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**British Envoy Recalled
 Over Chilean Torture**

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LONDON, Dec. 31.—The British ambassador to Chile was recalled to London last night and Foreign Secretary James Callaghan demanded a full inquiry from the Chilean government into the "uncivilized, brutal" torture of British Dr. Sheila Cassidy in Chile.

Callaghan said he was considering submitting evidence on the torture of Dr. Cassidy, 37, who arrived back in London yesterday, to the United Nations Human Rights Commission.

He indicated that the British government's concern was not simply with Dr. Cassidy's case, but with all such cases.

The Chilean embassy in London denied the allegations of mistreatment.

Britain negotiated for two months for the release of Dr. Cassidy who was arrested Nov. 1 at a rest home in Santiago run by Roman Catholic priests, and charged with treating a leftist guerrilla leader. She was cleared two weeks ago by a military court of all but one minor charge of failing to notify the Chilean police of a wounded man. Dr. Cassidy was freed Monday and within an hour was on a plane for London.

As she landed, the British Foreign Office released this statement from Callaghan:

"Now that Dr. Cassidy is safely out of Chile I can state what we have up to now deliberately refrained from

publicizing. This is that Dr. Cassidy was tortured by the Chilean security police. In order to obtain information from her, they stripped her and gave her severe electric shocks. This happened on the night of her arrest.

"No British government can accept such uncivilized, brutal treatment of a British subject at the hands of a foreign government."

During the first 12 hours, after her arrest in Chile, she had been tortured three times by having electrodes fixed to her body and electric shocks administered, she said. Each period of torture lasted for between 30 minutes and an hour. Twice during that time she was driven around Santiago to point out a house to the police.

Dr. Cassidy was arrested because she treated a wounded leader of the Movement of the Revolutionary Left, opponents of the junta headed by Gen. Augustino Pinochet.

On Oct. 18 a friend, a priest, told her a man with a bullet wound in his leg needed treatment badly, but could not go to a doctor because he was a political fugitive.

She agreed to go to him, and "recognized him as an important member of the Chilean Revolutionary Left Movement," she said. He had three bullet wounds and his leg was infected. She treated him and returned to see him two days later. He was much

worse, had a fever and the wound was festering.

She treated him again, told him he should seek more help. The man later took refuge with the papal nuncio in Santiago, where he is now, Dr. Cassidy said. She had not treated him again.

On Nov. 1, she was at the rest home run by the Columban Fathers, visiting a friend who was a nun. She heard a "terrible scream from a woman and I thought that the maid had fallen from the ladder."

Dr. Cassidy said: "I rushed downstairs and there she was lying in a pool of blood with a bullet hole in her back. I dragged her from the front to the back of the house. Bullets were flying everywhere."

Police, armed but not wearing uniforms, burst in and began to search the house. Dr. Cassidy was aware they were looking for her because they knew her name. She locked herself in the bathroom. When the police burst in and she identified herself, they said: "She is the one we want."

Dr. Cassidy had been in Chile for four years. She has worked as a doctor for the combined Churches Committee for Peace, which operated in Chile under the leadership of the head of the Catholic Church there, Cardinal Raul Silva. The committee has been told by Pinochet to close down because the general claims that it is a "Marxist front".



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Dr. Sheila Cassidy talks with reporters at London's Gatwick Airport after her flight home.