

armed attack on the Presidential Palace on March 13, 1957, who had created a second front in Las Villas Province, issued a statement demanding participation in the provisional government for all revolutionary organizations, and a part in drawing up the government's programme and setting the date and form of the general elections. Urrutia made a major speech before the University faction in an obvious attempt to prevent an open split from developing. One of the main dangers, however, for Cuba in the forthcoming weeks will be the great possibility of quarrels among the various factions which form the new group of victors. This will be complicated by the presence in Cuba of ex-President Carlos Prío Socarrá, whose political party has been dissolved, but who will without doubt wish to exert some influence in the future reorganization of the Republic. He was, after all, for some time the only source of funds for Castro's rebels.

9. Since this report was drafted we have learned that the Revolutionary Directorate (university students) have taken over the third floor of the Amber Motor Building in which we are located and that the front door of this office building is now under 24-hour armed guard and some visitors to the Embassy are being stopped and questioned.

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Your telegram crossed my telegram 44 March 13.†

At diplomatic reception given by Foreign Minister Saturday, he expressed to me the hope that Castro might be invited to Canada by some Canadian organization while he is in Washington next month. He was informed that it may well be at this time of year with session in full swing and a number of foreign visitors expected in Canada that it might prove difficult for this to be arranged.

2. Castro is obviously doing his very best to squeeze an invitation somehow to get to Canada and I am only hopeful that the Junior Chamber of Commerce in Montreal will not repeat not put into operation their reported intention to invite Castro to Canada. I believe more and more that this should be prevented at all costs as Castro is fast becoming victim of his own verbosity and also a tool of communist elements surrounding him.

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