

# CHILEAN NEWS

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The legendary and forbidding Cape Horn, situated at the Southernmost point of Chilean Tierra del Fuego.

## CHILEAN INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

### Annual Luncheon well attended:-

The Society's Annual Luncheon to celebrate the Dieciocho was held this year on 20th September, at the Waldorf Hotel. There were nearly three hundred guests, and the good attention, excellent cuisine and pleasant surroundings seemed to please everyone who attended.

Guests of Honour were Sir Reginald Verdon-Smith, LLD., DL. and Lady Verdon-Smith. The Chilean Chargé d' Affaires, Dr. Jorge Berguño, Madame Berguño and Dr. Harold Blakemore, Chairman of the Society, received the numerous guests.

Dr. Blakemore proposed the toast of "the President of Chile" and in introducing the Guest of Honour, spoke also of the work of the Society during the year. He stressed the fact that it was managing to meet increasing financial costs, thanks to the continued support of members and friends, and he particularly mentioned the response given to the Sword Fund appeal which had enabled the Society to continue the traditional annual award of Swords of Honour to the cadets of the Chilean Armed services. He also referred to the help of the Treasurer and Secretary and to Mr. and Mrs. Pountney and Mr. and Mrs. Shenton who had stood in for Mr. Smithson when he was away on leave. He welcomed the Ambassadors and High Commissioners from Central American and Caribbean nations specially invited to attend the luncheon.

Sir Reginald Verdon-Smith, when proposing the toast of "The Anglo Chilean Society", related his experiences during his recent visit to Chile, emphasising the good impressions of the country and its people which he received. He and Lady Verdon-Smith would retain many happy memories of their visit, and they had a firm intention to return there as soon as they could. They had flown over the Northern deserts and travelled as far south as Puerto Montt, marvelling at the superb scenery and beauty of the snow-covered volcanoes, the ice-blue waters of mountain rivers, splendid forests and rich agricultural lands. Sir Reginald also referred to the vital importance of sea power to a country with such an immense coastline, and to the unique cooperation of the British and Chilean navies, which had continued down to the present day.

He then went on to deal with what he described as more basic matters, such as Chile's important mineral resources and while bearing in mind that the occasion was a non-political gathering, he did not think he would give offence to anyone if he expressed the hope that the traditional links of personal friendships and business co-operation, which had been so happy in days gone by, would very soon be completely restored, and that relations would be less frustrated by official policies, based on largely ideological considerations, rather than on a true appreciation of the real interests of the

two peoples. In this general context, he said that objectivity on the part of the media could be of the greatest value in the development of balanced and properly informed public opinion. He remarked that it was surely an essential role of any responsible Government that it should seek to prevent differences between it and another Government from causing unnecessary harm to the commercial exchanges which profit the people of both countries.

Sir Reginald also observed that, as a banker and Chairman of L.B.I. he naturally saw such matters from the point of view of international business, and he considered that, in his experience, activities of international companies relied very greatly for their success upon the existence of friendly relations between Governments. In their turn, such companies can, and do exercise their influence in the same direction. Where the rift between Governments is really serious, international companies have an even more important and positive role to play. They, and other non-political bodies, such as the British Council, must then, by continuing to operate as normally as possible, help to keep alive the friendship between peoples which can so often survive intact, even when differences in interest or ideology are keeping Governments apart.

He went on to make two more points, firstly that it was vastly encouraging to observe the great improvement which was taking place in the economic situation in Chile, as evidenced by the published statistics and confirmed by recent visits such as that of the Society's Vice-Chairman, Sir Frederick Mason, on which a recent C.B.I. report was based. All must welcome the resolute reduction in the rate of inflation and greatly improved level of employment, and it was of great benefit to international confidence to have the Government's assurance that existing debt obligations would be met on time without requests for rescheduling. The revival of Chilean industry and the efforts to develop manufacture and marketing of non-traditional products in order to reduce the dependence of the country upon world prices for primary products were other striking improvements, and international business confidence was increasingly well justified; capital investment was going ahead and, with it, orders for Capital equipment.

In these circumstances, he would add his hope that in the international competition to do business with Chile, British industry would not have to suffer a competitive disadvantage due to unhelpful policies here in London.

Sir Reginald concluded his most interesting address by extending cordial thanks to the Society on behalf of the guests for its hospitality and best wishes to the Society and the people of Chile upon their Independence Day.

Replying to the Toast, the Chilean Chargé d' Affaires, Dr. Jorge Berguño referred to the growth of the Anglo-Chilean Society from the early days of its foundation during the Second World War. He thought it was difficult to define what "Anglo-Chilean" meant, a term that should be understood as a broader and higher commitment to Anglo-Chilean friendship rather than a question of divided loyalties. He traced the history of his own maternal kin, the Barnes family, from the old country of Norfolk to the north of Chile where they pioneered the development of mining activities.

Last years have been trying for the cause of Anglo-Chilean friendship and on the whole Continent of Europe Chile's image had suffered from misconceptions and deliberate slander. He stressed the contradiction existent among those who proclaim lofty ideals on human rights and seek to deny the Chilean people, individually and collectively, their fundamental right to decide their own future as a Nation.

However, it was important to focus on a broader perspective and a longer span of time. In this historic Year of the Jubilee, the whole reign of Her Majesty Elizabeth the Second emerged marked by events such as her momentous trip to Chile and the two Arbitration Awards that have contributed so substantially to the peaceful settlement of our boundaries with a sister nation.

Warmly praising the guest speaker for his keen understanding of the maritime traditions of Chile and the links with Britain that lead to joint ventures in the development of navigation through the Strait of Magellan and into the Pacific and in the early exploration of the Antarctic, Dr. Berguño recalled Bernardo O'Higgins draft for an Anglo-Chilean political alliance.

A friendship so profound could never fade or die. And the continuing support by the professional, cultural and business communities including the banking institution chaired by Sir Reginald Verdon-Smith, for an enduring British-Chilean relationship and for an expanding common interest would inevitably prevail over passing whims and ideological distortions.



*Annual Luncheon in celebration of Chilean Independence held at the Waldorf Hotel, London, on September 20th 1977.*



*Detail of part of the principal table at the Annual Luncheon in celebration of Chilean Independence. (LEFT TO RIGHT) Lady Bowes, Doctor Harold Blakemore, Chairman of the Society; Madame Berguño, Sir Reginald Verdon-Smith, Guest of Honour; Lady Aldenham, Doctor Jorge Berguño, Chargé d'Affaires of Chile; Lady Verdon-Smith, Lord Aldenham.*

## RECEPTION IN CELEBRATION OF CHILEAN INDEPENDENCE DAY

Doctor Jorge Berguño, Chargé d'Affaires of Chile and Madame Paula de Berguño gave a reception to over 300 guests at the Chilean Embassy, 12 Devonshire Street, London, W.1 in celebration of the "Dieciocho", Chilean Independence Day, on Monday, September 19th last.

At the reception were many Chileans living in London as well as foreign diplomats and persons resident in England with Chilean connections.

## LATIN AMERICAN SOCIETIES' ANNUAL GOLF COMPETITION Ambassadors' Cup returns to the Society— Winner Mrs. George Young.

After a period of several years, the Ambassadors' Cup, which has been played for ever since 1950, was won for Chile by a member of the Society at the Annual Meeting held on 28th June last.

This year it was decided to change the venue from Effingham to the Hendon Golf Club in North London with whom suitable arrangements were made to accommodate the eighty guests for lunch, which included 24 non-players. Fine, but cool and cloudy weather—good golfing weather—was the order of the day and the 53 players had an enjoyable competition round in the morning, some also playing pick-up games in the afternoon. All enjoyed the visit to this beautiful Club.

The sponsors this year were the Anglo Brazilian Society, and the Brazilian Minister, Marcelo Raffaelli presided at the Luncheon and presented the prizes.

Mrs. George Young was the winner of the Ambassadors' Cup, the competition being an 18 hole Stableford Bogey, and she also won the "Punta Arenas" Cup for the best score by any member of the Anglo Chilean Society. In addition, she won the LAN Chile Trophy for an ordinary 18 hole bogey, thus carrying away three first prizes, a record for the Society. We heartily congratulate Mrs Young for this splendid effort.

The second prize was also won by a member representing our Society, Mr. Broadbridge playing for the British Caledonian Airways; the third prize went to Mr. Wright, of the Anglo Brazilian Society, who also won the new trophy presented by that country for the best round of one of its members, called the Jangada Trophy. The fourth prize was won by Mrs. Butterworth, also of the Anglo Brazilian Society.

Mr. John Poynor, who we are pleased to say has now recovered from his illness, organised the competition.

## CAMBRIDGE EXPEDITION TO TIERRA DEL FUEGO 1976/77

(Editorial Note:- Peter Wood, who lives at Purley, Surrey, has just returned from an archaeological study in Tierra del Fuego and has kindly handed us for publication the following short account of his visit to that windswept area. Peter holds a Cambridge Degree in archaeology and is studying for a Doctorate in anthropology at University College, London.)

In the austral summer of 1976/77 a small expedition from the University of Cambridge spent three months on Isla Hoste, a large island lying to the south of the Beagle Channel, studying various aspects of the geology, archaeology and ornithology of the area.

The three of us had arranged to meet in Punta Arenas late in December. Bill Adams (ornithologist) and Philip Andrews-Speed (leader and geologist) travelled from England to Montevideo on the British Antarctic Survey vessel, Bransfield, while the author, archaeologist, was fortunate enough to be offered a free passage as working supernumerary by the Pacific Steam Navigation Company. We gathered in Punta Arenas late in December. There we met Ronald Templeton, another ornithologist, who was working in the area and asked if he could join us for a while. It was also arranged that two scientists from the Instituto de la Patagonia should accompany us for the first month. The business of extracting the food and equipment we had shipped from England from Customs and making last-minute purchases went smoothly, interrupted only by the Christmas festivities in which the discovery of the potency of Pisco Sours and a splendid tea with the consul, Mr. Denley King O.B.E., were the high points. We had arranged in London with the Chilean Naval Attaché to travel out to the island on one of the ships stationed in Punta Arenas. Since our ship, the P.P. Lientur, could not leave until mid-January, we occupied our time with trips to various parts of the Straits.

We eventually left Punta Arenas on January 13th, sailing first to Puerto Williams, and then via several naval posts where we dropped supplies to the site in Seno Ponsonby where we planned to establish a base camp. From there we would go our various ways, Bill and Philip up into the hills, the former to gain some idea of the density and distribution of birds inland, the latter to examine the structure of the geology. Ronald made various sorties up and down the Sound collecting information along the shore-line which would complement Bill's studies inland: The two Chilean scientists stayed in base camp collecting specimens; and I searched the coastal area for archaeological sites, moving camp after a fortnight to the west to an aptly-named spot, Bahía Helada where I began to excavate.

It is too early yet to report especially on my findings, which were fragments of whalebone, seal bones and birds and fish in the site I was excavating. I shall be publishing a short report in the "Anales" of the Instituto de la Patagonia of Punta Arenas and some general papers in British and American journals.

Fortunately, during our stay there the area never really lived up to its reputation for bad weather, or at least things were never as bad as we had expected them to be. For Bill and Philip, working on the edge of the permanent snow-line there was the problem of boots and socks that would never dry out yet we were always expecting something dreadful to happen, a gale force wind to try to sweep us out into the South Atlantic, torrential rain, or perhaps freezing weather. In fact there were only two or three cold spells, when it snowed at sea-level, hands and feet turned numb, and perhaps you wondered what made you ever decide to go there.

Throughout, the Chilean Navy were very helpful appearing at periodic intervals to make sure that we were all right, and collecting the two Chilean scientists at the end of the first month to take them back to Punta Arenas. I remember particularly their hospitality at the final pick-up when we were treated to fresh meat and vegetables Pisco Sours and wine, and an immaculately clean, white table-cloth, all this after I had been politely but firmly led to the shower. I'm not quite sure what they can have thought of these 'gringos', laden with camera equipment, shouting enthusiastically at the sight of seals or albatrosses, ravenously eating everything they could lay their hands on, and finally keeping careful watch over crates full of rocks and Indian tools.

We returned to Punta Arenas in mid-April, just in time to attend a couple of functions at the British Club. The Club is still there, and as strangers a long way from home we greatly enjoyed slipping in there for a drink and a game of billiards.

From Punta Arenas we went our various ways, Ronald and Bill to Montevideo to catch the Bransfield home, Philip to America, and myself to Valparaiso to travel home again by courtesy of the Pacific Steam Navigation Company. We came away with memories of friendliness, a great interest in Britain, and an immense pride in Chile itself.

PETER WOOD

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND WINE AND CHEESE PARTY

This gathering of members carried on the now well established precedent of holding a wine and cheese party on the same day as the Annual Meeting. This took place at Canning House, Belgrave Square on Tuesday, July 19th. 1977.

Attendance at the meeting was very good, 35 members being present (last year 39). The Annual Report and Balance Sheet was presented and passed unanimously, without comment. It showed a satisfactory financial result, there being a small surplus in which connection the Chairman, Dr. Harold Blakemore commented that, although costs had escalated, the Society was holding up pretty well in comparison with the other Latin American Societies.

The General Committee was formally re-elected "en bloc" as constituted with the addition of the name of Miss Christina Williams, who would be invited to become a member thereof.

Votes of thanks were passed with acclamation to the Honorary Auditors, Messrs. Price Waterhouse & Co., also to the Ladies' Committee, led by Lady Dora Pink, for organising several successful social and charitable events during the year.

The Chairman thanked the Chilean Chargé d'Affaires, Don Jorge Berquño, for his continued support and that of the Chilean Embassy staff throughout the year, rendered in many ways.

At the General Committee Meeting which followed Dr. Harold Blakemore was re-elected Chairman for another term, also Sir Frederick Mason Vice-Chairman, both re-elections being accompanied by sustained applause. The Executive Committee was then re-elected in its entirety with the addition of the names of don Jorge Berquño, in replacement of don Carlos Bustos, who had returned to Chile, and Mr. S.R. Smith, of the British Council, in replacement of Mr. H.G. Ellis who had retired due to ill health and resigned from the Committee.

Finally a vote of thanks was passed unanimously to the Chairman, Dr. Blakemore, for his continued dedicated services to the Society during the year. Mention also was made of the assistance rendered to the Society by Messrs. C.L. Pountney and J.C. Shenton by replacing the Secretary, Mr. Smithson, during his absence on leave in Chile, both votes receiving a round of applause.

The members present then retired to the Drawing Room for the Wine and Cheese Party which was as usual a jolly and successful event. It was organised by the Ladies' Committee who provided the excellent cheeses and other items, over 80 persons being present.



Mrs George Young holding the "Ambassador's" Cup which she won at the Golf Competition of the Latin American Societies, held at Hendon Golf Club on June 28th 1977.

## SWORD PRESENTATION NOW ASSURED FOR 1977

Satisfaction has been felt by the Committee and Members of the Society at the splendid way members have responded to the recent appeal by the Chairman for funds to continue the long-standing tradition of some thirty years in presenting every year, on behalf of the Society, Swords of Honour to the outstanding cadets of the four entities of the Chilean Armed Forces and Carabineers.

The swords which have been provided since the inception of the awards by the ancient firm of Wilkinson of London, really are outstanding examples of swordmakers' work and, so we learn, highly appreciated by the recipients becoming treasured mementos of their careers.

It was feared that rising costs of the swords (which are practically hand forged) would prohibit the continuance of this traditional annual award, but members' response has been so good that the cost this year has been more than covered and contributions received to date of £1,190 has also proved that members are very reluctant to abandon this cherished tradition.

A list of names of contributors is as follows:-

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Mr. Luis Ignacio Silva, Chairman of the Sociedad Anglo-Chilena, Santiago, who was recently awarded the O.B.E.

## SEÑOR LUIS IGNACIO SILVA DECORATED BY THE QUEEN

We congratulate don Luis Ignacio Silva Carvallo on the award of the Order of British Empire conferred on him in July by H.M. the Queen for services in the promotion of Chilean British commercial relations.

The decoration was presented by the British Chargé d'Affaires and Consul General in Santiago, Mr. Keith Haskell, at a ceremony in the British Embassy in July last.

In a speech after the presentation, Mr. Haskell emphasised the human and intellectual attributes of Señor Silva and his efforts to continue and increase the close links in Chilean British relations.

Señor Silva is a solicitor who was born at Viña del Mar and educated in Santiago and Valparaiso performing his law studies at the Catholic University, but receiving the degree of Attorney-at-Law at the State University. He was best known to British residents as the Executive President of the "Royal Dutch/Shell" group of Companies in Chile with whom he had served for 35 years in various capacities, that of Executive President for the past 10 years. He retired from this latter post in March 1976.

Señor Silva was elected Chairman of the Santiago Committee of the Society, "Sociedad Anglo Chilena" early in the present year.

## SOCIEDAD ANGLO CHILENA New Santiago Committee elected.

A new Executive Committee of the Soc. Anglo Chilena was formed recently in Santiago at a meeting following a Luncheon at the Club de la Union.

New officers are as follows:-

Chairman:-	Sr. Luis Ignacio Silva
Vice-Chairman:-	Mr. Thomas C. Peddar
Secretary:-	Mr. Kenneth E. Dunford
Treasurer:-	Mr. Benjamin Davila I.

Messrs. Vivian Clarke and Sidney Shaw, both of whom have been connected with the Society as officers for many years continue as members of the Committee. We look forward to hearing of their activities in the near future.



Captain Mrs Norma Román, of Concepción, Chile, wearing the uniform of the new Corps of Policewomen (Carabineras) who are affectionately styled "paquitas" by the Chilean public.

The Earl of Dundonald, Ledaig, Argyll  
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 Mr. and Mrs. C.L. Pountney, Worthing  
 Mr. C.S. Jenkins, London  
 Mr. Edgar Cridge, Santiago  
 Dr. Michael Varley, Santiago



*Wine & Cheese group at Canning House on the occasion of the Annual General Meeting of the Society, left to right, B.S. Swift, O.B.E. John Shenton; R.G.D. Evans, Mrs Betty Swift and Dr. Harold Blakemore, Chairman of the Society.*

## MISS VIOLETA JANES, AN ARTIST FROM CHILE EXHIBITS IN LONDON

Miss Janes was born in the Argentine, but went to Chile as a child with her parents, who were resident there for many years. She was brought up and educated in Chile. In fact, she considers herself Chilean. On show at the Annual Exhibition of the United Society of Artists, at the Mall Galleries, she has hung six of her oil paintings. She specialises in portraits, flowers and landscapes and has had pictures exhibited in the Royal Academy, Royal Society of Portrait Painters and other exhibitions in London.

Miss Janes, who lived in London for a number of years, has a great affection for Chile where she spent her childhood and hopes to visit that country in the near future. We take this opportunity of congratulating her on her work and wish her a happy visit to her old home.



*Mr A.D. King, of Punta Arenas, wearing his decoration of O.B.E., accompanied by Mrs King and son, Charles King.*

## Mr. A.D. KING OF PUNTA ARENAS AWARDED THE O.B.E.

With pleasure we have received news from Punta Arenas of the Queen's award of the O.B.E. to Mr. A. Denley King, British Consul of Punta Arenas, and take this opportunity of congratulating him on receiving this well-merited recognition of his services for many years in furthering British and Chilean interests.

Mr. King has been resident in Punta Arenas since 1930 and was British Vice-Consul from 1957/68 when he was appointed Consul, which post he holds at present. His work for Chilean and British institutions is well known to all and, apart from Consular posts, was particularly active in the British Club, the Magallanes Golf Club and the British School. He was also formerly a member of the Anglo Chilean Society for many years, and still retains a great deal of interest therein.



*A happy group at the Wine & Cheese Party on July 19th 1977, at Canning House, left to right, W.A.S. Bickford; Mrs Barbara Williamson, Mrs George Young, George Young C.B.E., C.R. Buxton.*

## GOVERNMENT AWARD TO DON MANUEL BIANCHI G

We are gratified to note from the Santiago Press that don Manuel Bianchi, who founded our Society when he was Chilean Ambassador in London in 1944, has been granted by Decree 1708 of the Minister of the Interior in Santiago, the right to receive a pension as a University Professor as from July 1st. 1976. Don Manuel is at present Chile's representative to the International Interamerican Commission of Human Rights. Included in the clauses of the document authorising the grant, is the mention of his activities during 65 years in public offices, posts and committees, in which are denominated 16 years as representative in the said Human Rights Commission, and as a Professor of the Universidad de Chile during the years 1953-60 and 1962-66. We take this opportunity of congratulating our founder on this well merited recognition of his long record of public service.

## CHILE

Good-bye to you dear Chile,  
To you a fond farewell,  
In the years that are behind us,  
On us you've cast your spell.

No wonder that your artists,  
In natures work take pleasure,  
And paint upon their canvas,  
The pictures that we treasure.

You too have got your poets,  
Who write of you in verse,  
Pay tribute to your beauty,  
Their joy in you express.

But, Chile land of plenty,  
You have your troubles too,  
Your hopes and disappointments,  
Their number not a few.

Earthquakes bring disaster,  
Misery and despair,  
Ruin to your cities,  
To homes a vacant chair.

We who were the "Gringos",  
In thought we will go back,  
Counting all your virtues,  
Forgetting those you lack.

We'll see again your mountains,  
Your rivers and your lakes,  
Dream there in the sunshine,  
And content, won't want to wake.

Good-bye to you dear Chile,  
We really loved you well,  
In the years that are before us,  
Our thoughts on you will dwell.

E.S. Kilgour

## CHILEAN AIR FORCE NEWS Promotion for Col. Guillermo Kaempffer.

It gives us pleasure to record the recent promotion of Colonel of the Chilean Air Force, Guillermo Kaempffer, Air Attaché in London, to the rank of Air Commodore (General de Brigada Aerea). Air Commodore Kaempffer has been in London for nearly two years and will shortly return to Chile. During his stay in London his cheerful and friendly character has made him many friends and both he and Mrs. Kaempffer have been strong supporters of the Society. He will be replaced by Colonel Nelson Sepúlveda who recently arrived from Chile, and whose wife and family will join him in the near future. We extend them a hearty welcome, with the hope that their stay in London will be a long and pleasant one.



Scene at one of the Stations on the Santiago "Metro".

## CHILEAN EMBASSY NEWS

We have much pleasure in welcoming to London Mr. Patricio Maturana, first secretary to the Chilean Embassy, accompanied by Mrs. Cecilia Maturana and their two little girls. We also welcome to London Mr. Fernando Molina-Alcalde, 2nd Secretary of the Chilean Embassy, and the 3rd Secretary Mr. Joaquin Montes and Mrs. Marisol Montes. We hope they will all enjoy their stay in England.

## TRAVEL AGENTS SPECIALISING IN LATIN AMERICA

We have been informed by PAN TRAVEL that they specialise in travel to South America and to Chile in particular, their address being:-  
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## NEW MEMBERS

We give below a list of the new members elected since our last publication:

Commander and Mrs. Kenneth Pugh	Annual Joint Membership
Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Gubbins	" " "
Mr. and Mrs. Sergio Moreno	" " "
Mr. Fernando Molina Alcalade	Annual Member
Mr. David Welsh	" "
Mr. Pablo Arriagada Stuvén	" "
Mr. and Mrs. Joaquin Montes	Annual Joint Membership
Mr. and Mrs. Patricio Maturana	" " "
Mr. and Mrs. J.R. Shinn	" " "
Deltec Financial Services Ltd.,	Commercial Members

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

### The Christmas Supper Party and Christmas Draw.

Arrangements have been made to hold this annual Christmas gathering at the Waldorf Hotel on Wednesday, December 14th. next. The usual circular will be sent to members shortly, as well as tickets for sale for the Christmas Draw.

## THE NEW SANTIAGO UNDERGROUND SERVICE A GREAT ADVANCE

Planned as long ago as 1968 and not to be completed until 1980, an eighteen kilometre stretch across Santiago of the new "Metro" was fully inaugurated a few months ago, thus realising in part the long awaited improvement to transport of pedestrians through and into the centre of busy Santiago.

A section had already been opened some time ago which connected central Santiago with the west of the city, down the Alameda B. O' Higgins underground until reaching "Los Pajaratos", from thence above ground to the suburb of Pudahuel, not, however reaching Pudahuel International Airport.

The main line has now entered Providencia, to the east of the city, where the principal suburbs are situated but only as far as "El Salvador" avenue, where the station is in the central gardens of the "Parque Gran Bretaña". Suitable connections with overground electric trolley buses up to the "Golf" and buses to the Apoquindo area have been instituted, thus enabling passengers with "through" tickets to travel from Central Santiago without delay or increase of traffic in the already heavily congested central streets.

This advance has been hailed by the general public as a great boon and the first class quality of the installations, executed by a French company in partnership with the Chilean Government, both of whom have made a large financial investment, has aroused universal admiration.

Due to the rocky terrain, it was not feasible to tunnel the route of the "Metro" underground, so a large cutting was made the whole length of the "Alameda B.O'Higgins, which was covered over and central gardens and lawns planted when the lines were completed. These plantations are now all developed and add pleasant central areas to the busy Alameda.

Each train carries 1,350 passengers, there being 5 to 8 coaches per train, and the line has a total capacity of 54,000 commuters per hour. Coaches are luxurious with automatic doors and all modern fittings. They are equipped with rubber tyres, the metal lines being double, trains running in opposite directions. All the stations are walled with coloured glazed tiles and in every way are as up to date as any other city. Many stations have modern shops and offices, slightly reminiscent of the District and Circular stations in London. Despite the excellent reception which the "Metro" received from all circles, there was, however, one criticism, that it was "too luxurious for Santiago"! Some people are never satisfied!