



(1) Free hospitals for the poor with expert surgical and medical treatment have been one of Col. Batista's greatest achievements for his country; (2) One of the many industrial and household schools Col. Batista is creating in Cuba; (3) Col. Fulgencio Batista, Cuba's Man of Destiny.

An Army Sergeant Brings A Nation Nearest to Its Aspirations

By NICHOLAS ROST

MUCH has been written during the past few years about the dynamic personality of the brilliant Chief of the Cuban Army, Col. Fulgencio Batista, who emerged from obscurity to the leadership of his nation almost overnight.

The island republic was at its lowest ebb, economically, socially and spiritually in the last few years of President Machado's administration. Business was at a standstill; sugar prices were the lowest in years and the masses starving when the revolution broke.

Batista, who was a sergeant attached to the general staff, thoroughly knew the running of the executive machinery. Through sheer ability and with the confidence of his fellow sergeants and the esteem and respect of the privates, he took charge. All observers who have visited Cuba since then say that he has done a real job in a big way.

Col. Batista has been referred to frequently as a dictator, particularly in inspired articles by paid propagandists. The idea of dictatorship is repugnant to him. He has restored confidence among the Cuban people in all walks of life. The business man knows that he can operate his business unmolested. The worker realizes that at last he is getting more than an

opportunity to earn a livelihood and the racketeer knows that Cuba is a good place for him to avoid. Today big payrolls are transported through the streets of Havana without armored cars.

Col. Batista is not a Fascist, Socialist, Communist or any other "ist." He is a Cuban and is motivated always by what is best for his people. Because he was born poor and remained in humble circumstances most of his life, he realizes what the average man needs and because he is intelligent he is also sympathetic toward the employer and capital. Through his extraordinary work in the education of the masses and the creation of better living conditions for them, he has brought about a better understanding among all Cubans than has ever existed before.

With the Executive Branch of the Government gradually adapting itself to the new ideals expounded by the Colonel and the realization by the politicians that election to office no longer means a privilege of looting the government funds, Col. Batista will be glad eventually to devote his entire time to Army work, which he considers a real man's career and leave the administration of the Government to others.

Cuba has suffered often but also has enjoyed bright days. It appears from present indications that one of its luckiest was that on which Fulgencio Batista was born in a little village in the province of Oriente.

75 Counties Help Duke Hospital

Durham, April 29.— Seventy-five counties of the state made the lot of patients of Duke Hospital easier during the past year by assisting in their care, report of the hospital, recently issued, shows. The help given by counties ranged from \$2 to more than \$9,000, according to the number of patients sent from each county.

During the year the 10,750 patients were received at Duke hospital travelled a total of 1,547,000 miles, or an average round trip of 144 miles per patient.

The hospital's report shows that \$508,797.80 was spent on patient care, or \$451 for each patient care day. Patients themselves were asked to pay but 53.1 per cent of their hospital expenses. Nearly \$23,000 was paid for them by the home counties.

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patients themselves, \$825.04 by the county, or city, \$153.76 by others, and \$1,112.80 by Duke Hospital.

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