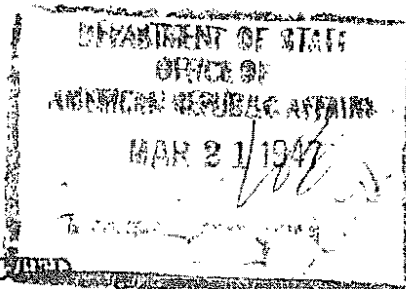


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Congress convened March 17 with ample quorum in both Houses to hear the customary "reading" of the Presidential message covering governmental activities Ministry by Ministry during the past six months.

In the Senate the so-called orthodox Auténticos presented motions calling for the interpellation of Minister of Education Alemán and Minister of Commerce Casas.

In view of defections and declarations of independence by numerous Auténticos, ABC, and Republican Senators, and because of doubtful position of Communists the Administration no longer has an assured majority in Upper House though it still predominates in Lower.

There is not much expectation that this session will work any important accomplishments. There will doubtless be no dearth of political fireworks.

To add to political uncertainty and confusion Chibás has just reiterated his intention not to leave Auténtico Party and the orthodox Auténticos thereupon named Emilio QCHOA to take his place as leader of orthodox group.

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