

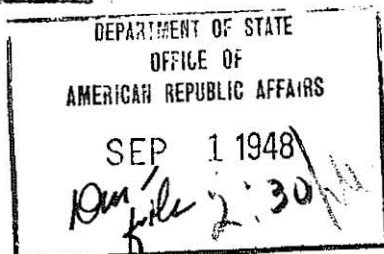
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FROM: American Embassy,  
Habana, Cuba

Date of mailing: August 27, 1948

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A-968, August 27, 1948.

Reference Embassy's telegram No. 577, August 5, 1948.

President-elect Prio announced at Palace on August 26 that he was leaving Monday, August 30, for Caracas on LAV and that he would spend five days in Venezuela. Program is as follows:

- August 31: 10 a.m. visit to National Pantheon and Plaza Marti, accompanied by Foreign Minister; 11 a.m. visit to President Gallegos; 6 p.m. reception by President at Miraflores Palace.
- September 1: 10 a.m. visit to home of liberator, Salon Elíptico, museums, etc.; 4 p.m. visit Congress for session; 9 p.m. banquet by Foreign Minister at Casa Amarilla.
- September 2: 10 a.m. visit to different parts of the city accompanied by Governor; 9:30 p.m. concert Municipal Theater by Symphony Orchestra.
- September 3: 6 p.m. reception by Cuban Minister at Caracas Country Club followed by dance.
- September 4: Departure.

It is not known yet who will accompany Prio; it is believed that it will be stag party.

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Reference Embassy's A-968, August 27, 1948.

It was announced August 29 that President-elect Carlos PRIO would be accompanied on his trip to Venezuela by the Venezuelan Ambassador in Cuba, José NUCETE Sardi; Ruben de LEON, President of the House of Representatives and an old "revolutionary" enemy; Segundo CURTI Messina, member of the House of Representatives and also a "revolutionary"; Virgilio PEREZ, member of the House of Representatives; and Dr. Enrique C. HENRIQUEZ, member of the House of Representatives, a brother-in-law of Prio and a most active participant in last summer's abortive expedition against the Dominican Republic. Others accompanying the party are Francisco SALAZAR Martinez, Press Attaché of the Venezuelan Embassy in Habana; the following newspapermen: José Arroyo MALDONADO, Miguel A. ALONSO, Evalio RODRIGUEZ Ortega and J. Anibal MAESTRI; also cameraman Bebo ALONSO and Aides-de-camp Commander Raúl Lázaro SUAREZ and Captain Rafael IZQUIERDO.

Perez accompanied Prio to Mexico; de Leon accompanied him to Guatemala. Considerable importance might be attached to fact that Prio has surrounded himself with his old University of Habana cronies of the revolutionary anti-Machado days.

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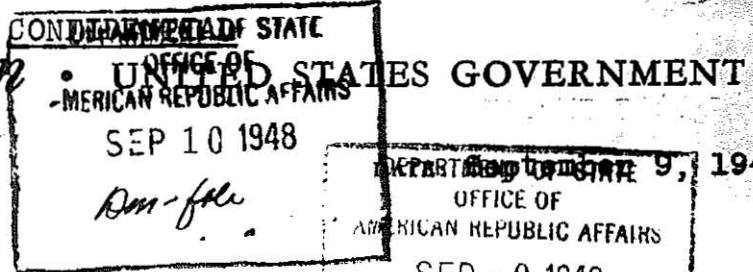
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## Office Memorandum

TO : CRB - Mr. Walker  
ARA - Mr. Woodward  
- Mr. Daniels

FROM : CRB - Mr. Mackay

SUBJECT: President-elect Prío expands his views on "revolutionary nationalism".



Dr. Prío has stated rather vaguely on a number of occasions that his election by the Cuban people is evidence of Cuba's wish to maintain the principles of "revolutionary nationalism".

What he appears to mean by "revolutionary nationalism" has been somewhat clarified by certain of his recent public statements in Guatemala, and may provide some additional clues as to the policies he may be expected to follow as President of Cuba.

He had stated previously: "...The revolution is not Cuban, the revolution has no nationality. It is the human aspiration which is found today in all lands of America".

His amplified version: "Revolutionary nationalism implies (a) every possible defense of the Cuban economy in its efforts toward greater industrialization of Cuba; (b) preference for nationals in all sources of work; (c) absolute respect for all internal liberties (rejection of foreign interference in internal problems); (d) an aspiration towards effective democracy among all peoples (equality as between all countries in the society of nations).

Dr. Prío's "revolutionary nationalism", translated into more specific terms, appears to include: anti-communism, violent supernationalism, "Cuba for the Cubans", active sympathy for those fighting "dictatorial" regimes of Nicaragua, Honduras and the Dominican Republic, and a feeling of great community with the "revolutionary" principles of present day Guatemala and Venezuela.

Reference: Habana's Confidential Despatch No. 722 dated August 31, 1948.

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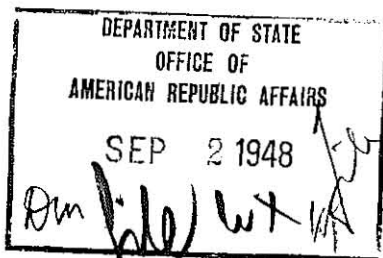
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FROM: Caracas

TO: Secretary of State

NO: 640, September 1

Resume President Elect Prío Socarras press conference Caracas August 31 follows:

Recent elections demonstrated practically no political problems in uba. His administration will govern with coalition responsible for his election will follow. Grau political program terrorism will cease under his administration. Dictatorial governments endanger our democracies, people will free themselves from dictatorial governments as did Cuba Communism. He will follow policy employed as Secretary Labor. US is Cuba's best market, Cuba produces sugar at lower prices than it is possible produce in US and US needs sugar.

He said General Genovevo Perez will not intervene in politics Batista "his time has passed" as regards Dominican representatives complaints to UN "Cuba does not feel responsible for any these things as Grau previously explained".

Sent Department 640; repeated Habana.

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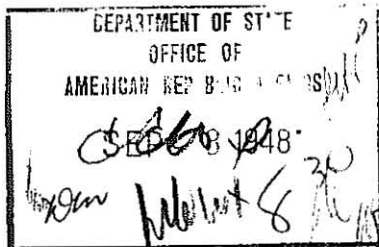
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Rec'd September 2, 1948  
8:45 p.m.

FROM: Caracas

TO: Secretary of State

NO: 645, September 2, 5 p.m.

Prio Socarras creating favorable impression here. Press coverage favorable.

Reliably informed he decided not visit Haiti owing possibility trouble from Trujillo forces.

In reply question from reporter, Prio Socarras said Cuba will not sever relations with Franco because it would antagonize large and influential Spanish colony in Cuba which sympathizes with Franco.

He made no anti-US statements nor has he attacked US in private conversations with high government officials.

My only criticism visit is that presence Juan Bosch at all functions and close association with President-elect creates impression Bosch has unqualified support new president in renewed offensive against Trujillo.

Prio Socarras has solidified Cuban-Venezuelan relationships and Venezuela has promised send important delegation to inauguration. Valmore Rodriguez, President, Congress and influential member administration's political party will head it. As further evidence increasing friendship Foreign Minister Andres Eloy Blanco will visit Habana this month en route UN meeting Paris.

Sent Department 645, repeated Habana, Ciudad Trujillo, Port au Prince.

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FROM: Caracas  
TO: Secretary of State  
NO: 644, September 2

Prio Socarras received by Venezuelan Congress September 1. House majority leader Carnevali welcomed him as triumph of democratic government Cuba and called for (1) joint Cuban-Venezuelan action on economic problems with assistance US where democracy unchangeable and industrial might used to better conditions everywhere; and (2) joint recognition that American dictatorships present common danger. Prio replied sovereignty Cuban people lies in Congress where different parties synthesize popular will, and praised US attitude ITO Conference Habana as recognizing the isolation and domination by certain states and value other American states as allies for democracy and mutual respect to insure liberty and well being Cuban and Venezuelan peoples. He expressed desire for liberty of peoples under yoke of dictatorships and called for free access to world markets.

Sent Department 644, repeated Habana.

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