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His Excellency Rear Admiral (R) KAARE OLSEN, Chilean Ambassador to the Court of St. James.

ARRIVAL OF THE NEW CHILEAN AMBASSADOR

His Excellency Rear Admiral (R) Kaare Olsen, newly appointed Chilean Ambassador to the Court of St. James, accompanied by Madame Irene Hornsby de Olsen, arrived in London on November 3rd, and are staying at the Residency at 92 Eaton Place, S.W.1.

On behalf of the Lord Chairman, Committee and Members of the Society, we offer them a warm welcome and wish them a long, happy, and most successful stay in this country.

The Ambassador is by no means a stranger in Britain. During his long and distinguished career in the Chilean Navy and Government, he has paid it several visits and made many friends here. The first occasion was in 1928, when, as a Sub-Lieutenant of the Chilean training ship Corvette "General Baquedano", he arrived at Dartmouth under sail from Chile. On that occasion he was also present at the launching at Southampton of the destroyer "Riquelme", one of six built there for the Chilean Navy.

Twenty years later, he was appointed Naval Attache to the Chilean Embassy in London and remained here for the two years 1948-1950.

He joined the Chilean Naval School as a cadet in 1921. Details of his outstanding long service are too numerous to publish here; suffice it to say that he did not retire from the Navy until 1957, when he had reached the high rank of Rear Admiral.

During the regime of President Ibanez, he took an active part in Government and was appointed Minister of Education and Minister of Foreign Affairs in 1955, his actuation in these important posts being notably successful.

Both the Ambassador and Madame Olsen were born in Iquique, Northern Chile, and were married in 1932. They have one daughter and a son. Madame Olsen is of British descent, her father being Scottish and her mother English. They have visited England, accompanied by their daughter, on many occasions.

In a private interview, His Excellency affirmed that he is glad to be in England again and to be reunited with the many and good friends he made here during his long career.

CHILEAN NAVY DAY

The customary ceremonial laying of a wreath on the tomb of Lord Cochrane in Westminster Abbey was carried out on May 21st, jointly by H.E. the Chilean Ambassador and Rear-Admiral Oscar Buzeta C.V.O.

A number of members of the Chilean Embassy, officers of the Chilean Naval and Air Force Missions with their ladies and a number of persons connected with Chile were present at this solemn traditional ceremony and religious services.

NAVY DAY RECEPTION

The Head of the Chilean Naval Mission in London, Rear-Admiral Oscar Buzeta, C.V.O. and Mrs. Buzeta, assisted by Captain and Mrs. Carlos Le May, gave a Reception at the United Service Club, Pall Mall, on the evening of May 22nd, last.

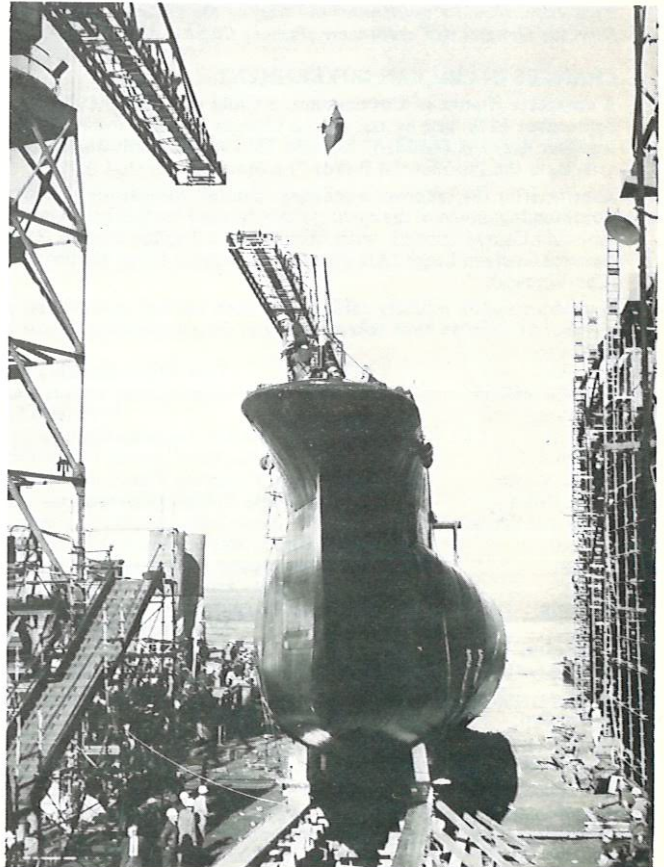
During the reception Rear-Admiral Buzeta and Mrs. Buzeta received the congratulations and warmest good wishes of the 200 guests present, who enjoyed this happy celebration of Chilean Navy Day.

CREATION OF AVIATION MISSION IN LONDON

It has been announced that the Chilean Air Force by Decree No.400 of the Ministry of Defence has raised its London representation from that of an Air Attache to "Chilean Air Force Mission in London".

The Mission, now under the control of the Air Attache Col. Fernando Matthei, will be permanently based in London but will act as buying agents in Europe as a whole.

Wing-Commander Carlos Martinez S. recently came from Chile to join the Mission.



Launching of the Submarine "Hyatt" for the Chilean Navy, at Greenock, on September 26th. The Submarine was built at the Scotts Shipbuilding Company's yard at Greenock, Scotland.



The new Chilean Government "Junta", September 1973, reading from left to right:—
 General del Aire (Air Marshal) Commander-in-Chief of the Chilean Air Force GUSTAVO LEIGH;
 Commander-in-Chief of the Army and President of the "Junta", General AUGUSTO PINOCHET;
 Vice-Admiral and Commander-in-Chief of the Chilean Navy, JOSE TORIBIO MERINO C.
 Director General of Carabineers (Police) CESAR MENDOZA

CHANGES IN CHILEAN GOVERNMENT

A complete change of Government in Chile was brought about on September 11th. last by the united Chilean Armed Forces, who together deposed President Allende. He met his death during an attack on the Presidential Palace "La Moneda" on that date.

Shortly after the takeover a military "Junta" comprising the four Commanders-in-Chief assumed power, headed by General Augusto Pinochet Ugarte (Army), with Admiral Jose Toribio Merino (Navy), General Gustavo Leigh (Air Force) and General Cesar Mendoza (Carabineers).

A predominantly military cabinet was then formed, since when a number of changes have taken place and its composition is now as follows:—

Interior	Gen. Oscar Bonilla (Army)
Foreign Affairs	Rear-Adm. Ismael Huerta (Navy)
Economy	Fernando Leniz
Finance	Rear-Adm. Lorenzo Gotuzo (Navy)
Defence	Vice-Adm. Patricio Carvajal Prieto (Navy)
Public Works	Gen. Sergio Gutierrez Figueroa (Air Force)
Agriculture	Col. Sergio Crespo Montero (Air Force)
Land and Settlement	Gen. Diego Babra Valdes (Carabineers)
Labour	Gen. Mario Mackay Jaraquemada (Army)
Health	Col. Alberto Spoerer Covarrubias (Air Force)
Mines	Gen. Arturo Zuniga (Carabineers)
Housing	Brig.-Gen. Arturo Viveros Avila (Army)
Justice	Sr. Gonzalo Prieto Gandara
Education	Adm. Hugo Castro (Navy)
Secretary-General to the Cabinet	Col. Pedro Ewing. (Army)

Congress was dissolved and the activities of all political parties suspended.

The country's borders were closed on September 11th., but were re-opened on the 18th of that month. A street curfew was at first imposed, which has now been eased.

On October 1st the exchange control system was modified and rates simplified to only two quotations per U.S. dollar, namely 280 escudos for trade operations and 850 escudos for tourism.

These rates have been modified subsequently to 285 and 800 Escudos respectively, and tourists have been relieved of the obligation to exchange a minimum amount of US \$10 per day for the period of their stay in the country.

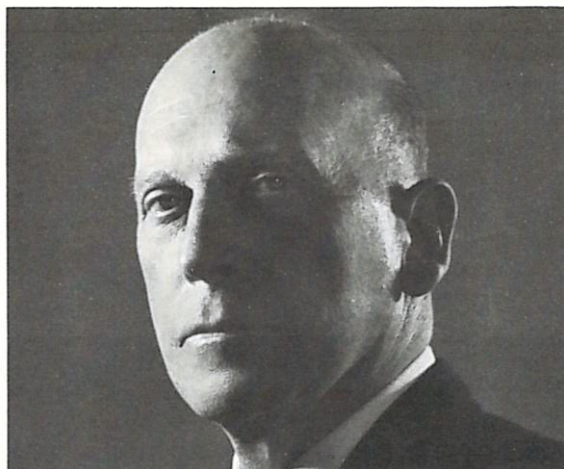
ACTIVITIES IN CHILE

Election of New Chairman. In July last the election of a new Chairman and other officers of the Society took place in Santiago, the following being the result:—

Chairman — Mr Enrique Phillips Rodriguez-Pena
 Vice-Chairman — Mr Sidney L. Shaw
 Hon. Secretary — Mr. Maximo Latorre Subercasseaux
 Hon. Treasurer — Mr Vivian Clarke

The new Chairman is well known for his tremendous energy and his great interest and devoted attention to the British Fire Brigade in Santiago.

Mr Shaw has been a very active and efficient Secretary of the Society for several years and now steps up to the Vice-Presidency, while Mr. Vivian Clarke, member of the Society almost since its inception, has served on the Committee in Santiago for at least 25 years. He now continues his valuable services by becoming Treasurer.



Sr. Enrique Phillips Rodriguez-Pena, Chairman of the Santiago Committee of the Society.



A happy group of Members of the Society at the Annual General Meeting at Canning House, on Sept. 5th 1973. (Left to right) Mr William Brain; Mr Victor Contreras; Mrs Evelyn Shenton; Mrs Lina Smithson; Mrs J. Hart; Mr John Shenton; Dr. Harold Blakemore; B.A., B.Sc.; Vice-Chairman of the Society; Mr Martin Wilson, C.B.E.; Mr Charles Harley.



Party at the Annual General Meeting on Sept. 5th (left to right) Mr P. L. Jones; Mr Ralph Young (Hon. Treasurer of the Society); Dr. Francis Kelly, B.Sc., Ph.D.; Mr W. R. Smithson, (Secretary), Sir Leslie Bowes, K.C.M.G., C.B.E.; and Mr Leon Shipman.



Spring Cocktail Party May 3rd 1973: (left to right) Lord Aldenham, Chairman of the Society; Mr David Hildyard, C.M.G., D.F.C. (formerly British Ambassador in Santiago); Miss Duncan; Mrs David Duncan; Mr David Duncan; Lady Aldenham; Sir Leslie Bowes, K.C.M.G., C.B.E.



Guests at Spring Cocktail Party May 3rd 1973 (left to right) Mr L. F. Crick; Mrs Peter Ford; Dr. Harold Blakemore, B.A., Ph.d.; Mr Ruben Phillips; Mrs C. L. Pountney; Mrs Leslie Crick; Lady Bowes.

THE SWORD FUND

In a recent issue of Chilean News attention was drawn to the traditional presentation of swords ceremony which takes place annually in Santiago when four swords of honour are awarded to Cadets of outstanding merit from each of the Chilean Armed Forces as gifts from the Society in London.

This traditional event has continued for the past 30 years but owing to increasing costs purchasing the swords became too onerous for the Society last year and it was found necessary to ask for help from the Santiago Committee to be able to continue the ceremony.

Fortunately, such help was received and the customary presentations duly took place in Santiago in December last. It was obvious however that the same problem of financing the purchase of swords would arise each year and after careful consideration the Executive Committee decided to establish a "Sword Fund" and to appeal for donations to finance future annual awards.

Accordingly, our Chairman, Lord Aldenham addressed a circular letter to all members in May last inviting them to contribute to this special fund and it is gratifying to report that up to now some 45 donations have been received amounting to a total of £396. The fund will remain open for further contributions and it is hoped that we shall shortly have sufficient funds to finance the cost of swords for at least two years. The list of donations to date is as follows:

Mrs S. R. Allen	Dorchester
Antofagasta (Chili) & Bolivia Railway Co. Ltd.,	London
Mrs Janet Back	Havant
British Broadcasting Corporation	London
C. R. Buxton	London
Chile Mining Supplies Ltd.	London
Chloride Industrial Batteries Ltd.	Manchester
J. S. H. Clissold	London
Mrs J. N. G. Clarke	Theydon Bois

Fernando Cousino	London
P. J. Cropper	Tonbridge
Lady Davidson	London
Neville Fleming	Enniskillen
Mrs P. S. Fleming	Enniskillen
A. Ford-Robertson	Buenos Aires
J. V. Gallagher	Brighton
Antony Gibbs & Sons Ltd.	London
Charles Harley	London
A. H. Huntley	Camberley
Imperial Chemical Industries Ltd.	London
J. S. Jackson	London
Lloyds & Bolsa International Bank Ltd.	London
Lyon, Lohr & Sly Ltd.	London
J. A. Murdoch	London
Nitrate Corporation of Chile	London
H. R. S. Pocock	Jersey
Mr and Mrs C. L. Pountney	Worthing
P. Prieto-Tovarias	London
E. G. Rowe	London
Sir John Royden	Battle
F. P. Scott	London
Scott Shipbuilding Co. Ltd.	Greenock
J. Henry Schroder Wagg & Co. Ltd.	London
Mr and Mrs P. J. Shaw	Tonbridge
John C. Shenton	Reigate
Miss Gladys K. Smith	Beckenham
W. R. Smithson	Sanderstead
Mrs Gillian Spedding	Henley-on-Thames
Swan Hunter Ship Repairers Tyne Ltd.	N. Shields
G. D. C. Taylor	London
P. J. Vogt & R. A. J. Barbary	London
Dacre Watson, O.B.E.	Shaldon
Mrs Blanca E. B. Wheeler,	Theydon Bois
Martin Wilson, C.B.E.	London
Yarrow (Shipbuilders) Ltd.	Scotstoun, Glasgow

OBITUARIES

Fernée, T. A. We record with deep regret the death of this member on 10th March, 1973, in hospital.

"TAF" as his closest friends called him went out to Chile in 1922 for Grace Brothers of London and after some years in Nitrate Agencies at Antofagasta he joined Cia. Sud. Americana de Explosivos (a subsidiary of I.C.I. of London and Du Pont, U.S.A.) becoming their Chief Accountant in Valparaiso Head Office and later in 1948 Company Secretary and Treasurer. He continued with this Company, which transferred its headquarters in 1955 to Santiago, until his final retirement in 1963 when he returned to England to live in Grayshott, Surrey.

He gave his services willingly to many Community Committees in Chile, in particular as Treasurer of the Church, Seaman's Mission, Commonwealth Society and at one time a Governor of McKay's School. He was also a devoted Freemason, belonging to three Lodges in Chile and during 1942 and 1943 was Master of the "Star and Thistle" Lodge 509 of Valparaiso. He was a member of the Anglo Chilean Society for twenty-two years.

To his widow, Mrs Constance Fernée and a son, Philip, we extend our deepest sympathy.

Cowley, Charles. With much regret we record the decease of this old member on February 13th, last, in England, at the advanced age of 88 years. He had been a Member of the Society practically since its inception in 1944. Nearly the whole of his career was spent with the Antofagasta (Chili) and Bolivia Railway Company Ltd., his first contract commencing in January 1906, when he was 21, at Antofagasta, which port he reached by steamboat via the Straits of Magellan. At that time the railway to Bolivia was considered to hold the record of being the highest in the world. On his return to England he continued in the Company's service for the rest of his working life, broken only between 1917 and 1919 when, after some weeks spent in France, he was seconded to the British Embassy in Madrid. He became Secretary to the Railway Company in 1929 and joined the Board of Directors in 1941, remaining thereon until just before his seventieth birthday in 1954, thereafter as a consultant.

A member of the Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators for over 60 years and a Fellow of the Institute of Directors for 24 years, he was wonderfully active, both mentally and physically right up to the moment of his death, which was instantaneous.

Montgomerie, F. J. D. Francis James Dudingston Montgomerie, a founder member of the Anglo Chilean Society, died at Leatherhead Hospital on May 16, 1973, in his 83rd year.

'Dudingston' and the terminal '-ie' in the name betoken a Scottish family background of which Montgomerie was justly proud. After schooling at Aldenham, he was apprenticed to an engineering firm fitting him well for service in the Royal Engineers which he joined immediately on the outbreak of war in 1914. Initially Montgomerie was a despatch rider but later was commissioned and attained the rank of Captain. When a Lieutenant, he was mentioned in despatches and was awarded the Military Cross for meritorious service. Montgomerie's love of soldiering again found outlet in the second world war when he became a keen and highly competent officer in the local Home Guard.

But it is not of Montgomerie in war that I would write, but rather of his long and devoted service to the nitrate industry of Chile. This extended continuously over a period of some forty years from 1920 or thereby when he joined one of the Aikman companies until his retirement from the Nitrate Corporation of Chile Limited in 1960.

Many will remember the difficult and uncertain days of the reorganization of the nitrate business in the late 1920's and early 1930's with, among other changes, the formation of Chilean Nitrate of Soda Distributors Limited in 1928. The short-lived "Cosach" followed in 1930 and thereafter came Chilean Nitrate Producers Association (London) Limited subsequently named Nitrate Corporation of Chile Ltd as it remains today.

Throughout these vicissitudes "Monty", as he was familiarly called, was always at some key point where his personal qualities of courtesy, dedication and complete integrity were invaluable. He was in charge of the U.K. sales section of the C. N. D. consortium and secretary of the company; and on the formation of Chilean Nitrate Producers Association and its renamed successor he became head of the Insurance Department where he remained in control until his retirement.

A man of great charm, Montgomerie's considerable gifts were enhanced by a distinction of appearance and manner which lent emphasis and dignity to everything he did. Like most men of his generation destined to carry responsibility he was a stern critic of all that was slipshod, careless, undisciplined; but his temperament was too well adjusted ever to let him behave unreasonably or unkindly.

No tribute to "Monty" would be adequate without a reference to the endearing qualities of his wife who helped and supported him throughout, and to whom he was so devoted. To her, and to his two daughters and their children we offer our warm and affectionate sympathy.
F.C.K.

NEW MEMBERS: The following New Members have been elected since our last issue:—

Rear-Admiral Oscar Buzeta, C.V.O.	Annual Member
Ricardo Pellicer Egnem	Joint Annual
Mrs Ricardo Pellicer	Members
Sir John Newson-Smith	Joint Annual
Lady Anne Newson-Smith	Members
Mrs Margaret H. Valdivia	Annual Member
Adrian N. Atkinson	Junior Member
Charles Harley	Joint Annual
Mrs Charles Harley	Members
Mrs Constance Fernée	Annual Member
Renato Retamales	Joint Annual Members
Mrs Ana Maria Retamales	Members

PEN FRIEND NEEDED

The Secretary has received a letter from Miss Bessie Leon Troncoso, of Chillán, who would like to find a pen friend in England interested in Education, Music, Literature, Science and Languages.

She is of Chilean nationality, aged 20 and a teacher of English.
Address:— Casilla 652, Chillán, Chile.



Another group at the Spring Cocktail Party, May 1973; (left to right) Mrs Otilia Charlton; Mrs Evelyn Shenton; Mrs M. G. Gunn; Mrs Lina Smithson; Mr Peter Ford C.B.E.; Mrs Ford; Mr Graeme Parish; Mrs Parish; Sir Leslie Bowes, K.C.M.G., C.B.E.

ITEMS OF GENERAL INTEREST

Spring Cocktail Party. This was held on May 3rd last at Canning House and was attended by approximately 80 persons, a smaller number than the previous year, but nevertheless very enjoyable.

Christmas Buffet Supper Party. This will be held at Overseas House, headquarters of the Royal Over-Seas League, in St. James's Street, on December 4th next. The Christmas Draw will take place the same evening.

Charter Flight. This flight to Buenos Aires and Santiago, organised in co-operation with the Anglo Argentine Society, will leave London (Heathrow) on Wednesday, Dec. 19th, the return flight leaving Santiago on January 15th 1974. It has been completely booked up for some months.