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The New Sub-Cabinet

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It was announced officially October 14, 1948 that President Prío had signed all the necessary decrees appointing following subsecretaries:

1. Subsecretary of Commerce, Dr. Pedro LOPEZ Dorticos, ex-member of House of Representatives, ex-Senator from Las Villas 1944-1948, poet, orator, writer, well-known politico.
2. Subsecretary of Labor, Wilfredo LEISEGA, a politico from La Trocha (western Camaguey) otherwise unknown to the Embassy.
3. Subsecretary of Agriculture, Manuel GUILLOT Benitez, 42, a former anti-Machado revolutionary, one of the founders of the Auténtico Party, official in the Ministry of Commerce during recent years, unsuccessful candidate for Governor of Las Villas Province in June 1948 elections, henchman of Dr. Miguel SUAREZ Fernandez.
4. Subsecretary of Justice, Dr. Jorge CASUSO y Diaz Albertini, first appointed Subsecretary of Justice November 15, 1945, ex-Senator, lawyer, ex-member of House of Representatives, prominent Republican politico in Habana Province, cooperative, pleasant, English-speaking, fairly good reputation.
5. Subsecretary of Defense, Guillermo ALONSO Bernudez, son of the Vice President of Cuba, Dr. Guillermo ALONSO Pujol, otherwise unknown to the Embassy.
6. Subsecretary of Communications, Dr. Carlos MARISTANY Sanchez, previously Subsecretary of Communications in 1933 and from 1944 to 1947, a former anti-Machado revolutionary, member of House of Representatives 1940-1944, member of Cuban delegation to a number of international radio conferences, ambitions, nationalistic, not too friendly to U.S.

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7. Subsecretary of Health, Dr. Martin CASTELLANOS, 47, specialist in neurology and psychiatry, Professor at the University of Habana, well regarded professionally, in 1947 studied in U.S., Canada, England and France.
8. Subsecretary of State, Dr. Haul RUIZ Hernandez, see Embassy's A-1156, October 16, 1948.
9. Subsecretary of Interior, Dr. Alfredo GONZALEZ Garcia, 38, a student revolutionary in the Machado days, anti-Batista, prominent young Auténtico politician, lawyer, official of Ministry of Communications since December 1947, very close to Minister of Interior, Ruben de Leon, and to President Frio.
10. Subsecretary of Public Works, Ing. Antonio TELLA Jorge, about 48, studied briefly in the U.S., anti-Machado revolutionary at University of Habana and after graduation in 1926, in exile in U.S. 1930-1934, specialist in road building and hard surfaces and has been connected with Public Works since 1934.
11. Subsecretaries of Treasury: First, Dr. Julio PANIAGUA; second, Dr. Jorge RUIZ Cerda.  
PANIAGUA is a lawyer and old friend of President Frio, now in politics, well known and respected.  
RUIZ has been Under Secretary of the Treasury since October 10, 1944, pleasant and cooperative.
12. Subsecretaries of Education: Administrative, Dr. Manuel RIVERO Setton; Technical, Dr. Agustin GUITART Campuzano.  
RIVERO, about 47, is an ex-member of the Directorio Estudiantil of 1930, an ex-member of the House of Representatives, an old friend of Frio, a founding member of the Auténtico Party, a member of the International Brigade in the Spanish Civil War, violently anti-Franco. He is considered a good auténtico although he has been associated in his fight for the Spanish Republic with many Cuban Communists.  
GUITART, about 46, is a former member of the Directorio Estudiantil of 1930, a former revolutionary, Professor of Physics at the University of Habana, an early supporter of Frio, a close friend of the Minister of Interior, Ruben de Leon, and the Prime Minister, Tony Varona.

OSD reports will be submitted as soon as possible.

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