

# EDUARDO J. CHIBAS

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## Secretary of Public Works in the De Cespedes Cabinet Is Dead

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Special Cable to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

HAVANA, Friday, Aug. 22—Eduardo J. Chibas, ex-Secretary of Public Works and well-known engineer, died shortly before last midnight of a heart attack at his residence in Vedado, a suburb, at the age of 72. Born in Santiago de Cuba, he was educated in Cuba and in the United States, being a graduate in engineering in 1889 from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

He served as aide to General Miles of the American Army at Santiago de Cuba during the Spanish-American War. In 1933 Mr. Chibas was appointed Secretary of Public Works in the Cabinet of President de Cespedes.

Mr. Chibas leaves a widow and two sons, Raul and Eduardo Jr., a student leader during the revolutionary period who now is a member of the House of Representatives.

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Dr. Chibas, who was well-known in American engineering circles, was exiled for many years after his imprisonment for his alleged part in an attempt to overthrow the government of President Gerardo Machado. He came back to the United States after his imprisonment in Cuba. In 1933 he returned to Havana to accept the post of Secretary of Public Works in the newly formed Cuban cabinet.

During the Spanish-American War he served with the United States Fifth Army Corps as an engineer and in later years continued his engineering activities in Cuba. He was president of the Cuban Society of Engineers and a life member of the American Society of Civil Engineers.