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BRITAIN RESPONES CHILE'S CLAIM

Ploughing its way through antarctic seas six hundred miles south of Cape Horn, a Chilean naval force bears its President on a mission to a little known British dependency, Greenwich Island. The object of President Gonzalez Videla's landing is to inaugurate an army base, and claim land which has been administered by Britain for forty years.

Marking the occasion he unveils a statue to a naval hero, but does not recall the fact that Chile's navy owes its inception to a British Admiral, Lord Cochrane. His wife and daughters see him decorate members of the garrison which wintered on the island. It is regrettable that the long record of Anglo-Chilean friendship should be marred by an action contrary to international law.