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Alejo Cossio del Pino, Autentico representative for Habana, yesterday named Minister of Interior. Commentators express surprise as President Grau had been expected to reconstitute former Cabinet in which Pequeno had held this post; and also because this man though fairly well regarded is not widely known. He is reported a close supporter of former Education Minister Aleman who is rumored for premiership and is one of several possible aspirants for administration candidacy for president in 1948. Appointment Cossio del Pino seems to support these rumors.

Reliably understood Salvador Menendez Villoch will be reappointed Minister National Defense tomorrow.

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