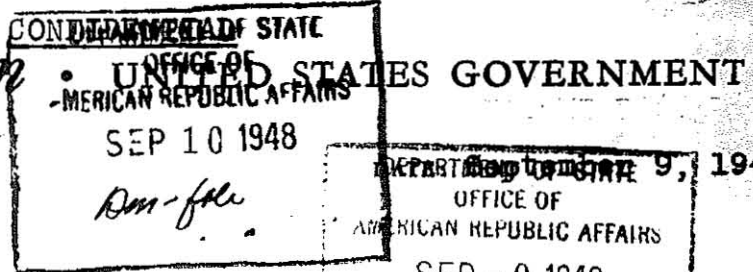


Office Memorandum

TO : CRB - Mr. Walker
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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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