

Cuba.

Admiral Hoff had an interview with Secretary Robeson and Admiral Porter yesterday on Cuban affairs. It is claimed that the Admiral's sympathies have always been with the Cubans, but that his instructions required him to remain strictly neutral, and it would have been obviously unseemly for him to indulge in any demonstrations favorable to the insurgents. He thinks the struggle will be a protracted one unless some outside interference takes place.

The rumored European alliance to protect Cuba is still a subject of discussion in Washington, and the Cuban representatives contend that something decidedly favorable to that island will emanate from our State Department in a few days.