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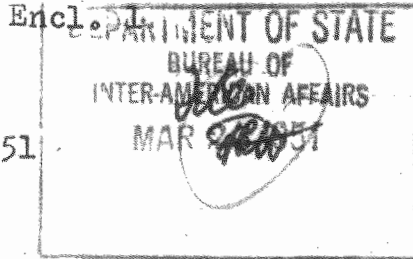
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The Cuban Cabinet resigned March 15, 1951. This action was taken to facilitate implementation of a political pact entered into March 7 by the government P.R.C.(A) and Liberal Parties whereby Liberals would enter the Cabinet and receive other posts in return for their political and electoral collaboration. The changes would affect a third party, the Demócrata Party, already in the Cabinet by virtue of a similar pact previously entered into with the P.R.C.(A).

A table showing the composition of the Cabinet which resigned March 15 (but which has not yet relinquished office), together with the political affiliations of its members and the date each took office, is enclosed for the Department's convenience.

According to the terms of the P.R.C.(A)-Liberal Pact, the Liberals will receive two portfolios, probably Agriculture and Commerce, although State has been mentioned as a possible substitute for the Commerce portfolio. It is generally thought that the President of the Liberal Party, Senator Eduardo SUAREZ Rivas, will receive the Agriculture portfolio and Senator Ramón ZAYDIN either Commerce or State. Senator Miguel SUAREZ Fernandez, P.R.C.(A) leader from Las Villas and recently at odds with President PRIO, has reportedly buried the hatchet and may go to State replacing Dr. Ernesto DIHIGO.

Minister of Commerce ANDREU, President of the Demócrata Party, will reportedly take over the Health portfolio.

On the foregoing basis, Minister of Agriculture Carlos HEVIA, whose presidential aspirations appear to be on the wane, would remain outside the Cabinet retaining his post as head of the National Development Commission. There is also considerable speculation as to whether or not Senator Arturo HERNANDEZ Tellaheche will remain as Minister of Labor, a post which labor leader (C.T.C. President) Senator Eusebio MUJAL is believed to wish to dominate.

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Comment is fairly evenly divided as to whether Senator Felix LANCIS will remain as Prime Minister. The possibility that Lancis may be the dark horse presidential candidate of the P.R.C.(A) is cited as a reason both for his leaving the Cabinet and for his remaining therein.

Although numerous other names have been mentioned as possibilities, it is considered probable that most of the Ministers not specifically mentioned above will remain in the Cabinet.

It is expected that the composition of the new Cabinet will be officially announced within the next few days.

For the Chargé d'Affaires ad interim:



Earl T. Crain,  
First Secretary of Embassy.

Enclosure:  
Table showing  
composition of  
Cabinet

## CUBAN CABINET, March 15, 1951

<u>Ministry and Name of Minister</u>	<u>Political Affiliation</u>	<u>Date of Appointment</u>
PRIME MINISTER: Dr. Felix LANCIS Sánchez (Senator)	Auténtico	Oct. 6, 1950
STATE: Dr. Ernesto DIHIGO y López Trigo	None	Feb. 4, 1950
JUSTICE: Dr. Oscar GANS y Martínez	Auténtico	Feb. 4, 1950
INTERIOR: Dr. Lomberto DIAZ Rodríguez (Senator)	Auténtico	Oct. 6, 1950
TREASURY: Dr. José R. ALVAREZ Diaz <u>1/</u>	Technician	March 9, 1951
PUBLIC WORKS: Ing. Manuel FEBLES y Valdés	Auténtico	Oct. 10, 1948
AGRICULTURE: Dr. Carlos HEVIA y Reyes Gavilán	Auténtico	Feb. 4, 1950
COMMERCE: Dr. José R. ANDREU (Senator)	Demócrata	Oct. 10, 1948
LABOR: Sr. Arturo HERNANDEZ TELLAHECHE (Senator)	Auténtico	Oct. 27, 1950
EDUCATION: Dr. Aureliano SANCHEZ Arango	Auténtico	Oct. 10, 1948
PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL WELFARE: Dr. Juan Antonio RUBIO Padilla	Auténtico	Sept. 25, 1950
COMMUNICATIONS: Dr. Sergio M. MEGIAS (Representative)	Auténtico	Oct. 6, 1950
NATIONAL DEFENSE: Dr. Rubén de LEON y García (Senator)	Auténtico	Feb. 4, 1950

1/ Replaced José M. BOSCH March 8, 1951



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MINISTERS WITHOUT PORTFOLIO:		
Señorita Mariblanca SABAS Alomá	Auténtico	Oct. 10, 1948
Dr. Angel Manuel FERRO Martinez (Representative)	Demócrata	June 22, 1950
SECRETARY OF THE PRESIDENCY AND OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS:		
Dr. Orlando PUENTE y Pérez	Auténtico	Oct. 10, 1948