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There is attached a list of the members of the new National Directorate of the Partido Demócrata who were elected by the National Assembly of that party in its meeting of January 20, 1952. José R. ANDREU, Minister of Health, was re-elected President.

In the principal speech of the Assembly Dr. Andreu said that the Demócrata party is one which is at present collaborating with the party in power but does not exercise "the power". He added, "neither is the party planning within the near future activities which would permit one of its members to aspire to that power".

Comment

It had been predicted that the Demócrata party would request the Vice Presidential candidacy for Andreu on the Government coalition ticket. Later, however, party leaders denied that the PD seeks the Vice Presidential spot. Andreu's statements would seem to indicate that his party is satisfied with its alliance with the PRC(A) and that the Demócrata demands for political patronage will be held to the level of congressional, provincial and municipal positions.

For the Ambassador:

Henry A. Hoyt

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List of Executive Committee.

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President: José R. ANDREU Martínez

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Román NODAL Jiménez
Antonio MARTINEZ Fraga
José E. BRINGUIER Laredo
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