

# DR. GRAU STRESSES POST-WAR SECURITY

## Cuba's President-Elect Urges Use of New U. S. Bases to Guard Americas

WASHINGTON, Sept. 2 (AP)—Dr. Ramon Grau San Martin, President-elect of Cuba, declared today at a press conference that his country should continue collaborating with the United States after the war for the defense of the Americas.

He pointed out that the Cuban bases now being used by the United States for the defense of the Caribbean and the Panama Canal will return to complete possession of his country six months after the war. But, he added, Cuba should continue to extend collaboration to the United States with these bases under Cuban control.

Dr. Grau San Martin made these statements at a formal press conference in the Blair Lee House, official Government guest house, before forty-seven Washington correspondents.

### Defense of Americas Stressed

Cuba's president-elect discussed numerous subjects with correspondents, ranging from international issues to purely local topics concerning his program for administering affairs on the Island Republic in the four years beginning Oct. 10.

He dwelt at length on the subject of extending the use of Cuba's military and naval bases for the future protection of the Americas in the post-war era. He spoke of them not as single units but as an integral part of a vast system that would honeycomb the Americas with impregnable defenses against any future would-be invader.

"I believe," he said, "in integrating the bases in Cuba in a general American system. All of the countries of America must establish defenses for the solidarity of the hemisphere."

The new Cuban leader, whose entire press conference was broadcast, demonstrated a clear perspective regarding the island's problems as he spoke in detail of the program he intends to put into effect after his inauguration.

The main objectives of his administration, he said, are:

1. To raise the standard of living of the Cuban people, especially the peasants who have no roads, schools, or communications with the outside world.

2. To increase agricultural production, develop irrigation and establish some kind of river control which will benefit the health of the people and tend to increase agricultural production.

The most pressing need of Cuba, Dr. Grau said, is machinery to intensify production, in order to take care of agriculture, public services and road construction. He emphasized time and again the urgency of building new roads.

A formal dinner and reception given by Ambassador Aurelio F. Conchoso at the Cuban Embassy tonight ended the official visit to the capital of Dr. Grau San Martin.

Cuba's President elect and his party are scheduled to leave Washington tomorrow for New York, where they will stay several days before returning to Havana.