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**Dr. Chibas, Opposition Leader,
Fires a Bullet Into His Body
After Speech on Radio**

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HAVANA, Aug. 5—Dr. Eduardo Chibas, leader of the Cuban People party and candidate for the Presidency, shot himself tonight just after making his usual radio broadcast at Station CMQ.

In the presence of many leaders of his party and a general audience, Dr. Chibas, witnesses said, drew a revolver and fired a bullet into his body.

He was immediately rushed to a clinic in the Vedado section of Havana and physicians there were operating. A blood transfusion was given.

Just after 10 o'clock, Dr. Rodriguez Diaz of the clinic's staff said in a bulletin that the third vertebra had been destroyed by the bullet, which passed through Dr.

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Chibas' body under the heart. The bulletin gave Dr. Chibas' condition as grave.

The bullet, after going through Dr. Chibas' body, struck the foot of a youth, Romelio Hernandez, who was standing near by.

Party leaders were stunned over the action of Dr. Chibas, who was considered to have a good chance in the coming elections as the Opposition's candidate against the regime of President Carlos Prío Socarras.



Dr. Eduardo Chibas

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