

# **BOTH SIDES IN CUBA CLAIM VOTE VICTORY**

## **2 Are Killed and 3 Wounded in Election Gun Battles**

By Cable to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

HAVANA, June 1—Dr. Carlos Saladrigas, Presidential candidate of the Government coalition composed of Liberal, Democratic, ABC and Communist parties, spoke over the radio late this afternoon announcing the victory of the coalition in the election to choose a new President and the greater part of Congress.

Former President Ramon Grau San Martin, candidate of the opposition, also broadcast an announcement to the effect that the opposition had been victorious but warned the party delegates in all districts to see that they did not lose their majority during the counting of the votes.

One person was killed in a political gun battle in Matanzas Province and one in Santa Clara and two others were wounded in a shooting outbreak in Oriente and one in Camaguey, according to reports reaching Havana tonight.

Officials estimated that 80 to 90 per cent of Cuba's 2,300,000 voters cast their ballots during the day.

Voting was obligatory for the first time.

All business and public offices were closed to give the workers time to vote.