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REF : Habana's 105, January 12, 1950.

SUBJECT : EXILES OF LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES IN HABANA REPORTEDLY ORGANIZING CONFERENCE IN FAVOR OF DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENTS.

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El Crisol of January 9 reported an interview of Buenaventura SANCHEZ, ex-Deputy of the National Constituent Assembly of the Dominican Republic, and Professor Angel MIOLAN. In the interview it was stated that a conference of Latin American exiles, to be held in Habana at an early but unspecified date, was being organized by the International Front of the Dominican Revolutionary Party with the close cooperation of Fernando LEON de Vivero and Pedro MUNIZ, ex-Presidents of the Peruvian Senate and House, Luis B. PRIETO F. and Luis Manuel PENALVER, prominent figures in the Venezuelan Partido Acción Democrática, and others. The conference was described as being for the defense of "the liberty, dignity and economic security of our peoples, ideals contained in the Charter of the Organization of American States."

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The persons interviewed blamed the dictatorial regimes of the Hemisphere for the conflicts and disturbances affecting the whole region and stated that the movement to be launched by this conference was parallel to that initiated at Montevideo and continued within the United Nations to engender more widespread recognition and defense of the rights of man. They disclaimed the intention to support armed expeditions and asserted that they wished to establish contact with the governments and parties of democratic traditions and with cultural and labor organizations for the purpose of unifying the influence of all against totalitarian regimes in the Americas.

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According to the article, Sr. Sánchez and Professor Miolan predicted, and discounted, alarmist reactions on the part of dictatorial governments as a result of the conference to be held. However, they inferred, the bad thing would be if the Organization of American States paid more attention to the alarms of the totalitarian regimes than to "the desperate clamors of tormented peoples."

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