

CUBAN REBUKES PRAVDA

Country Needs No Defense by Russia, Chibas Says

By Cable to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

HAVANA, March 22—Cuba is not being oppressed by the United States and needs no defense by Russia, Eduardo Chibas, a close friend of President Ramon Grau San Martin and the leader of the Autentico party, said tonight in commenting on a story in the Russian newspaper Pravda that the United States was refusing to evacuate troops from Cuba and return her air bases.

"We do not need any defense by Russia, which is bringing up the question of American bases in Cuba to draw attention away from her imperialistic designs on China, the Balkans, the oil of Iran and the Dardanelles," he said. "I am sure the bases will be returned to us in accordance with our treaty. The United States does not resort to economic or other coercion, nor does it seek subterfuges to violate the right of small nations, as do other powers."