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Manuel FERNANDEZ Supervielle was sworn in as mayor of Havana September 10 in hectic ceremony which I attended together with numerous visiting Mayors of cities in the Caribbean area.

On same date Mayors throughout the country who had been elected in the June 1 elections also took office, interim Mayors remaining in some 40 of 126 municipalities pending returns from run-off elections.

Supervielle reiterated pledge to provide water and immediately plunged into task of reorganizing municipal administration which has suffered considerably at hands of interim Mayor (Auténtico) FERNANDEZ Macho.

In banquet tendered visiting Mayors President GRAU stated 'We wish to convert Havana into a center of repose for suffering souls, for weary souls, into a loving shelter for democratic spirits.....Democracy finds its most creole crystallization in Cuba and whose doctrine is founded in the palpitation of Justice and Liberty'.

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