

# PRIO DESERTS CASTRO OVER RED TYRANNY

## Ex-President Vows to Break Slave Chains

New York, Jan. 25 (UPI)—  
Former President Carlos Prío  
Socarras, a long time support-  
er of Fidel Castro, broke pub-  
licly with the Cuban premier  
today, and denounced him for  
establishing a "communist  
tyranny" in Cuba. He pledged  
support to Castro's foes.

In a signed statement re-  
leased in New York, Prío de-  
scribed his country as a "con-  
quered but non-submissive na-  
tion engaged in a titanic  
struggle to break the chains  
enslaving it."

Prío signed his statement  
in Miami, but he was under-  
stood to have left later for  
Mexico.

### Supports Castro Foes

He said he had no personal  
political ambitions but was  
announcing his return to  
active public life "because  
human liberties [in Cuba] have  
once again been shackled."

Prío disclaimed connection  
with any Cuban exile groups,  
and said he did not intend to  
form any such organization.

Once the titular leader of  
the Authentic Cuban Revolu-  
tionary party, Prío was con-  
stitutional president of Cuba  
from 1948 to 1952. He was  
overthrown by Dictator Ful-  
gencio Batista in a bloodless

coup in March, 1952, only six  
months before his presiden-  
tial term was to have ended.

### Promises to Explain

After Castro's triumph over  
Batista two years ago, Prío  
returned to Cuba from exile  
in the United States and an-  
nounced his retirement from  
political life. He had since  
been a supporter of Castro.

In his statement today,  
Prío said his political attitude  
of the last two years was in  
the interest of the "collective  
good." He did not elaborate  
but said he would some day  
explain his conduct.

Prío said that "no one  
should be surprised" at his  
approval of Castro's promises  
to improve the lot of the  
Cuban peasant. "But I must  
cite and repudiate his [Cas-  
tro's] fundamental error —  
the evident communist face  
of his government," he said.