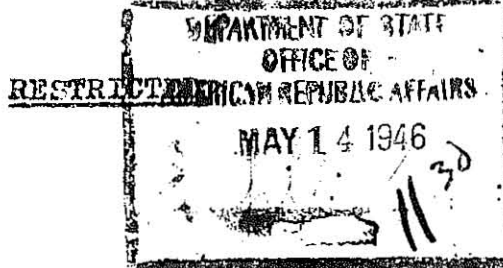


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Reference A-749 of May 7, 1946, reporting
resignation of Minister of Education TEJERA.

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Dr. José Manuel ALEMÁN was sworn in May 8
by President GRAU as Minister of Education in the
presence of the Cabinet and other high officials
and the notorious "revolutionary" Orlando León
LEMAUS (El Colorado). Also present were represen-
tatives of Acción Revolucionaria, Guiteras, Alianza
Nacional Revolucionaria, Noven Cuba, ABC and other
"revolutionary" groups, members of which had occu-
pled the Ministry of Education for several hours at
the time of the resignation of Tejera and just prior
to the swearing in of CASAGRAN as interim Minister.

Despite his association with these revolution-
ary groups the new Minister, who has been associated
with the Ministry of Education since the time of
Batista, is reputed to have technical qualifications
for the job.

Immediately after taking the oath of office
Aleman declared that his program would include the
following: a) construction of rural schools through-
out the country, completing those which had been
started by the previous regime; b) development of
retirement plans for teachers; c) setting up of a
uniform wage scale for teachers; d) execution of a
plan contemplating the construction of a Palace of
Fine Arts, a National Museum, National Theatre, etc.
He also promised a prompt administrative reorgani-

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zation of the Ministry. He then went to pay his respects to the First Lady prior to taking over his office.

According to the press, Dr. Casagran may be retained as sub-Secretary, with Dr. Reinaldo BECERRA becoming Director General of Teaching.

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