

Cuban Labor Minister Hurt in Duel, Keeps Job He Quit to Fight Senator

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HAVANA, July 13—Minister of Labor Carlos Prio Socarras and Senator Eduardo Chibas waged a saber duel today in the arms salon of the National Capitol. Señor Chibas' face, left side and right arm were cut and Señor Prio Socarras' right side was bruised.

Señor Chiba's seconds were Senator Aurelio Alvarez and Representative Manuel Bisbe. For the Cabinet officer Senator Antonio de Varona and Representative Manuel Rivero were seconds.

The Senator was challenged by Señor Prio Socarras when he severely criticized the Minister in a broadcast. Señor Prio Socarras resigned from the Cabinet to fight the duel but was immediately re-appointed by President Ramon Grau San Martin.

Señor Chibas, once a close friend

of the President, is preparing to organize an opposition party. He has broadcast harsh attacks against the President and other officials on recent Sundays. He has fought several duels.

Dueling is prohibited by law in Cuba.

The ABC, a revolutionary party, was dissolved last night by the party's general assembly, which resolved to join Senator Chibas and others in forming a new party.

Originating as a secret terrorist organization to fight the Machado regime in 1931, the ABC was converted into a political party at the end of the revolutionary period. It attained little political strength. The party, headed by Dr. Joaquin Martinez Saenz, switched its support from the opposition to the Government several times during the Batista and Grau San Martin Administrations. It lost strength each time.