

## **DR. GRAU LAUDS U. S., LEAVES FOR HAVANA**

Expressing "deep gratitude for all the courtesies shown me" and his admiration for "all the splendor of this nation," Dr. Ramon Grau San Martin, President-elect of Cuba, left La Guardia Field yesterday morning en route to Havana after a visit of nearly two weeks in the United States.

Dr. Grau, who takes office on Oct. 10, made the comment in a twenty-minute broadcast beamed from the airport to the island republic by the Columbia Broadcasting System. He spoke in Spanish.

Guillermo Belt, who will be appointed new Cuban Ambassador to the United States, said, "We are deeply grateful for the reception given to Dr. Grau and the cordiality which went beyond the amenities of protocol."

Spruille Braden, American Ambassador to Cuba, who also spoke in Spanish during the broadcast, said that "Dr. Grau has won the high esteem of the country's officialdom and leaves a very favorable impression on the people of this country."

Other speakers were Aurelio Fernandez, retiring Cuban Ambassador to the United States; German Alvarez Fuente, who will be Minister of Agriculture in the new Government; Raul Alfonso Gonse, Havana newspaper man; Dr. Tsune Chi Yu, Chinese Consul General in New York, and Dr. Jose Baron, Consular Minister to the Cuban Embassy in Washington.

Dr. Grau's party also included Gustavo Moreno Jr., son of the Minister of Public Works in the new Government, and Joaquin Meyer, counselor at the Cuban Embassy. They were scheduled to stop overnight at Miami, Fla., and leave for Havana tomorrow.