ratings. The main propulsion machinery consists of steam turbines which drive twin propellers with a total of 30,000 shaft horsepower.

The ship bears the name of Rear Admiral Carlos Condell, one of the outstanding Chilean naval heroes. Admiral Condell was born in Valparaíso in 1843 and when he joined the Chilean Navy in 1858 he was one of the Class which gave the Chilean Navy such outstanding heroes as Captain Prat and Admirals Latorre, Montt and Uribe. He showed his brilliance at an early age by capturing the Spanish corvette Covadonga in the war against Spain in 1865-66. During the Pacific War in 1879, when in command of the Covadonga his determination and skilful handling of this small ship during the Battle of Punta Gruesa caused the destruction of the heavily armoured frigate "Independencia". In 1887, and just after his promotion to Rear Admiral, Condell died at the early age of 44.

PFG Condell continues this distinguished name in the naval history of Chile, being the third ship to carry the name. The first Condell was a destroyer of 790 tons displacement built in 1888 at Birkenhead; the second was a flotilla leader of 1,830 tons displacement built in 1911 at Cowes.

The launching was preceded by a short religious service at which the Rev. Father J. Bennett of St. Pauls R.C. Church officiated.

After the launching the visitors adjourned for cocktails and were entertained at a luncheon in the Company's main office building where the Ambassador made an excellent speech which was warmly received by the 200 guests present.



Group at the moment of launching the "Condell", left to right – Lady Yarrow; H.E. the Chilean Ambassador don Alvaro Bunster; Rear-Admiral Adolfo F. Walbaum, Chief of the Chilean Naval Mission and Naval Attaché; Madame Raquel de Bunster; and Sir Eric Yarrow, M.B.E., D.L.

VISIT OF THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, CHANCELLOR

DON CLODOMIRO ALMEYDA TO LONDON

The Minister arrived in London on the 5th June, for a few days visit.

One of the outstanding social events given in his honour was a banquet offered by Sir Alec Douglas Home, Secretary of Foreign and Commonwealth affairs, at his official residence in Carlton Gardens, at which over twenty persons were present.

In addition to the members of the delegation headed by the Minister Almeyda, the following were present, H.E. The Chilean Ambassador, don Alvaro Bunster, Minister Counsellor don Jorge Berguño, the British Ambassador in Chile, Mr David H.I. Hildyard, C.M.G., the Chairman of the Anglo-Chilean Society, Lord Aldenham, Colonel Sir Malcolm Stoddard-Scott who headed the parliamentary mission which visited Chile in March, Mrs Judith Hart, Minister of Overseas Development in the last Labour Government, Sir Vivian Fuchs, Director of the British Institute of Studies of the Antarctic. The remainder of those present were prominent British functionaries from overseas and business men. Later on Chancellor Almeyda visited the Houses of Parliament at question time and talked with the Prime Minister, Mr Edward Heath.

A press conference was also held, 40 pressmen being present and several daily papers subsequently gave columns to news of Chilean affairs.

SOCIETY ACTIVITIES IN ENGLAND

Illustrated Talk on "Magallanes, The Extreme South of Chile."

Mr Peter Matthews, B.A. of Kings College, London, went to Punta Arenas to teach at the British School there as a United Nations volunteer. During his two years there he travelled extensively through Chile from the Atacama Desert in the North to Tierra del Fuego.

At Canning House, under the joint auspices of The Hispanic Council and the Society, on May 31st, he gave an illustrated talk on his experiences and showed a good number of excellent coloured slides of little known parts of the channels and glaciers and fiords of Tierra del Fuego.

Over a hundred persons were present at the very pleasant and informative talk given by this charming and sincere young man who was enthusiastically applauded.

SPRING COCKTAIL PARTY – A very successful gathering of members of the Society and their friends was held at Canning House on April 13th last in the form of a Cocktail Party from 6.30 to 8.30 p.m. Over a hundred and twenty people were present. H. E. the Chilean Ambassador don Alvaro Bunster and Madame Bunster, and Lord and Lady Aldenham received the guests who were unanimous in declaring that they had spent a very pleasant evening. A party at this time of the year has become an annual event for the Society in London.



Photographed at Effingham Golf Club in June at the annual meeting of the Latin American Societies' golf competition (left to right) – Mr M. Colombo Murúa, winner of the Ambassador's Cup and Argentine Rose Bowl; Mr Esteban R. Osorio, 3rd Prize; Mr. R.G. Ives, 2nd Prize; Lord Aldenham, Chairman of the Anglo-Chilean Society, and Mr Juan Paz.

LATIN AMERICAN SOCIETIES ANNUAL GOLF COMPETITION

The clerk of the weather was lenient indeed with our Societies in providing glorious June weather for the Annual Golf Meeting on Wednesday, June 28th at Effingham Golf Club, where everyone was delighted with the good luck and the splendid state of the course. The large number of participants present thoroughly enjoyed the bright sunshine and rural scenery of the beautiful park and course, and the amenities of the old mansion converted into a modernised Club House. A special effort had been made to attract a larger number of players from our Society this year, which had been successful in securing 18 players. Unfortunately, three had to scratch at the last moment, leaving the following to represent the Society:— Mrs. R.J. Ellis and Messrs. M.L.D. Gillot, W.A. Lloyd Jones, W.R. Smithson, J.C. Shenton, R. Jenkins, R.J. Ellis, R.C. Wilkins, R.V. Riddell, E.J. Hempson, D.S. Melvill, J.G. Matters, J.T. Perry, T.W. Peddar and G.B. Worne. However, this concerted effort to regain the Ambassador's Cup was without avail and we were swamped out by the Anglo Argentine Society players, who won all the four prizes. As usual, it was a Stableford Bogey Competition, of 18 holes, maximum handicaps of 20 for men and 30 for ladies, and was confined to the morning round, the result being as follows:—

Name of Player	Handicap	Society	Points scored
M. Colombo Murua	18	Anglo Argentine	43 Cup and 1st prize and Rose Bowl from Anglo Argentine Society.
R.G. Ives	12	Anglo Argentine	42 2nd prize (on last nine holes)
Esteban R. Osorio	16	Anglo Argentine	42 3rd prize
Ladies Prize			
Lady Milne	13	Anglo Argentine	32 1st prize (Ladies)

There were a total of 38 players and 20 guests – a much larger number than usual – and all enjoyed the excellent luncheon accompanied by Chilean wine, which was greatly appreciated.

On this occasion it was the turn of the Anglo-Chilean Society to preside over the Meeting and we were greatly honoured by the visit of Lord Aldenham, Chairman of the Society, who, though not a golfer, made a special trip down from Hertfordshire to attend the luncheon and present the prizes. Unfortunately the President, the Chilean Ambassador, H.E. don Alvaro Bunster was unable to attend.

WOMEN'S TRAVEL CLUB

Mrs Joan Richardson, wife of our Deputy-Chairman, Lt. Col. L.J.W. Richardson, has been elected the first President of the Women's Travel Club of Great Britain. The Club, founded 18 years ago, to promote educational and social contacts among women executives in the travel industry, is now well established and has affiliations with similar organisations in U.S.A., Canada, and South Africa, apart from having a branch of their own organisation in Scotland. We wish Mrs Richardson good fortune during her term of office and offer her our congratulations on this interesting appointment.

BOOK "IMAGE OF CHILE" TO BE PUBLISHED SHORTLY – We learn that a book entitled "Image of Chile" of which the author is Mr Graeme Parish, a Life Member of our Society, will be published in September next by Charles Knight & Co., Ltd. A foreword to the book has been written by Mr Douglas Cochrane.

COACH TOURS ACROSS SOUTH AMERICA

The organization of package tours farther and farther afield from London is gathering momentum and variety. One of the latest and most original being offered is that of a 38 days coach (luxury bus) tour starting from Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, and travelling through Paraguay to Asunción, thence to Buenos Aires and across the Andes to Santiago. Going northward from Santiago the route follows the Panamerican highway to Arica and finally to Lima, Perú, also visiting Arequipa, Macchu Picchu and La Paz, Bolivia.

The cost of this Marathon run is £149, and it is connected with flights from both Europe, Canada and the U.S.A. to Rio de Janeiro, and on the West Coast with Mexico City, Australia and New Zealand. It will thus be possible to make a round-the-world trip, partly by plane and including this bus journey. The organisers are Penn Overland, who have designated the tour, "Your journey of a lifetime".

BAD WEATHER AND EARTHQUAKE IN CHILE

Severe rain storms occurred in Chile during late May and early June causing a tremendous amount of damage in seven different Provinces of the Southern Central zone, namely Maule, Nuble, Concepcion, Bio-Bio, Arauco, Malleco and Cautín. One death was registered and twenty persons have disappeared. The torrential rain caused damage to the property of nearly one thousand families – comprising 6222 persons in all, and affected roads, bridges, railways and other installations.

A violent earthquake, force 7 shook the Northern part of the Central Zone on Thursday, June 8th, lasting 1 Min. 15 Secs., the epicentre being at Illapel and the phenomenon was also felt strongly in the Coquimbo area and even as far South as Talca and North in Arica. No loss of life has been reported.

ECONOMIC NOTES

RE-FINANCING OF THE CHILEAN FOREIGN DEBT

It is reported that following a visit to Paris by a delegation from the Chilean Government, headed by the President of the Central Bank, re-negotiation of the Chilean debt was agreed upon on April 19th, in Paris with the 14 creditor nations.

The terms of the agreement were briefly as follows:—

- 1) Chile obtains a refinancing of 70% of payments as well as capital and corresponding interest between November 1st, 1971 and December 31st, 1972 for loans guaranteed by official organisations and credits from the Government or Government agencies. Loans for consolidation of foreign debt granted in 1965 and credits of longer than 40 years to run and low interest rates were excluded. Loans of less than U.S. \$1. – million including both Capital and Interest were also excluded.
- 2) The resulting sum will be paid off by 13 half yearly instalments to start on January 1st, 1975 to continue until January 1st, 1981. That is to say Chile obtained a period of grace of approximately three years before having to make the first payment on its refinanced loans.
- 3) The interest rate to be paid for refinancing credits will be agreed between Chile and each one of the creditor nations, and will be incorporated to bilateral agreements approved in the protocol at "Paris Club".
- 4) The Chilean Government will treat each of the creditor countries no less favourably than any of the others in the consolidation of similar debts.
- 5) The creditor countries finally expressed their agreement to study in September 1972 the re-financing of maturing debts corresponding to 1973 taking into consideration the nation's economic and financial situation. This re-financing formula covers the servicing of loans between November 1971 and December 1972 and represents support for Chile's balance of payments amounting to approximately US \$165.00.000 for the current year.

If to this is added the clause referring to 1973 (point 5) this support increases by US \$135.000.000 the following year.

Including another US \$240 million of refinancing already agreed upon by private European banks, the total amount being extended to the Chilean Government is a sum to the order of US \$600 millions.

POETRY WITH MUSIC FESTIVAL

Pablo Neruda, Chile's famous poet and Nobel Prizewinner, and Chilean Ambassador in Paris, visited London on 22nd May to take part in the Festival, held at the Royal Festival Hall on that same day, and organised by the London Poetry Consortium, supported by the Greater London Arts Association and the Greater London Council.

Other poets taking part were Adrian Mitchell, Brian Patten and Stephen Spender.

The Festival was undoubtedly a success, the great majority of the large number of seats being taken, but unfortunately there was a vocal interruption by unidentified demonstrators during Neruda's reading.



The new Chilean Embassy and Consulate building in London, at 12 Devonshire Street, W.1.

ITEMS OF GENERAL INTEREST

NATIONALIZATION OF BANKS – It has been announced that the Banco Central Executive Committee, in Session No. 762 of January 25th, last, agreed to accept a fixed loan of US \$2,313,010 from the First National City Bank, New York, in order to buy the assets and liabilities of the City Bank subsidiary in Chile. The purchase will be effected through the Banco Talca, the operation being guaranteed by the Banco Central de Chile.

The Banco Central has announced that CORFO has purchased a majority shareholding in the Banco de Chile; this completes the incorporation of the private Chilean banks into the state sector. (Bolsa Review, July 1972)

EXCHANGE RATES: – Travel – The brokers' market exchange rate for foreign travel, inclusive of taxes, has been increased from 42.70 to 65.00 escudos a U.S. Dollar. The brokers' Market rate of 28.00 escudos a U.S. Dollar, exclusive of taxes, for other non-trade operations remains unchanged. (Bolsa Review July 1972)

CHILE SECOND LARGEST EXPORTER OF FISH MEAL

Figures published by CEPAL (Commission Economica para America Latina) show that Peru is still the largest exporter of fish products in the world, followed by Chile in second place with 122,000 metric tons representing a value of US \$27 million – Brazil with US \$18 million and Ecuador with US \$6 million are in third and fourth places.

Of the 69.3 millions of tons of the world's catch during 1970, 62% was used for human consumption as fresh fish, frozen, dried and canned. Production of fish meal absorbed 25.5 million tons.

"UNCTAD" TOWER – It has been officially announced that the tower building in which "Unctad" held its meetings, recently built at an estimated cost of US \$10 million, will be dedicated to house centres for young people and feminine organizations. The President announced that five storeys of the building will be converted into a creche for infants to assist mothers who work in central Santiago, and another four or five storeys destined for training women workers and countrywomen.

He further stated that the building, with space for 3,000 persons in its central hall, will be established as a cultural centre where "The People" will be the owners, and that the large dining-room will be offered to the several student union federations.

BRITAIN GIVING £60,000 to CHILE – Britain is giving some £60,000 worth of machine tools, workshop and laboratory equipment to Chile for use at the centre for agricultural machinery (CENAMA). The equipment was requested by the Development of Production Corporation, a Government entity, and is part of Britain's technical assistance programme to Chile. Part of the equipment is already in Chile and will be installed in the Workshop-laboratory which is being built in Los Andes.

CHILEAN NAVY DAY – "21 DE MAYO"

The annual celebration of the Battle of Iquique in 1879 was held in London on May 22nd, this year. In the morning there was the ceremonial laying of the wreath in Westminster Abbey.

In the evening the Head of the Chilean Naval Mission, Rear Admiral A.F. Walbaum and Mrs Walbaum held a reception at the United Service Club, Pall Mall, attended by a large number of guests.

Among the many distinguished persons present were H.E. the Chilean Ambassador and Madame Bunster, senior officers of the British Navy, Naval attachés from several countries and a large number of Chilean and Anglo-Chilean residents in Great Britain, also English people associated with Chile.

The guests were received by Rear Admiral and Mrs A.F. Walbaum and Captain and Mrs Carlos Le May who are to be congratulated on the excellent arrangements and resounding success of their party held in such delightful and impressive surroundings.

CEREMONIAL PLACING OF WREATH ON TOMB OF ADMIRAL LORD COCHRANE IN WESTMINSTER ABBEY

Chilean Navy Day in London, as in previous years, was the occasion for the laying of a wreath on the tomb of the renowned Admiral Lord Cochrane whose memory is so profoundly revered in Chile for his great exploits during Chile's struggle for independence.

On this occasion, May 22nd, the chapel, accessible by the Great West door, where the tomb is situated, was reserved for H.E. the Chilean Ambassador, Rear Admiral A.F. Walbaum, officers of the Chilean Naval Mission, members of the Chilean Embassy and their ladies and many persons connected with Chile.

The simple, but none-the-less impressive address by the Dean of Westminster, the Very Rev. Eric S. Abbott, was followed by the placing of the wreath on the tomb jointly by H.E. The Chilean Ambassador and Rear Admiral Walbaum.



H.E. The Chilean Ambassador, don Alvaro Bunster and Rear Admiral Adolfo F. Walbaum placing a wreath on the tomb of Admiral Lord Cochrane, in Westminster Abbey, London, on Chilean Navy Day.

NEW MEMBERS: – The Committee has pleasure in reporting that the following have recently become members of the Society: –

Mrs. A.F. Arentsen	Life Member
Mrs. M.J. Charles	Annual Member
Miss Cynthia M. Charles	Annual Member
Miss Oriana Soto Z.	Annual Member
Miss Sylvia Rojas	Annual Member
D.J. Thurston	Annual Member
M.A. Winter	Annual Member
G.L.R. Gale	Annual Member
A.R. King (Transferred from Stgo.)	Annual Member
Mrs. Sylvia Celis	Annual Member
Percy J. Humberstone	Annual Member
Jonathan D. Atkinson	Junior Annual Member
Miss Trudy-Ann Atkinson	Junior Annual Member
T.D. Fernyhough	Junior Annual Member
Col. and Mrs. Fernando Matthei	Joint Annual Members
Mr. and Mrs. V. Sinden	Joint Annual Members
Mr. and Mrs. Fernando Cousiño	Joint Annual Members
Mr. and Mrs. Ralph A. Atkinson	Joint Annual Members
Mr. and Mrs. T.A.H. Slack	Joint Annual Members
Chile Mining Supplies Ltd.	Commercial Members.



Santiago Reception; At the Prince of Wales Country Club, Santiago on February 28th 1972, some of those present:— (Left to right) Mr Higinio Gonzalez, member of the Santiago Committee; Admiral (R) Victor Wilson Amenabar, Chairman of the Santiago Committee. Mrs David Hildyard; The Rt. Hon. Joseph B. Godber, M.P.; — The British Ambassador, Mr David T. Hildyard, C.M.G., D.F.C.

ACTIVITIES IN SANTIAGO

VISIT OF THE RT. HON. JOSEPH B GODBER, M.P. to CHILE.

The Santiago Committee, taking advantage of the visit from the Rt. Hon. Joseph Godber, M.P., Minister of State (Foreign and Commonwealth Office), who was nominated the representative of the British Government to the UNCTAD conference, offered him a reception on February 29th last at the "Prince of Wales", Country Club, at which, in addition to the guest of honour, some 60 members of the Society were present.

Mr Godber, accompanied by the British Ambassador, H.E. Mr David Hildyard, C.M.G., D.F.C., and Mrs Hildyard were met at the entrance to the Club by the Chairman of the Santiago Committee, Admiral (R) Victor Wilson Amenabar, the Vice-Chairman, Mr Thomas Peddar, and the Hon. Secretary, Mr Sidney L. Shaw, and Mr Godber then circulated among those present, talking to the great majority of them in a most interesting manner. It was voted a most enjoyable evening, and Mr Godber undoubtedly took with him pleasant memories of the occasion.

LIST OF SANTIAGO COMMITTEE MEMBERS:— We give below the latest list of Committee members of the Sociedad Anglo-Chilena:—

Executive Committee Members:

David H.T. Hildyard, C.M.G., D.F.C.
Admiral (R) Victor Wilson Amenabar, Chairman
Thomas Peddar, Vice Chairman
Sidney L. Shaw, Hon. Secretary
Eugenio Prieto, Hon. Treasurer.

General Committee Members:

Messrs. Victor Braun Page, Benjamín Holmes, Gerald Cooper, Pedro Alvarez, Vivian Clarke, Benjamín Dávila, Revel Dick, Admiral (R) Hernán Cubillos, Admiral (R) Rafael Santibáñez, Sidney Jones, Fernando Burgos, Higinio Gonzalez, Rafael Vergara Tagle, Luis Ignacio Silva, Raúl Yrarrázabal Lecaros, Adm. (R) Fernando Porta Angulo, Douglas Mackenzie, R.P.H. Davies, Máximo Latorre, John Sánchez, W.G. Liddle, William McQuillam, Capt. F. Buckler, Michael Sheppard, E. Phillips Rodriguez-Peña and Dennis King.

OBITUARIES

The Society deeply regrets to record the deaths of the following members:—

Brigadier Gordon De Bruyne, O.B.E. was born in Rio Verde Punta Arenas on September 22nd, 1900, son of Mr. Peter Adrian De Bruyne, one of the renowned pioneer sheepfarmers of the then Magallanes Territory. He was educated at Wellington College and Sandhurst and joined the 60th Rifles in July 1920, subsequently serving in Burma, India, Egypt and the Western Desert. He was captured in May 1942 near Bir Hachim. However, he escaped from an Italian prison camp in September 1943 eventually reaching the Allied Lines in October 1944. He joined the Society in 1956. Retiring from the Army in 1954 he remained occupied with village activities, such as Civil Defence, Rugby Football as President of the Sussex Football Union and Treasurer of the Harlequins until his death.

He passed away peacefully, after this distinguished career, on February 4th, 1972.

Frank C. Smith died at his home in Sussex in February last. He lived in Chile, which he loved, for over 40 years, and lead an active life enjoying his work with the Braden Copper Co. at El Teniente. Also as a keen sportsman and golfer, he was an enthusiastic fisherman who appreciated the lovely Southern regions where trout are plentiful.

He joined the Society in 1958.

N.B. Livingstone Wallace, D.S.C. — Early in the year Mr Wallace who had been a member of the Society since 1956 passed away at the age of 55.

At his death he was Managing Director of Benn Bros. Ltd., publishers of "Mercantile Guardian". Educated at Glasgow University, he was well known to Latin American circles, as an advertiser and Manager for "Industria Britanica", an export journal for the Spanish speaking countries, and for the "Directorio de Industrias Britanicas".

His war service was distinguished, firstly as a Royal Naval volunteer in 1940, commissioned in the same year, he was posted to fast motor boats in the English Channel. Later he was in command of a flotilla of assault landing craft from the first days of combined operations, forming his flotilla on instructions from Sir Roger Keyes.

Afterwards he went to the Mediterranean where he was in the initial assaults on North Africa, Salerno and Naples Bay. He was awarded the D.S.O. for operations in Normandy on "D" Day.

EXHIBITION OF CHILEAN TAPESTRIES

On May 23rd, Nash House, Carlton Terrace, was the scene of the opening of an extremely interesting exhibition, organised by the Institute of Contemporary Arts in collaboration with the Chilean Embassy, to display a number of Chilean Tapestries from Isla Negra.

It continued until June 18th, when an extension of a week was granted. Much interest in these unique primitive impressions of daily life in the Chilean countryside was aroused, particularly by the unusual composition and startling use of colour in such an effective and pleasing manner.

Altogether twenty tapestries were shown, with delightful titles, such as "Chicken Yard", "House with Cactus" and "Oxcart Bride". A "Flowery Introduction" was written by Pablo Neruda, of which the following is a translation (by Peter Luke).

Everything blossoms in Isla Negra. In wintertime tiny yellow flowers creep over the ground and after them come blue ones, and later still with the coming of Spring the island takes on an amarantine purple. But the sea flowers all the year round. Her rose is a white one. Her petals, stars of salt. Last winter the embroiderers of the Isla Negra themselves burst into bloom. Every house that I have known for the last thirty years took up and hung out a flower-like tapestry. At first dark and silent, these houses suddenly filled with coloured threads, of the palest blue, of deep violet, of bright scarlet. These women who work them come from true stock and chose to work with the colour of the heart. They have names like Mercedes (the wife of Jose Luis), or they are called Eufemia, or Edulia, Pura, Adela or Adelaida. They are called as they have always been called; as they ought to be called. They have names like flowers would have, if flowers could choose their names. And they embroider with their names, and with the pure colours of earth and sun and sea — with Spring itself.

There is nothing more lovely than these tapestries which in their prime simplicity, give out a joyousness that has had to overcome much suffering.

Proudly, therefore, I proclaim the women of Isla Negra, for in their work lie the roots of the poetry that I have written here. For in this traditional craft, beauty wrought by work-worn hands, is the proof that here everything indeed flowers. Springtime in Isla Negra — Salud!

PABLO NERUDA, *Isla Negra, 1972*"

EXHIBITION OF CHILEAN WINE

Chilean wine producers were exhibitors at the "WINEX 72" International Wine Marketing Exhibition in London, held at the New Horticultural Hall, Greycoat Street, Westminster, from June 26th to 29th last, inclusive.

Señor Claudio Lopez, Head of the Marketing Committee of the Corporation for Development of Production (CORFO) in Santiago, was in charge of the organisation of the Chilean exhibit in cooperation with Señor Fernando Cousiño, First Secretary Commercial Affairs, of the Chilean Embassy, London. Sr. Lopez visited England specially for this purpose.

It is reported that the two Chilean stands were a centre of attraction and considered among the best in the exhibition. A very impressive large "blow-up" of a photograph of a Chilean vineyard at harvest time was one of the special features of the display.

There were 38 stands, which represented a large number of principal wine producers from all over the world, and the attendance of persons interested in the wine trade was over 500 daily.

Chile presented wines from the following vineyards, well known for the excellency of their produce: Santa Carolina, Canepa, Santa Rita, Tattersall, Mitjans, San Pedro, Concha y Toro, Undurraga and Vinex.



H.E. The Chilean Ambassador congratulating Mr Ralph D. Young after investing him with the Chilean decoration of "Order Bernardo O'Higgins" Official Grade.

AWARD OF CHILEAN DECORATION:—

Honorary Treasurer of the Society Honoured – Mr. Ralph D. Young of 18 Avenue Road, Pinner, was decorated on October 18th. last with the "Order of Bernardo O'Higgins, Official Grade", "For Merit" by the President of Chile, the citation being "In recognition of his self sacrificing labour in favour of Chilean/British association as Honorary Treasurer of the Anglo Chilean Society."

The investiture was made by H.E. The Chilean Ambassador, don Alvaro Bunster, in representation of the President of Chile, at the Residency, 92 Eaton Place, London, during a reception to which were invited a number of Members of the Executive Committee of the Society and Embassy dignitaries, including Lord Aldenham, Chairman of the Society, Dr. Harold Blakemore, B.A. Ph.D., Vice Chairman, Senor Jorge Berguno, Minister-Counsellor, Sir Leslie Bowes, K.C.M.G., C.B.E., a former Chairman of the Society, and Rear Admiral A.F. Walbaum, Naval Attaché, Colonel Fernando Matthei, Air Attaché, and Messrs. J.E. Aguirre, D. Cochrane, H.G. Ellis, British Council Representative, D.G. Mitchell, C.L. Pountney, O.B.E., W.R. Smithson and Martin Wilson, C.B.E.

Mr. Young, who is a Chartered Accountant, was formerly Company Secretary of the Nitrate Corporation of Chile, in London. He was elected to the post of Honorary Treasurer of the Society in 1949 and served in that office ever since with devotion and efficiency. Throughout his career he took a great interest in Chilean affairs and unfailingly supported the Society in all its varied activities. His colleagues hold him in the highest esteem. In his presentation speech the Chilean Ambassador spoke of the splendid work done by Mr. Young in the furtherance of Chilean British relations and expressed his pleasure that the Chilean Government had made this recognition of his services. The Committee has much pleasure in reiterating these sentiments and congratulates Mr. Young on this signal honour.

OVERLAND TOUR OF LATIN AMERICA:—

Increasing interest in tours of Latin America is being shown and the latest to come to our notice is a 119 days journey by Encounter Overland, starting in Buenos Aires and terminating in Los Angeles, U.S.A., price £535.—, fully inclusive.

The first tour commenced on December 14th. last.

It might be termed an "expedition", as the sturdy vehicle in which passengers will travel, of the Land Rover type, is equipped for camping out if desired or in case of necessity.

The group will be about equally men and women, of an average age of 26.—

Encounter Overland has planned this first expedition as a reconnaissance journey of the whole length of South and Central America.

There will be twelve days travel in Chile, for a distance of approximately 2,100 miles, from the South at Bariloche and then proceeding North as far as Antofagasta, where the road to Bolivia will be taken. It will be interesting to hear the result of this original venture.

SOCIETY ACTIVITIES IN SANTIAGO:—

Reception for Delegation of the Royal College of Defence Studies—The "Sociedad Anglo Chilena" took advantage of the Latin American tour of the Royal College of Defence Studies to offer a reception to the thirteen members of the delegation which was headed by Air Vice Marshall J.C.T. Downey, D.F.C., A.F.C., Royal Air Force.

The Reception was held on October 11th. 1972 at the Prince of Wales Country Club and, in addition to the distinguished visitors from abroad, the Society invited the heads of the Chilean Armed Forces as well as other Chilean notables, a list of whom is as follows:—

General Carlos Prats G. and Mrs. Prats	
Almirante Raúl Montero C. and Mrs. Montero	
General del Aire Cesar Ruiz D. and Mrs. Ruiz	
General de Aviación Horacio Rojas D. and Mrs. Rojas	
General Herman Brady R. and Mrs. Brady	
Capitan Sr. Jorje Sabugo S. and Mrs. Sabugo	
Coronel Sr. Nicanor Diaz E. and Mrs. Diaz	
Mr. and Mrs. Eduardo Cisterna P.	
Mr. and Mrs. Pablo Cabrera G.	
Mr. and Mrs. Ricardo Letelier S.	
Mr. and Mrs. Enrique Garvin Cea	
Air Vice Marshal J.C.T. Downey D.F.C., A.F.C.	
Brig. General Abdul Jamil	Army Malaysia
Mr. T.J. Bedford	Hong Kong
Brigadier P. Blunt	Army
Group Captain G. Calder	RAF
Brigadier G. Cooper	Army
Captain R. Fitch	RN
Major General H.U. Katsina	Army Nigeria
Group Captain D. Lloyd	RAF
Captain P. Prince	RN
Brigadier J. Roberts	Army
Captain A. Robertson	RAN
Wing Commander R. Nettley	RAF

Members of the Society in Santiago headed by the Chairman, Admiral (R) Victor Wilson Amenabar and the Hon. Chairman, H.E. David Hildyard, D.F.C., British Ambassador, turned out in imposing numbers with the result that the reception was a great success and was enjoyed by all who attended it.

Air Vice Marshall Downey presented the Society with a gold medallion.

Group at the decoration of the Hon. Treasurer, Mr Ralph D. Young with the Chilean Order "Bernardo O'Higgins." (left to right) C.L. Pountney, O.B.E.; Martin Wilson, C.B.E.; H.E. Don Alvaro Bunster; Mr Ralph D. Young; The Rt. Hon. Lord Aldenham, Chairman of the Society and Dr. Harold Blakemore, B.A. Ph.D., Vice-Chairman.



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:—

This meeting was held on Tuesday, September 5th, 1972, at Canning House. The attendance was poor, only sixteen members of the Society being present, namely:— Lord Aldenham, Chairman, (who presided), H.E. the Chilean Ambassador, don Alvaro Bunster, President, Mrs. Silvia Celis, Douglas Cochrane, The Dowager Viscountess Davidson, H.G. Ellis, J.G. Matters, Graeme Parish, C.L. Pountney, Mrs. E. Shenton, J.C. Shenton, E.W. Smith, C.G. Tubbs, M. Wilson, R.D. Young (Hon. Treasurer) W.R. Smithson (Secretary)

The Report and Accounts for the year 1971 were approved unanimously and a vote of thanks to the Honorary Auditors, Messrs. Price Waterhouse & Co., for their services during the past year was passed with acclamation.

The General Committee was re-elected "en bloc" and the following additional members for that Committee were nominated:— R.T.L. Arentsen, J.M. Cole, Roy Fenton, P.L. Jones, J.G. Matters, Lady Dora Pink, E.W. Smith, Dacre Watson, O.B.E.

Special mention was made of the decease of the Vice-Chairman, Lt. Col. L.J.W. Richardson, which occurred on August 22nd., and tribute was paid for the work he had done for the Society for many years and the interest he had always shown therein.

Following the Annual General Meeting, a short session of the General Committee was held, at which the Chairman, Lord Aldenham, was re-elected and Dr. Harold Blakemore B.A., Ph.D., appointed Vice Chairman.

Mr. Martin Wilson, C.B.E. was elected to the Executive Committee to fill the vacancy left by the decease of the Vice-Chairman.

Finally the Committee approved with acclamation a vote of thanks to H.E. The Chilean Ambassador and his staff for their valuable cooperation throughout the year and the provision of the spacious and comfortable accommodation afforded to the Society in the new Embassy building.

BOOK REVIEWS BY DR. HAROLD BLAKEMORE, B.A., Ph.D.:—
IMAGE OF CHILE. By Graeme Parish (Charles Knight & Co. Ltd., 1972, £3.00). **SMALL EARTHQUAKE IN CHILE.** By Alistair Horne (MacMillan, 1972, £3.95).

It was predictable that the victory of Dr Allende in the Chilean presidential election of 1970 would lead to an international re-awakening of interest in his remarkable country, accustomed to figure in the world's headlines only when the unpredictable vagaries of nature or of politics attract a momentary attention. We have already seen, and we can further expect, a realization on the part of publishers that perhaps this remote country, with its crazy geography and small population, still has much to interest the outside world, particularly in its political life. Much the same thing happened in 1964 when President Eduardo Frei became the first Christian Democrat head of state in Latin America. The global interest in Chile then was based on all kinds of assumptions about Chile as a possible kind of Latin American 'model', in sharp distinction to what commentators regarded as another continental exemplar, the Cuba of Fidel Castro. And so it is today. If anything now, the interest is greater still, in view of the democratic decision of Chile's very mature electorate to put a marxist government into power, and also in the light of whirlwind process of change which that government has launched in its first two years in power. But the same, or similar, assumptions remain, though within a different context.

To Chile, however, and to Chileans themselves, the latest phase of the country's distinctive evolution should be significant for its intrinsic importance to them, and not to those sizeable sectors of international opinion whose interest is merely fashionable, and who see in the current situation a useful laboratory for testing their own particular theories. It is no service to Chile, much less to the Chileans, to expect that country and its people to bear the burden of others' frustrated expectations. This lays a responsibility on commentators and writers who may rush to cash in on the current boom in interest: if they *must* write about Chile, they ought to do so with sympathy and understanding, and with at least a degree of knowledge of the country's unique character. That both of the authors of the books now under review have great sympathy with their subject cannot be denied: both fell in love with Chile and its people, but then, what traveller there does not? Each author, in his own distinctive way, describes his itinerary in picturesque detail, and produces interesting pen portraits of the Chileans he met, though it cannot be claimed in either case that the range of social contacts was particularly wide. Mr Parish's book is the more general of the two: it is half history and half geography, and interesting enough as a personal narrative. He uses previous writers, from Pedro de Valdivia on, to good account, and he has that feel for the country which gives a good travel book an air of immediacy. Though his data is somewhat dated, and his history not always true, he presents a well-written picture of a Chile which may well be passing away. Mr Horne, on the other hand, is the contemporary man: his book is the product of a visit to Chile in the aftermath of the last presidential election, and his basic interest is not to evoke Chile and the Chileans in a traveller's tale but to inform, and to interpret current events. His reputation as an author was already established, and he certainly writes with clarity and style. He gives



Some of those present at the Annual General Meeting at Canning House on September 5th 1972, left to right:—

Mr Graeme Parish, whose book "Image of Chile" was published recently; H.E. The Chilean Ambassador; Lady Davidson; Mr C.L. Pountney and Mr Douglas Cochrane.

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us a good deal of useful information on the present-day process of change, including an interesting eye-witness account of the activities of the MIR among the Mapuche of Cautín. But he has, of course and inevitably, already been overtaken by events. Nevertheless, as an impressionistic picture of Chile and her people, this is a useful account of the period when all was going well for the government in the first flush of its triumph.

Books such as these are useful in bringing to a wider, English-speaking audience some sense of that country on the far side of the world with which we have had strong historic ties of interest and sentiment alike. But it is not to deny their value at one level to question it at another. Both books lack depth, though this is not to imply that it is because they are not 'academic': that kind of depth is often the depth of the grave. Spontaneous sympathy with that beautiful country and its warm-hearted people is an emotion most visitors share and very few forget, but it must be married to objective reasoning and more than transitory experience if real understanding is to result. Neither author here is really concerned with the distinctive historical experiences which have made Chile what she is, nor with the structures of power, past and present, which condition her evolution. Yet consideration of both is crucial to an understanding of contemporary Chile, and without it any analysis of contemporary Chile is only a part of the truth.

GROUP AND CHARTER FLIGHTS DIRECT TO CHILE:—

The Society has circulated its members with a questionnaire, issued by Melia Travel Ltd., in which details are given of the possibility of cheaper return flights direct to Chile, to take place shortly and at the end of April 1973.

We understand that some 20 persons are taking advantage of the Christmas Group Booking, and that enquiries have been received already concerning the second flight proposed.

OBITUARIES:—

George Duncan Saunders— Old and new residents of the Magallanes area mourn the sudden passing on board ship, while on his way to retirement in Ireland, of George Saunders, so well known for many years for his sincere and generous nature and genuine friendship.

He was born in Estancia Rincón de los Morros, Rio Gallegos, on January 23rd. 1906, educated at Trent College, Nottingham, and was employed by the Sociedad Explotadora de Tierra del Fuego from 1925 to 1969, spending the greater part of his life in the sheepfarming industry, principally in the Puerto Natales area, where he was Manager of Estancia Cerro Castillo from 1949–65. During this period he did a great deal in pasture improvement, clearing the land and combating erosion. On his retirement from the Company he continued sheepfarming in the Argentine until August last, when on board the "Hardwick Grange", two days after leaving Buenos Aires, he died of a stroke and was buried at sea.

He served with H.M. Forces in the Royal Mechanical Engineers from September 1939 until his repatriation to Chile in 1946, with the rank of Sergeant and was with the invasion forces which landed in France on 6th. June 1944.

During the war, in 1942, he married Miss Millicent Jane Heyhurst, who survives him, and to whom we offer our sincere sympathy in her tragic bereavement.