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

Dr. Jose Manuel ALEMAN was sworn in May 8 by President GRAU as Minister of Education in the presence of the Cabinet and other high officials of the notorious "revolutionary" Orlando León LEJIA (El Colorado). Also present were representatives of Acción Revolucionaria, Guitérrez, Alianza Nacional Revolucionaria, Joven Cuba, ABC and other "revolutionary" groups, members of which had occupied 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 revolutionary 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 Alemán declared that his program would include the following: a) construction of rural schools throughout 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 reorganiza-
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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