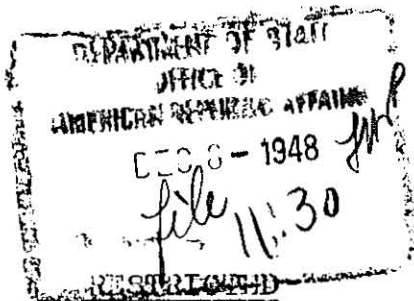


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## Batista in the Senate

Following his return to Cuba on November 20 after more than four years of voluntary exile, former President Fulgencio BATISTA yesterday occupied the seat in the Senate to which he had been elected by the Liberal-Democratic Coalition on June 1. He entered the Senate Chamber in the company of Senators BRINDLEY (Independent) and BLANCO Torres (Republican) and was immediately and enthusiastically greeted by Senator SUAREZ Rivas, head of the Liberal Senatorial Committee, and Senator Guss INGLAN (Liberal). The Vice President, ALONSO Pujol, who was in the chair, welcomed Batista and expressed cordial greetings and wishes for the success of his legislative activities. Batista, replying very briefly, expressed his thanks to the Vice President and at the same time greeted all the Senators present.

Batista appears to be acting with considerable caution; he seems to be feeling his way before following any definite course. There is no doubt that he has a very considerable following as is evidenced by the crowd which went to greet him at the airport (see A-1322, November 22) and the enthusiasm of the people when he recently made a tour of the city of Marianao.

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