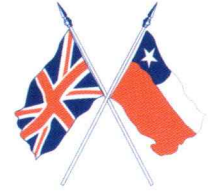


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INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATIONS

At the Ambassador's Residence

A reception was offered by H.E. Sr. Mariano Fernández and Sra. de Fernández on Monday, 20th September 2004 to celebrate Chile's National Day.



H.E. Sr. Mariano Fernández, Sra. de Fernández and Baroness Hooper.



From left to right: Group Captain John Teare, Mrs. Jimena Teare, Captain Carlos Ríos, Mrs. Sandra Ríos, Mrs. Verónica Béjares and Colonel Sergio Béjares.



From left to right: Mr. and Mrs. Marcial Echenique, Ms. Felicity Ann Croft and H.E. Ambassador of Venezuela, Sr. Alfredo Toro-Hardy.



From left to right: Mr. Alan Macdonald, Mrs. María Elvira Berho, Ms. Francisca Prieto, Mr. John Smith and Lord Garel-Jones.

The Dieciocho Reception and Investiture

A reception hosted by the Anglo-Chilean Society in association with the British Chilean Chamber of Commerce was held on 20th September 2004 at the Cavalry and Guards Club. During the event, Ms. Claudia Munro-Kerr was honoured with the Chilean Order of Bernardo O'Higgins for her services to the Society.

The chairman introduced the guest speaker, Lord Brennan, QC, a senior member of the Matrix Chambers, Gray's Inn, and of the British-Latin American Parliamentary Group, who gave an excellent speech on his views and experiences of Chile.



The Guest Speaker, Lord Brennan, QC, and H.E. Sr. Mariano Fernández.



Ms. Munro-Kerr thanking H.E. Sr. Mariano Fernández for the honour.



Mrs. M. Angélica Fernández, Mr. Fernando Labra and Mrs. M. Isabel Torres during the reception.

Dieciocho Lunch

On a beautiful sunny day, the Group of the Chilean Ladies in London celebrated Fiestas Patrias with a traditional Chilean lunch of "empanadas", "porotos granados" and "torta mil hojas". This year it was held in Richmond, Surrey, and the location could not have been more appropriate for it was in this London suburb where a young Bernardo O'Higgins dreamt of the emancipation of his country.

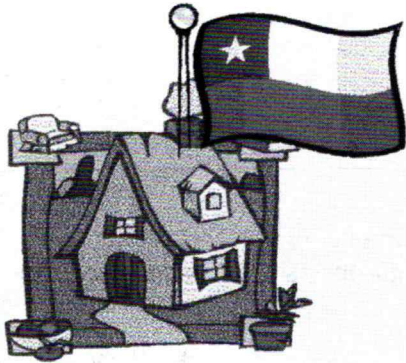
The toast to Chile was offered by Mrs. Marcela de la Maza.

Casa Chilena's Festive Salute on Independence Day

Casa Chilena celebrated Independence Day on 18th September 2004. It took place at the London Irish Centre in Camden

Town, London NW1, in the presence

of H.E. Sr. Mariano Fernández, the Consul General Mr. Patricio Damm and officials of the Embassy of Chile.



The salute to the flag to the strains of the Chilean national anthem preceded the pisco sours, "empanadas", and wine drunk from a "cacho" (drinking vessel made from a cow's horn). The "huasos", looking splendid in their colourful costumes, wasted no time in taking their partners on the dance floor for a demonstration of a "cueca", Chile's national dance.

THE SIR LESLIE BOWES LECTURE 2004

A talk on "Chile and the Liberation of Latin America" was given by Mr. Robert L. Harvey on Monday, 18th October 2004 at Canning House. As well as being a distinguished journalist and having had a career in politics, Mr. Harvey has published acclaimed books on Latin America: "Fire Down Below: A Study of Latin America" (1988); "Liberators: Latin America's Struggle for Independence 1810-1830" (2000) and "Cochrane: The Life and Exploits of a Fighting Captain" (2000).

A vote of thanks was proposed by Baroness Hooper.

The lecture, followed by wine and snacks, was sponsored by Hamburg Sued, the successor to the Pacific Steam Navigation Company.

After the event the Executive Committee invited Mr. Harvey to dinner at the Caledonian Club with the Ambassador and Sra. de Fernández as special guests. The host was Mr. Alan Macdonald.



Mr. Robert L. Harvey with Baroness Hooper and H.E. Sr. Mariano Fernández.



Mr. Alan Macdonald, Mr. Peter de Bruyne, Ms. Claudia Munro-Kerr and Mr. Julian Amey, all members of the Executive Committee.



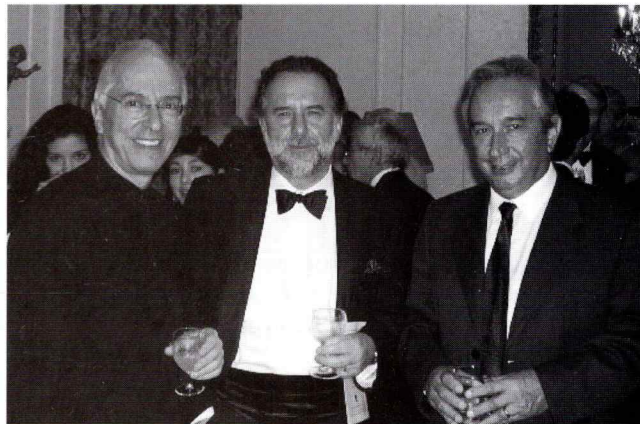
From left to right: Mrs. Carolina Sommer, Mrs. Alicia Rickus and Mrs. Henny Subercaseaux.



At the dinner table, Caledonian Club.



After dinner coffee: Mrs. Georgina Roberts, Mrs. M. Angélica Fernández, Mrs. Henny Subercaseaux and Mr. Alisdair Grant.



From left to right: The acclaimed guitarist John Williams, H.E. Sr. Mariano Fernández and Mr. Hernán Durán.

INTI-ILLIMANI AT THE RESIDENCE

Another sell-out musical soiré was held on 22nd November 2004. Horacio Salinas and Horacio Durán, founders of Inti-Illimani, one of the most famous Chilean folklore groups, delighted the audience with their renditions of traditional Latin American folk music. The virtuosity of Salinas on guitar and Durán on “charango”, a stringed instrument from the Andes, originally made from the carapace of the armadillo, was evident in each solo performance that ranged from the rhythmic verses of “La Pajita” by Gabriela Mistral, to the hilarious “Mi Papá y mi Mamá” by the Venezuelan poet Aquiles Nazoa, to the melancholic strains of “Tonada Triste”. The duets between the two Horacios were received with rapturous applause, especially “Mis Llamitas”, “Dos Bailecitos” and “Tata San Juan”, a traditional Aymara song.

The concert and reception, organised by the Embassy of Chile, the Anglo-Chilean Society and the British Chilean Chamber of Commerce, were sponsored by SIPETROL in aid of the Fundación de Orquestas Juveniles e Infantiles de Chile.

The two musicians were in England to give a series of concerts. The world-famous guitarist John Williams accompanied Horacio Durán in a concert at the Barbican, while Horacio Salinas’ suite “Danzas Peregrinas” was performed by the London Symphony Orchestra, a first for a Chilean composer.



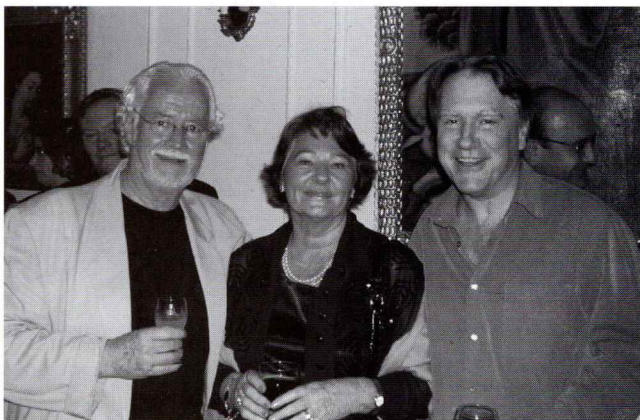
From left to right: Mr. Julio Yung, Mrs. Pola de Kadt, Mr. Horacio Salinas and Prof. Emanuel de Kadt.



From left to right: Mr. Salvador Estébanez, Mr. and Mrs. David Grant and Mr. John Rickus.



Horacio Durán and Horacio Salinas during their performance.



From left to right: Mr. Horacio Durán, Mrs. Henny Subercaseaux and Mr. Benjamin Verditiere.

PRESENTATION OF DECORATION AT THE RESIDENCE

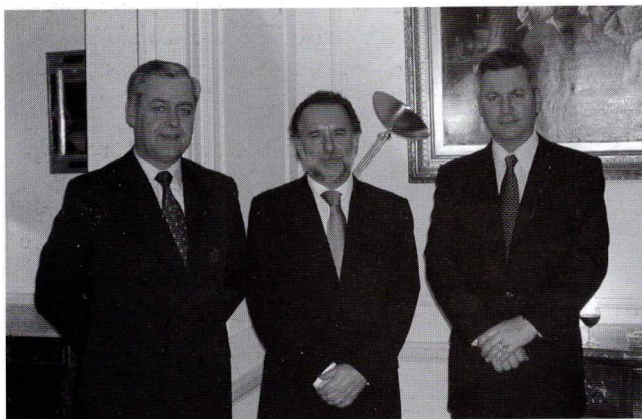
At a private dinner offered by H.E. Sr. Mariano Fernández and Sra. de Fernández on 29th November 2004, Baroness Hooper was awarded the Decoration "Orden Bernardo O'Higgins" – degree "Gran Oficial".

The announcement of her nomination by the Anglo-Chilean Society was enthusiastically received by all who know of her services to Chile and the Society in particular.

Baroness Hooper first travelled to Chile in 1983 as a member of the European Parliament, and again in 1995 as the leader of a British Chilean Chamber of Commerce Trade Mission. She is Deputy Speaker of the House of Lords as well as being a member of the All-Party Latin-American Group and the All-Party British Chilean Group. Her long association with Canning House, of which she is a Vice-President, has helped to strengthen links between Great Britain and Chile and we are happy to say the relationship between the two countries has never been better.

TO BID FAREWELL TO HEADS OF MISSION

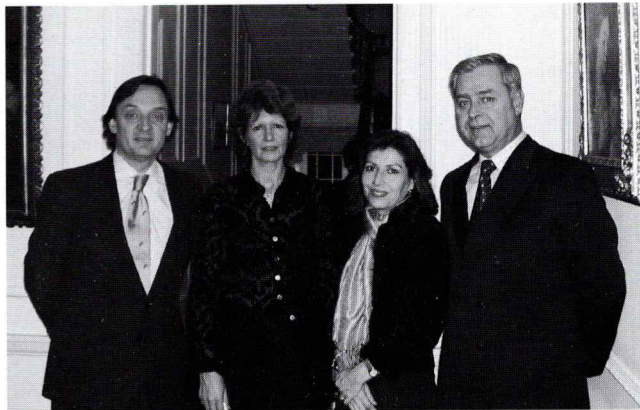
A reception was offered by H.E. Sr. Mariano Fernández on Thursday, 16th December 2004, in honour of Captain and Mrs. Enrique O'Reilly and Group Captain and Mrs. John Teare on the occasion of their return to Chile. Captain O'Reilly and Group Captain Teare were heads of the Chilean Naval Mission and Chilean Air Force Mission respectively.



From left to right: Group Captain John Teare, H.E. Sr. Mariano Fernández and Captain Enrique O'Reilly.



From left to right: Mrs. Verónica Rocha, Mr. Andrés Svensson, Captain Carlos Reyes and Mrs. Sarita Reyes.



From left to right: Mr. Isauro Torres, Mrs. Maria Elvira Berho, Mrs. Jimena Teare and Group Captain John Teare.

NEW NAVAL ATTACHÉ TO THE EMBASSY IN LONDON

The new head of the Chilean Naval Mission in London is Captain Charles E. Le May.

Captain Le May was born in Valparaíso, the son of a Naval Officer.

He entered the Chilean Naval Academy "Arturo Prat" in 1973 and was selected to study at the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, USA, from where he graduated in 1980 with a Bachelor of Science in Systems Engineering.

In 1982 he graduated as a specialist in Weapons Electronic Engineering, serving for many years in units of the Escuela Nacional (National Fleet), including the frigates "Lynch" and "Condell" and the destroyers "Prat" and "Latorre".

In 1988 he attended the Combat Officer Qualifying Course in South Africa.

He graduated as a Staff Officer of the Chilean Naval War College in 1997, and in 1998 was sent to the US Naval War College to participate in the Naval Command Course. There he also achieved a Masters Degree in Business Administration at the Salve Regina University of Rhode Island.

He has had command of the Missile Fast Attack ship "Iquique", the frigate "Lynch" and the destroyer "Blanco Encalada". In 2003 he was designated as the first Captain and Project Manager of the FF Williams (ex HMS Sheffield).

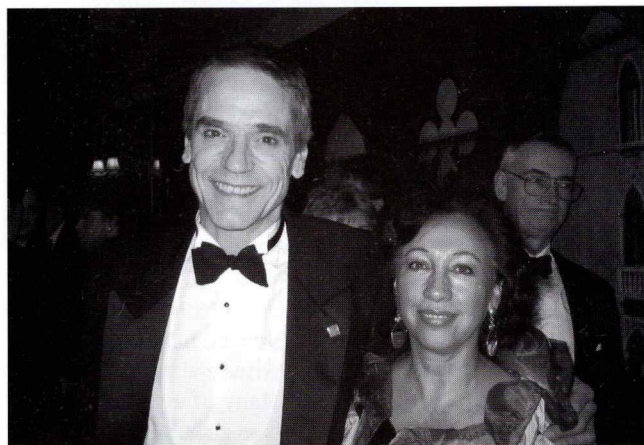
Captain Le May is married to Victoria Corthorn, and they have five children, one of whom is currently attending the Chilean Naval Academy.

AT THE MOVIES

H.E. the Chilean Ambassador and Sra. de Fernández attended the gala première of the screen adaptation of "The Merchant of Venice" on 3rd December 2004. The film was directed by Michael Radford who, in 1995, also directed "Il Postino", the Italian version of the Chilean film "Ardiente Paciencia" tracing the friendship between a postman and Pablo Neruda, Chile's Literary Nobel Prize winner. Al Pacino, who in a recent British public vote topped the list of the 100 best actors, received excellent reviews for his rôle of Shylock, a part played with much passion and intensity, supported by an all-English cast that included Jeremy Irons.



Gala Première. From left to right: H.E. Sr. Mariano Fernández and Sra. de Fernández with the film director Michael Radford.

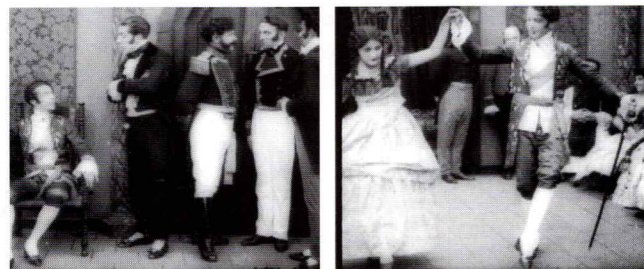


The actor Jeremy Irons in the company of Mrs. M. Angélica Fernández.

And on the subject of cinematic triumph, the Chilean-born writer-director Alejandro Amenábar is repeating the success of "The Others" (2001) starring Nicole Kidman. "The Sea Inside" is the true story of Ramón Sampredo, a quadriplegic. As in "The Others", it is a family drama of emotional intensity. Although none of the actors is known outside Spain, the impressive performance of Javier Bardem, as the invalid in love with life but who wants to die, has been nominated for a Golden Globe award as Best Actor, and the film has been nominated as Best Foreign Film.

Coming soon, the film screening of "El Húsar de la Muerte" (The Hussar of Death), the oldest surviving Chilean silent film (1925), on 4th May 2005 at The Instituto Cervantes, 102 Eaton Square, London SW1. The film recounts the deeds and adventures of Manuel Rodríguez, patriot and hero of the Chilean War of Independence, and has been designated a National Historic Monument of Chile.

In this fund-raising event the public will be able to see the first European viewing of "El Húsar de la Muerte". This is in DVD format, but it is hoped that the proceeds will enable the acquisition of a new 35mm copy to promote the film around Europe before finally being donated to the British Film Institute's Archive.



Scenes from the film

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NEW AIR ATTACHÉ TO THE EMBASSY IN LONDON

Group Captain Hugo Tilly joined the Air Force Academy as a cadet in 1974. Following his initial training he was commissioned in 1975 and qualified as a Fighter Pilot.



Group Captain Hugo Tilly.

He has had a distinguished career that includes over 3,500 flying hours in various aircraft. He attended a Tactics Course in South Africa (1991) followed by Basic Course of Photointerpretation and Flight Command (1994). In 1997 he attended the Air Command and Staff College at Maxwell Base (USA) where he trained to become Professor in Military Intelligence. In 2000 he received his Master of Arts in Military Science Administration followed in 2001 by Master of Arts in Business Administration at the University Del Desarrollo, Chile.

In 1998 he was assigned Commander of Aviation Group No 1 in Iquique and Deputy Chief of Defence Intelligence in 2000. Two years later he became the Air Force Secretary General before being appointed Air Attaché to the Embassy of Chile in the United Kingdom.

His academic works and publications include "The Incorporation of Women in the Chilean Air Force".

Group Captain Tilly speaks three languages; Spanish, English and German.

He is married to Priscilla Espinosa and has four daughters. His main interests are music, theatre and history.

THE CHRISTMAS PARTY

This took place on Friday, 10th December 2004 at Canning House and a most enjoyable time was had by all. Once again Alicia Rickus' pisco sour together with wines and "empanaditas" proved to be the right start for the seasonal celebrations. There followed a buffet dinner of "pastel de choclo" and salads washed down with excellent wines plus the not-to-be-missed "torta mil hojas" and mince pies which set the mood for the much awaited Gala Raffle. The top prize of a return flight London-Madrid for two, together with a weekend break at the 5-star Hotel Gran Meliá Fénix was won by Mrs. Bárbara Santa Cruz.

The Society gives its special thanks to Viña MontGras and ProChile, the sponsors of the event.

SEBASTIAN: AN INSPIRATIONAL BOY

by Georgina Roberts

Some of you may remember my sponsorship appeal for little Sebastian Bainbridge, the Anglo-Chilean boy who was born with only half a heart (Chilean News, March 2003). He was just three days old when he had his first heart operation and has been through heart surgery five times, including open heart surgery twice. He is alive due to the



Photo - Georgina Cook

Marcela and her son, Sebastian.

amazing dedication of his doctors and nurses and it is for this reason that two years ago his parents decided to raise money in aid of the paediatric cardiology and neonatal services at the Evelina Children's Hospital at Guys and St. Thomas Hospital in London. Many of my friends from the Society answered my call and we helped to sponsor Sebastian's father and colleagues in scaling three of the highest peaks in Italy in a 24-hour period. Paul and Marcela Bainbridge have already raised £57,000 for hospital equipment, their way to say thank you on behalf of their four year old son.

Sebastian's story was one of the reasons the South London Press launched a fund-raising campaign in February 2004 to buy equipment for the new Evelina Children's Hospital when the £60 million hospital at St. Thomas' opens this year. The Quids for Kids button campaign carried Sebastian's picture and has turned him into a celebrity. The moment his story appeared in the paper, and when flyers were displayed in local offices and shops, donations started pouring in. The public has given generously so that other children can have the chance of a better life. As his mother Marcela, who used to work for the Chilean Naval Mission in London, told reporters: "When you have children you never know that you might go through all this, and it really could happen to anyone. You need to know that the hospital will be there for you."

Sebastian has just started at Dulwich Village School and we wish him well.



From left to right: Mr. Cristián León, Ms. Frances Anderson and Mr. Michael Portillo MP.



From left to right: Mrs. Carmen Gloria Heap, Mr. Peter Heap and Mrs. M. Isabel Noguera.



Mr. and Mrs. Alan Douglas, lucky winners of several prizes, in the company of Mrs. Peggy Hart.



H.E. Sr. Mariano Fernández and the chairman, Mr. Julian Amey, picking the winning ticket of the Christmas Raffle.

THE CLARINET MAKER

By Ignacio Arana, El Mercurio, April 2004.

Luis Rossi is a Chilean clarinetist of international reputation, with a career of over forty years, twenty of them playing in orchestras and fifteen as a soloist. However, there was a time when he was dissatisfied with the clarinets he played, believing that their imperfections restricted his musical talent. He was in London when he found the solution to the problem. One of his tutors used to make his own instruments and he decided to follow suit.

With the passing of time he learned how to work the *dalbergia melanoxylon*, the black wood from Mozambique and Tanzania, and the *palorosa* (rosewood) from Honduras to turn out instruments of the highest class. But it was only in 1986 that, tiring of the routine of performing in the Santiago Philharmonic, he determined to change his life and set up a workshop.

It is extremely meticulous work to fabricate the instrument. Rossi's first clarinet was made in 1987 and since then he has produced 590 of them. In the beginning he made one clarinet a month with the help of a turner who worked the wood and a skilled silversmith who designed the keyboard made of copper, nickel and zinc, coated with silver.

Today the workshop is bigger, but still uses the same hand-crafted method. Five clarinets are produced each month by two lathe operators, two keyboard experts, another who assembles the keyboard, and Rossi himself, who personally tunes each instrument. He has become an expert in the manufacture of eight different types of clarinet that are exported to the US, Japan, France, England, Belgium, Switzerland and Australia, where they sell for between US\$3,000 and US\$4,000.

Such is the international fame of his workshop, situated in downtown Santiago, that there is an eight month waiting list for one of his clarinets. Rossi believes that he has no current competitor in South America but he does not intend to expand his operation, even though it is his principal income. He has found the perfect balance between public performance and private production.

THE GREAT NORTH RUN

This took place on Sunday, 26 September 2004, and is a 13.1 mile course from Newcastle-upon-Tyne over the Tyne bridges to South Shields. The Society sponsored Rachel Hevesi's run for The Monkey Sanctuary Trust, which has an Anglo-Chilean partnership currently working with Siglo XXI, the Primate Rescue & Rehabilitation Centre in Peñaflo, Chile (March 2002 issue of the Chilean News). Rachel's last contact with the Society before starting the run stated: "I leave for Newcastle this evening. I know that the run will feel easier for the inspiration of your kind offer."

Here is her account of the event:

"At the 4-mile mark I felt dizzy, my legs ached and I told myself not to panic. I had done enough training to know that I

didn't need to feel that way. "Stay calm," I said to myself, "It's the adrenaline – stay calm and it will pass. Think about why you are doing this".

Immediately I thought of all the kind people who had said, "Yes, we'll sponsor you". I looked around me at the thousands who were also running because they cared about someone or some cause – what inspiration! But strongest of all, as I wondered "Why?" was the image of Frosty, a capuchin, and Esperanzo, a howler monkey: Frosty was grinning and tugging his chest in greeting – the first capuchin to be rescued by The Monkey Sanctuary Trust in Cornwall. Esperanzo, the first howler monkey to be rescued by Siglo XXI in Chile, but one of so many who have found refuge there, was eating his favourite hibiscus flower, his delicate fingers exploring the petals for his almost blind eyes. I did not have to work hard to conjure up these pictures in my mind: They appeared the moment I asked "Why?"

I focused on the road ahead and felt fine. I knew that I could run 13.1 miles. Actually I couldn't see the road, just thousands of people stretching into the distance. From then on the hard work was not just about co-ordination and stamina as about how to get past people and let others pass me without colliding.

My partner Patrick, our daughter Rowan and colleague Gill and friends were there to hold our banner high and yell support. Bystanders applauded, children lined the route proffering a hand for a 'high-five' and some great guy sat on a bus-shelter and hosed us down. I smiled so much that I couldn't help but think that I was OK! At intervals, the route took us out to a part of the dual carriageway with no easy access for the supporters and then an eerie quiet descended on us as the tarmac resounded to the pounding of our feet. Every mile a band played to spur us on: R and B, folk, jazz, steel drums, and indie. We clapped them as they cheered us – especially APU whose Andean pipes contrasted so beautifully with the frenzy of 49,000 runners heading for the Tyne.

Two hours from the start, the world-class athletes had long gone, but I picked up my medal and reflected on how the £1500 we had raised could help primates in need.

Thank you, the Anglo-Chilean Society, for your contribution and inspiration. Here's to another year!"

(The Monkey Sanctuary Trust is a registered charity no. 1102532)



The jubilant Ms. Rachel Hevesi after the run, with daughter Rowan and colleague Gill

TO WELCOME THE PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION FROM CHILE

A reception in honour of visiting parliamentarians in the year of the Chilean presidential elections was offered by H.E. Sr. Mariano Fernández on Thursday, 27th January 2005. The guests included officials of the Embassy and ProChile as well as British parliamentarians and Canning House representatives.

A panel discussion, held in Spanish, on "The Political Arena in Election Year 2005" took place on Friday, 28th January at Canning House. It was attended by a diverse and informed audience of businessmen, journalists and academics plus accredited members of the Embassy of Chile.

Baroness Hooper, Vice-President of Canning House, was in the chair and started the proceedings by welcoming and introducing the Chilean delegation, all members of the Lower Chamber of Parliament. They were: Jorge Tarud of the Government Coalition, representing Linares (VIII Region); Rodrigo Alvarez (Opposition Party) representing Magallanes and the Chilean Antarctic; María-Pía Guzmán (Opposition Party) representing Santiago; Dr. Alberto Robles of the Government Coalition, representing the constituency of Vallenar; Carlos Recondo (Opposition Party) representing the Lake District and Rodolfo Seguel of the Government Coalition and the longest-serving member of the delegation, now serving his 4th electoral period, representing Santiago.

The dialogue between the visiting parliamentarians and the audience resulted in an interesting debate, covering such subjects as dual nationality for Chilean residents in the UK, payment of pensions to former political exiles and financial problems resulting from the weakening US dollar.

Chile was presented as a country that approaches the presidential elections with a stable economy that warrants its inclusion as a first-world country. It has a growing diverse commercial climate, where the dependency on copper is being reduced by agricultural and maricultural products (for example, Chile is the world's second largest producer of farmed salmon). This diversification was also evidenced by the opening of new markets, such as the Peoples Republic of China.

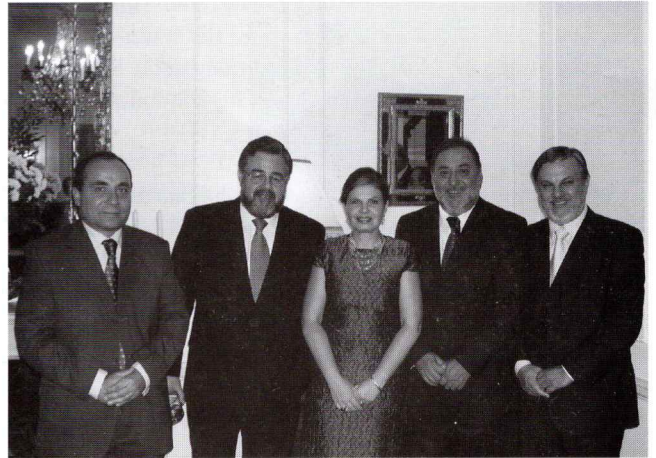
Mr. John Greaves, CMG, chairman of Canning House, thanked the guest speakers for their contribution, and Baroness Hooper for taking the chair.

Mr. Jorge Tarud and Mr. Rodolfo Seguel replied, thanking both H.E. Sr. Mariano Fernández and Canning House for the opportunity to present their views of Chilean politics to such an appreciative audience.

The event closed with a light lunch.



From left to right: H.E. Sr. Mariano Fernández, Lord and Lady Naseby and Mr. Jorge Tarud.



From left to right: Dr. Alberto Robles, Mr. Patricio Damm, Mrs. María-Pía Guzmán, Mr. Rodolfo Seguel and Mr. Miguel Landeros.



From left to right: Mr. Rodrigo Alvarez, Lord Lamont and Mr. Carlos Recondo.



Mrs. Priscilla Tilly, Group Captain Hugo Tilly, Mrs. M. Isabel Torres, Mrs. Victoria Le May and Mr. Isauro Torres.



From left to right: Mrs. Georgina Roberts, Mrs. Sandra Ríos, Mrs. Priscilla Tilly and Mrs. Verónica Béjares.



Mr. Gordon Baker, Mrs. María-Pía Guzmán, Mr. Alan Macdonald and Mrs. M. Isabel Torres.

FOOD AND DRINK

Chilean olive oil in Italy

from *Revista del Campo, El Mercurio, April 2004*

Olave, the extra virgin olive oil of the Chilean agricultural company Valle Grande, received special mention in the 3rd International Competition "Sol D'Oro 2004" in Verona, Italy. The award puts Olave among the best 20 extra virgin olive oils in the world.

No crying over these onions!

from *Revista del Campo, El Mercurio, April 2004*

The exportation of Chilean onions at the first two months of last year reached a record, with a total of 15,000 tons at a value of US\$6,000,000. This increase is due to improved sales to the UK (34%), USA (32%), Japan (14%) and Holland (5%).

Meanwhile, the cultivation of shallots is being undertaken in the Chilean Central Region to exploit the demand in the northern hemisphere during their "off" season (March to June). A not-so-distant relative of garlic and onion, but with a more pleasant taste and aroma, the shallot consists of two or three bulbs held together by a few layers of external leaves. They come in three main types, the yellow, the red and the grey. The yellow shallot is the most common, but the grey variety is the most sought-after by chefs, although the most difficult to grow. France is the major producer and consumer of shallots, but there is healthy demand in both the UK and USA, hence the Chilean interest in growing them for export. Although normally grown from bulbs, the Chileans are growing shallots from seeds as this reduces the possibility of the transfer of diseases or viruses, as well as avoiding the expensive storage of bulbs for 6 months.

Azapa olives at Sainsbury's

Fans of the famous olives from the Azapa Valley in Arica (I Region) will be pleased to hear that these are now available in the UK. Sainsbury's is selling them in 180 gram packs, with the description of "tender Chilean olives marinated with crushed garlic, fennel seeds, sweet Lombardy chilli and extra virgin olive oil (2%) for a rich, spicy finish". They are suitable for both vegetarians and vegans, and are gluten free.

Honey, fig and ham sandwich

There is a lovely flavour contrast between the salty Parma ham and cheese, and sweet honey and figs in this tempting lunchtime snack.

Preparation time: 5 minutes

Cooking time 5 minutes

Serves 2

4 slices walnut bread

1 pack 4 fresh figs, quartered

3 tbsp. Chilean Ulmo Honey

125g ricotta

4 slices Parma ham

Preheat the grill to high.

Toast the bread. Place the fig quarters on a square of foil and drizzle with 2 tbsp of the honey. Grill for 3-4 minutes until beginning to colour.

Season the ricotta and spread thickly over the toast. Fold the Parma ham slices on top of the toast and scatter the warm figs and any honey juices on top. Drizzle with the remaining honey and serve with a peppery salad, such as watercress, rocket and spinach.

(from Waitrose Seasons magazine)

Viña MontGras, major sponsor of the Christmas Party 2004

This award-winning Chilean winery, producer of good value, high quality wine is based in the heartland of Chile, a beautiful and fertile region with a reputation for the excellence of its vineyards. Currently, Viña MontGras has three tiers of wine, all of which have received national and international acclaim.

MontGras has a fantastic Visitor Centre and is well worth a visit the next time you are in Chile. It has a traditional hacienda-style centre situated in the middle of the vineyards, surrounded by the stunning hills of the Colchagua Valley. Guided tours and Tastings are available, as well as Horseback Riding through the Ninquén Mountain Estate, which produces the ultra-premium Cabernet Sauvignon, the premier wine of the Viña. For the less energetic, there is a guided tour by train through the San José vineyards and the winemaking facilities, including a sample tasting of 2 Reserva wines. Or for the really lazy, it is possible to taste any number of wines at the winery, before buying bottles at competitive prices.

More details can be obtained from the MontGras website at www.montgras.cl (although tourist information is not yet included), or by contacting Emily Taylor or Ailsa Macfarlane of Saffron Public Relations on 020 7734 5344.

BIRTHS

Sugar and Spice...

On 22nd June 2004, at Kings Hospital in London, to Paul and Marcela Bainbridge, a daughter, Isabel, a sister for Sebastian.

On 30th October 2004, at Chelsea and Westminster Hospital, to Mr. and Mrs. Gonzalo Cuadra, a daughter, Beatriz, a sister for María Inés. Mr. Cuadra is the head of Chile Copper Ltd. in London.

WEDDINGS

The wedding took place between Mr. Rodolfo Correa and Miss Macarena Damm on 13th November 2004, at the Iglesia La Sagrada Familia in Lo Barnechea, Santiago, Chile, followed by a reception at the La Dehesa Golf Club.

The bride and groom, both MBA graduates, work for Euroamerica Seguros and Copec respectively. The newlyweds spent their honeymoon in the Dominican Republic.

Macarena is the daughter of the Chilean Consul General Mr. Patricio Damm and Mrs María Angélica Damm.



The newlyweds Rodolfo and Macarena Correa.

The wedding took place between Mr. Michael A. Roberts and Miss Michelle Farrell on 5th December 2004 at Ballintubber Abbey, followed by a reception at Ashford Castle, Co. Mayo, Republic of Ireland.



Mr. and Mrs. Michael Roberts.

Their honeymoon was spent on safari in Kenya.

The bride is a Public Relations Consultant in London. Michael was born in Santiago, Chile, the son of Michael and Georgina Roberts. He read Modern History at Oxford and is currently Director of Business Environment at the CBI.

ANGLO-LATIN AMERICAN GOLF DAY

This will take place on Friday, 3rd June and the venue is again The West Surrey Golf Club.

The hosts this year are the Brazilians, who will provide the wine, usually Chilean!

The organisers are hoping that this year they will have a better response from our Society. Applications forms to play or just attend the lunch can be obtained from: The Secretary, The Anglo-Argentine Society, 2 Belgrave Square, London SW1X 8PJ.

NEW MEMBERS

Mr. Paul Bainbridge and Ms. Marcela Holtheuer
Miss Helen Victoria Bridge
Ms. Sarah Chandler
Mr. Robin Kent
Mr. Cristián Letelier
Miss Stephanie Maigne
Mr. & Mrs. J. R. Monroy
Mr. José Olivares
Mrs. Iberia Torres-West
Ms. Sarah Venkata
Mr. Paul West

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Annual General Meeting: Tuesday 22nd March at 12 Devonshire Street, London W1G 7DS.

Concert at the Residence: Tuesday 5th April; further details will be advised.

Screening of "El Húsar de la Muerte": Wednesday 4th May at the Instituto Cervantes, 102 Eaton Square, London SW1.

Anglo Latin-American Golf Day: Friday 3rd June, The West Surrey Golf Club.

Asado al Palo: In July, date and place to be advised.

Dieciocho Reception: In September, date and place to be advised.

The Sir Leslie Bowes Lecture: In October, date and place to be advised.

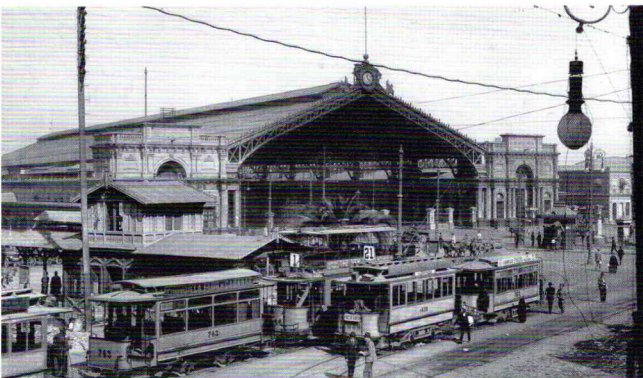
ALAF Christmas Fair: Saturday 19th November, location to be advised.

The Christmas Party: Monday 12th December, location to be advised.

SANTIAGO – 75 YEARS AGO



Plaza de Armas: This was originally an area defined by Pedro de Gamboa in 1541 where arms were stored and was a meeting point for Pedro de Valdivia and the new inhabitants of Santiago. It remained an uncultivated plot of land with little vegetation or ornamentation until the middle of the 19th Century. By 1896, it had been converted into area of gardens with meandering paths, ponds and bandstands. The photograph, taken in 1919, shows the great Portal Fernández Concha, a three storey building with its three towers and, at the time, housing the Hotel Plaza, Santiago's premier hotel, as well as elegant stores, coffee shops, casino and other commercial establishments.



Estación Central: This huge metal structure, flanked by two side aisles, was built between 1897 and 1900 by the French company, Schneider & Co. Today it is still the main railway station of Santiago, although the trams shown in this 1920 photograph no longer run!



Military Academy and Arsenal: The eclectic, neo-classical style of the Military Academy, on the left, is a building of two floors and an attic. Started in 1897, it wasn't

ready for occupation until 1901. It had spacious, high-ceilinged salons which were used as dining rooms, classrooms, dormitories, laboratories, etc. The building has housed the Military Museum since 1995, although it is currently under reconstruction following a fire in January 2000.

The edifice on the right was the military arsenal, constructed in 1894, in a style based on English barracks with crenellated towers and distinctive brickwork.



Cerro Santa Lucía: This 1928 photograph shows the entrance to the gardens of Cerro Santa Lucía from the Alameda. The neo-classical work was designed in 1902 by the architect Victor Villeneuve. It features the god Neptune framed in a triumphal arch topped with a cupola, with curving stairways, pools and a large terrace.



Fuente Alemana: This monumental fountain was erected to commemorate the first centenary of Chilean independence. It was brought from Germany, the work of Gustav Eberlein, and installed in the Parque Forestal in 1912. Over 5,000 people attended the unveiling, many from the German communities in Chile, from Santiago to Punta Arenas. The fountain is an allegory of the Republic of Chile, its mineral wealth, agriculture and maritime tradition and workers.

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SPANISH: CHILEAN-STYLE

(From "How to Survive in the Chilean Jungle" by John Brennan and Alvaro Taboada)

- Cocaví - Picnic-type food or food one carries to work, school or on a trip.
- Cocido/a - "Smashed", "hammered"; very drunk.
- Cola - A line of people, queue. Gay, homosexual.
- Colado - (synonym; Paracaidista) "gate crasher", person who comes to a party uninvited.
- Colectivo - A taxi which carries several passengers and follows a set route.
- Combinado - Mixed drink, such as Pisco and Coca-Cola.
- Completo - A hot dog with various layers of toppings.
- Chúcaro/a - Unmanageable or very difficult character.
- Chueco/a - Back-stabber. Traitor; person who would betray or refuse to help a supposed friend.
- Chuico - A 5, 10 or 20 litre bottle of wine.
- Chupalla - A straw hat. An unfrequently used interjection meaning "Oh!"
- Chuta - "Wow"; expressive of great surprise.
"Poor thing"; expressive of sympathy for a bad turn of events.
"Damn"; expressive of displeasure.

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