A GREETING FOR THE NEW PRESIDENT OF CUBA



Dr. Ramon Grau San Martin (left) is congratulated by retiring President Fulgencio Batista at the Associated Press Wirephoto

DR. GRAU ASSUMES CUBAN PRESIDENCY

Wild Enthusiasm Marks His Inauguration—Incumbent Pledges Rule by People

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HAVANA, Oct. 10—Dr. Ramon Grau San Martin, physician and university professor, was sworn in as President of Cuba at noon today in the Presidential Palace as his followers throughout the republic celebrated wildly.

The ceremony took place in the salon of mirrors in the presence of the diplomatic corps, special envoys, members of Congress, chiefs of the Army, Navy and police, incoming and outgoing government officials, their families and intimate friends and the retiring President.

Thousands gathered in Missions Park, facing the palace, and filled the adjacent streets at an early hour.

The Presidential guard, drawn up in front of the palace, presented arms and a military band played as the diplomatic representatives arrived at the palace. Buildings throughout the city were decorated with flags, banners, palm fronds and colored lights.

The crowd cheered happily as Dr. Grau's motorcycle-escorted automobile arrived. A few minutes later, standing on a small platform beside outgoing President Fulgencio Batista and before the members of the Supreme Court, Dr. Grau took the oath of office which was administered by Chief Justice Juan Federico Edelman.

Three-day Celebration

The crowd outside the palace shouted. A chorus of 1,000 near the palace sang the "Autentico" hymn. Automobiles and trucks filled with shouting occupants raced through the streets blowing horns. Boats and harbor industries blew their whistles, church bells rang and firecrackers exploded.

Intimations of possible trouble caused the police to be held at their quarters since midnight last night.

However, no trouble was reported and the happy crowd began a three-day celebration. With the inauguration coinciding with the Grito de Yara holiday and with Columbus Day to be celebrated on Thursday, the Government decreed tomorrow a holiday also.

From the balcony Dr. Grau spoke to the cheering throng and to the nation over the radio, promising to continue the work of the revolution begun in 1933.

"It is not I who have taken office today," he said, "but the peo-

Dr. Grau also asked the cooperation of his political opponents. He then signed decrees appointing his Cabinet as follows: Prime Minister—Senator Feliz Lan-

State—Dr. Gustavo Cuervo Rusio, former Vice President.
Treasury—Dr. Manuel Fernandez Supervielle.

Commerce—Dr. Alberto Inocente Alvarez. Labor—Dr. Carlos Azcarate.

Interior—Segundo Curtis.

Public Works—Gustavo Moreno
who held the same post in Dr.

Grau's 1933 Cabinet.
Education — Representative Luis
Perez Espinos.

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Health—Dr. Jose Antonio Presno.

Justice—Dr. Carlos e de la Cruz.

Agriculture—Dr. German Alvarez

Fuentes.

Defense-Maj. Salvador Menendez

Villoch, former Chief of Navy in Dr. Grau's former Administration.

Communications—Sergio Clark.

Secretary of the Presidency – Dr. Julian Solorzano.

All are members of Dr. Grau's party with the exception of Cuervo Clark of the Republican party which formed an election alliance with Dr. Grau's party.

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Tonight Dr. Grau read his first message to Congress outlining his program which includes reform of the tax system, the elimination of graft, the creation of a currency system and a bank of issue, the improvement of sanitation, health

and education, the construction of more roads and other public works, aid to farmers and the economic liberation of the island.