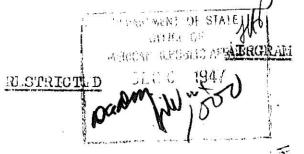
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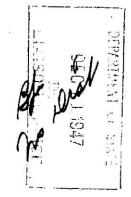
Having accepted the resignations of Carlos PRIO Socarras, Minister of Labor, and German ALVAREZ Fuentes, Minister of Agriculture (see A-1145, December 3), President Grau yesterday appointed Roman NODAL Minister of Agriculture and Francisco AGUIRRE Minister of Labor.

Nodal, 42, is Republican Representative from Matanzas, Chairman of the House Committee on Budget and Finance and a political protégé of Guillermo ALONSO Pujol, head of the Republican Party. His appointment might well have been intended to show that, contrary to recent rumors, the Alliance between the Republicans and the Autenticos is still in full force and effect.

Aguirre is Autentico Representative from Habana, leader of the Restaurant and Hotel Workers' Union and Vice Secretary General of the Executive Committee of the CTC. The appointment of this well known Autontico labor leader, coming as it does shortly after the entry into the Cabinet of another Autentico labor leader (José NUMEZ Carballo, Minister of the Interior), has been criticized by the Communists who in their daily organ Hoy of today say that Aguirre's appointment is a bad omen and predict that he will be no better than their arch enemy Carlos Prio.

Further Cabinet changes are predicted in view of expected resignations of Dr. José ALBERNI (Republican)

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Ainiste of Public Health, both of whom will run for
reelection to the Senate. It is rumored that Alberni
vill be replaced by Evelio ALVAREZ del Real (Republican
Juban Marister to Costa Rica), and Andreu by Dr. Carlos
le ALAZE &, now Minister of Education. It is expected
that Dr. Liguel A. de la GUARDIA, Undersecretary of
Education, will replace Arazoza.

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