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Affairs Officer was marked by an atmosphere of cordiality which seemed significant. Señor Guzmán declared that Alerta was very friendly to the United States and would cooperate in every way with the Embassy in Habana. These newspapers have been much friendlier since the United States adopted a stiffening attitude toward Russia.

Dr. Gonsé, in a conversation with the Public Affairs Officer, has appeared to be friendly to the United States, and Dr. Cué has corroborated this attitude. In his new position as director of Alerta, criticism by that newspaper of the United States' policies, if any, should be greatly tempered.

Dr. Cué says he tried to influence Dr. Gonsé to remain with El Mundo but appreciated the fact that the post of director was an advancement for his former employee. Dr. Cué believes Dr. Gonsé's political opinions, aside from the anti-Communist stand, will clash with those of Alerta's owners before very long. In other words, either Dr. Gonsé or Alerta's owners will undergo an editorial change of policy, or the arrangement will not last.

El Mundo's owner did not say he had offered his newspaper for sale, but he appeared discouraged about its chances of continuing publication.

Respectfully yours,
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 CRB - Mr. Walker

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SUBJECT: Raoul Alfonso GONSE, New Editor of Newspaper, "Alerta"

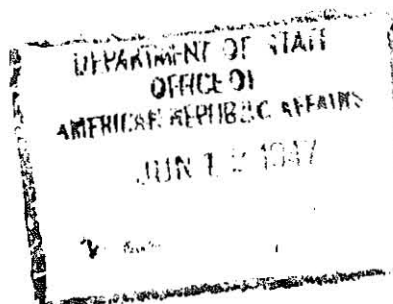
Embassy Habana reports that Raoul Alfonso GONSE, widely read political writer for EL MUNDO, has been appointed editor of ALERTA. Although Dr. CUE was upset over this appointment and endeavored to persuade Gonsé to remain with EL MUNDO, where he had been Cué's right-hand man in his campaign against the Grau administration and Communism, he recognized that the new position was an advancement.

Señor GUZMAN, Director of ALERTA, in a recent conversation with the Public Affairs Officer of the Embassy, stated that Cué had offered to sell EL MUNDO to the DIARIO DE LA MARINA interests. There is no indication from other sources, however, that such an offer was made.

Dr. Cué has expressed the opinion that Gonsé's political opinions, aside from his anti-Communist position, would clash with those of DIARIO - ALERTA owners.

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