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DEBRAY IS REUNITED WITH WIFE IN CHILE

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SANTIAGO, Chile Dec. 25 (UPI) — The French Marxist, Régis Debray, was reunited with his wife, Elisabeth Burgos, today and spent his first Christmas in liberty after three years and nine months in a Bolivian jail. Mrs. Debray, a Venezuelan, arrived shortly before midnight.

Mr. Debray and an Argentine painter, Roberto Bustos, were freed Wednesday by the Bolivian military Government. They had been sentenced to 30 years in prison on charges of having participated in a guerrilla group led by the late Ernesto Che Guevara.

Mr. Debray, on state-owned television, thanked the Chilean Government for having given him refuge after his release.

He termed Dr. Salvador Allende Gossens' election as President "the most important popular triumph since Fidel Castro rose to power," and said, "it is undoubtedly a great blow for imperialism," in reply to a reporter's question.

The site of the television interview was unknown, but it appeared to take place in a Santiago hotel bedroom.