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Having accepted the resignations of Carlos PRIO Socarrás, Minister of Labor, and Gerán ALVAREZ Fuentes, Minister of Agriculture (see A-1145, December 3), President Grau yesterday appointed Román NODAL Minister of Agriculture and Francisco AGUARDE Minister of Labor.

Nodal, 42, is Republican Representative from Matanzas, Chairman of the House Committee on Budget and Finance and a political protégé of Guillermo ALONSO Pujol, head of the Republican Party. His appointment might well have been intended to show that, contrary to recent rumors, the Alliance between the Republicans and the Autenticos is still in full force and effect.

Aguarre is Autentico Representative from HABANA, leader of the Restaurant and Hotel Workers' Union and Vice Secretary General of the Executive Committee of the CTC. The appointment of this well known Autentico labor leader, coming as it does shortly after the entry into the Cabinet of another Autentico labor leader (José Núñez Carballo, Minister of the Interior), has been criticized by the Communists who in their daily organ Hoy of today say that Aguirre's appointment is a bad omen and predict that he will be no better than his arch enemy Carlos Prio.

Further Cabinet changes are predicted in view of the expected resignations of Dr. José ALBERTI (Republican), Minister of Agriculture.
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Minister of Justice, and Dr. José ANDREU (Republican)  
Minister of Public Health, both of whom will run for  
reelection to the Senate. It is rumored that Alberni  
will be replaced by Evelio ALVAREZ del Real (Republican -  
Cuban Minister to Costa Rica), and Andreu by Dr. Carlos  
de ARAZOA, now Minister of Education. It is expected  
that Dr. Miguel A. de la GUARDIA, Undersecretary of  
Education, will replace Arazoa.