

## MIRTA BATISTA ENGAGED

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**Daughter of President of Cuba  
Fiancee of Francisco Benitoa**

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HAVANA, July 6 (Reuter)—Official announcement was made today of the engagement of Miss Mirta Batista, eldest daughter of President Fulgencio Batista of Cuba, to Francisco Perez Benitoa, son of a well-known financier and close friend of the President.

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Miss Batista attended the Academy of the Sacred Heart in Philadelphia. She arrived there in September, 1941, when she was 14 years old, with her cousin, Dulce Maria Acevdo, both girls being accompanied by Señora Batista. Two months later Miss Batista was adjudged an "Army rooter" when she attended the Army-Navy football classic and, with her companions, frequently shouted "bravo, Army—viva touchdown!" when things went well for the West Pointers.