

DR. GRAU ATTENDS ST. PATRICK MASS

President-Elect of Cuba and
Party Is Welcomed by
Bishop O'Hara

Attendance at the 11:45 o'clock mass in St. Patrick's Cathedral was the first event in the program of Dr. Ramón Grau San Martín, President-elect of Cuba, and his official party of Cuban and American diplomats who arrived from Washington at 6:55 A. M. yesterday for a six-day visit in New York.

Motorcycle policemen escorted the Cuban dignitaries and Spruille Braden, United States Ambassador to Cuba, who accompanied them with his wife, from the Hotel Plaza, where they are making their headquarters, to the main door of the cathedral, where they were welcomed by Bishop John F. O'Hara, Military Delegate; Mgr. Joseph F. Flannelly, administrator of the church, and the Rev. Thomas Lester Graham, master of ceremonies.

More than 1,000 Cubans who had remained on the wide steps of the church to greet the President-elect hurried to seats in the nave after he entered, swelling the congregation to nearly 4,000.

Escorted by Bishop

President-elect Grau and Aurelio Concheso, Cuban Ambassador to the United States, were escorted by Bishop O'Hara to seats of honor beside his own in the sanctuary.

In front pews were Ambassador and Mrs. Braden; Senator Gustavo Moreno, slated to be Secretary of Public Works in the Grau Cabinet, and Signora Moreno; Dr. Guillermo Belt, who is mentioned as the next Cuban Ambassador to the United States; Alvarez Fuentes, who is expected to be named Secretary of Agriculture; Francisco and Ramon Grau Alcina, the President-elect's nephews; Dr. Joaquin Meyer, an attaché of the Cuban Embassy in London; Roberto Hernandez, Cuban Consul General in New York; Gavetano Quesada, Cuban Consul in New York; Dr. Gustavo Moreno Jr. and Vidal Morales.

Church dignitaries in the sanctuary, besides Bishop O'Hara, were: Auxiliary Bishop J. Francis A. McIntyre, Mgr. Joseph P. Donahue, vicar general, and administrator of the archdiocese during Archbishop Francis J. Spellman's absence overseas; Mgr. John J. Casey, pastor of Incarnation Church and former secretary to the Archbishop, and Mgr. Francis A. Shea, Archbishop Spellman's secretary.

Welcomed by Bishop

After a passage of the Gospel of St. Matthew had been read in Latin by the celebrant of the low mass, the Rev. Manuel Mendiola, a Cuban-born priest now stationed at St. Paul's Church, East 177th Street, Bishop O'Hara ascended the pulpit and formally welcomed Dr. Grau in the name of Archbishop Spellman. His remarks were broadcast by short wave to Cuba by Columbia Broadcasting System.

Emphasizing the strong bond that exists between members of the same faith all over the world, Bishop O'Hara described the church as "the center of peace because she teaches us our obligations as brothers in Christ."

Speaking in English, Mgr. Flannelly welcomed the President-elect and echoed the praise of his temporal achievements cited by Cordell Hull, Secretary of State, in Washington.

At the close of the mass Dr. Charles M. Courboin, cathedral organist, played "The Star-Spangled Banner" and "El Combato," the Cuban national anthem.

Then the President-elect and the men of his party walked with the church dignitaries in procession from the Fifth Avenue door of the church east on Fiftieth Street to the private entrance to the Archbishop's house, where Mgr. Donahue presided as host at a luncheon in Dr. Grau's honor.



Dr. Ramon Grau San Martin leaving St. Patrick's Cathedral with Bishop John F. O'Hara.

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