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Ramiro Jrdonez Paniagua

Arevalista of the old school.

Aida Martinez introduced me to him in quest of anecdotes about Arevalo.

Colorless. Nacionalista. Anti-Communist, although not the hate-sheet type. Told me that both he and Acevedo were listed as Communists by the Castillo Armistas and were persecuted as such.

He told me with great resentment that the Communists were the ones who pass around stories to discredit Arevalo.

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Rev. Guillermo Debret

Presbyterian minister.

Marc Antonio took me to meet him. I spoke only very briefly with him, missed our appointment for an interview.

He worked with the Fidelista movement while Fidel was in Sierra Maestra.

Is a cousin of Augusta de Mollinedo.

Rev. Debret told me he is still in touch with the Presbyterian Fidelista in Cuba, Rev. Fernandez Ceballos. Ceballos is in Russia just now, so Debret told me.

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Carlos Leonidas Acevedo

Like Ordenez, Acevedo told me he had been persecuted by the Castillo Armistar who called him a Communist. Like Ordenez, too, he told me the Communists are trying to discredit Arevalo by inventing stories of his being bought by the ~~Government~~ U.S.

~~He~~ The other revolutionaries all told me Acevedo was a man who made his money without stealing but they do not consider him a revolutionary.

Many of the revolutionaries think Acevedo himself has ambitions to become president and they literally scoff at the idea.

Francisco  
Diputado Villagran Kramer

Has just returned from Soviet Union and China on same trip as Leonovette Paz y Paz. Is under attack by the hate-sheet anti-communists.

Villagran Kramer is his own man. Obviously he is a Socialist (Norman Thomas type) certainly not a Communist nor a fellow traveller.

He ~~met~~ spoke with me on three different occasions. Twice in his home, and once at a dinner party Isabel arranged for me.

He has a great sense of the ridiculous, applies it to the Communists, to Arbenz, even to Arevalo when the occasion arises. However, he is not frivolo, but rather takes the future of Guatemala very seriously.

He did not hesitate to contradict certain information Jaime Diaz Torresota and Edelberto Torres Hijo had given me.

Although he joked a bit of fun at Arevalo and sometimes referred to him as Don Juancho or the Khrushchev of Guatemala, he repeatedly assured me that he was arevalista.

He said Arevalo, if he returns, can either be -- without a doubt -- sinix el elegido or el gran elector.

He lent me a copy of Schneider's Communism in Guatemala. Playfully. However, it is very clear that Villagran Kramer is entirely independent of, and quite critical of, the Communists. On the other hand he is not an anti-Communist, since he is just not so simple-minded as to imagine that is the one perfect or best way to separate the good people from the bad ones.

Villagran Kramer and Marc Antonio Villamar Contreras were the two ~~names~~ about whom I ~~heard~~ heard consistent praise from other Guatemalans. The only hint of criticism was from Leonovette Paz y Paz who said she thought Villagran Kramer was making favorable comments about his trip because he had an eye to the future.

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Marco Antonio Villarar Contreras

Started political career in 1911, when 16. Active in various past political parties. Congressman during Arbenz government.

Aida introduced me to him. Took me to his house. One told me he is Guatemala's leading defender of Cuban Revolution and is also regarded as outstanding young man and best spokesman for the <sup>YOUNG</sup> generation of revolutionaries. He talked with me at length, took me to lunch, introduced me to Carlos Bianchi and Rev. Guillermo Debret. Bianchi came to visit me at hotel, and also met me a couple of times at Aida's store -- was, in short, one of my most gracious collaborators.

Marco Antonio is quiet, well-mannered, well-spoken, well-organized, very self-confident. He is critical of errors and evils that crept into the Guatemalan Revolution before. He considers himself one of those who should set example -- honesty, frugality, etc.

He criticized Arbenz and spoke frankly about corruption among figures in Arbenz government. But he told me that he felt Arbenz could redeem himself if he is interested in doing so.

He is not Arevalista, as such. However, he spoke with great respect for Arevalo and recognized that Arevalo could overwhelmingly defeat any other candidate. He also assured me that the "progressive" groups would not fight Arevalo unless they should get the idea he is committed to the U.S. State Dept. He says they don't expect him to be an advanced socialist but they would not tolerate <sup>him</sup> another Betancourt.

Marco Antonio told me he is Marxist but he insisted -- and various of his attitudes would seem to bear it out -- that he is quite independent from the Communists.

He met Fidel here in Mexico, was greatly impressed by him then and at present says "Fidel is the only myth I respect". MS

Marc Antonio Villamar Contreras

Marc Antonio is not at all oriented toward the Soviet Bloc. He is very much interested in my putting him in touch with Americans like C. Wright Mills -- even with Hubert Humphreys. He said at one point: "The best theories for Latin American and our problems is much more likely to come from progressive elements in the U.S. than from the Soviet."

He is very ~~highly~~ highly regarded by all other revolutionaries whom I met. They ~~consider~~ <sup>consider</sup> him courageous, a man of superior principles, etc., and definitely one of their men of the future. Everybody told me he had been a brilliant student and then had given up his career to devote himself full time to the revolution.

He lives modestly in an old fashioned rambling house in the middle of ~~the city~~. I believe he said it belongs to his wife. He has several children.

At the moment he is quite short of funds, he told me. Doesn't have a secretary because "for the first time in all these years" he can't afford one.

He urged me to come back and to let him take me around the country to make a full study of the situation of the country. He suggested I could live in the homes of the various revolutionaries and would not have expenses.

He gave me a note for a dirigente ~~in~~ in Ayutla, but I took the wrong microbus: didn't go through Ayutla.

I promised to send him materials on Cuban revolution.

To give ~~indigenous~~ an idea of extent of Arcaismo: Marc Antonio, in discussing the possibility of taking me around the country to meet revolutionaries, said that many of them are the ones who were ~~executed~~ <sup>executed</sup> terribly during Castillo Armas and are very wary.

Carlos Bianchi

Pas. Grand M ...

Told me he was never active in politics until Castillo Armas jailed him for having sent appeals to Masonry around the world, to try to prevent overthrow of gov't in 1954 -- that is, for denouncing the eminent invasion when it was still in preparatory stages. So, in jail, among the revolutionaries, he became aware of and interested in the political struggle.

At present he works with Marc Antonio Villanar in the organizing of the P.U.E.

and he is  
His wife is cousin of Augusta Mollinedo/~~son~~ related to Rev. Guillerac Debrot.

I was introduced to him by Marc Antonio.

Bianchi is Arevalista. He ~~spoke~~ spoke with admiration of Arevalo. He went so far as to say that not only could Arevalo win election hands down, but also anybody he openly supported would win hands down.

I visited him at his house. Later he called on me at Augusta's apt.



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Edelberto Torres, Jr.

He came to see me at the hotel, had lunch with me. He had only learned the day before, that I was in town. And that day (Saturday) I thought I would be leaving the following morning. So we did not get back together.

Later he sent me five little booklets and a letter for his mother. In the letter he proposed she get in touch with poco pelo or dentado and ~~make~~ make arrangements for Chichi to be taken to the Patria mayor to be treated medically.

He looked very well, was well dressed. He told me he was very busy, averaging three meetings a day. That particular day, as we parted, he was expected at Jaime Diaz's place.

Aida Martines is the one who put me in touch with Edelberto.

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Don Rodrigo Asturias (don is not title, is part of given name)  
22 years old. Son of Miguel Angela Asturias, the poet-novelist-prof.  
Slightly heavy, tall, good looking, black hair, fair complexion.  
Married to Maria del Rosario \_\_\_\_\_, Bolivian girl, whom he met  
in Argentina. She is three years older than he, very striking,  
brunette, tall, high cheek bones but light complexion.

Rodrigo is studying law at the University in Guatemala.  
Is a leader of the group supporting Fidel and Cuban Revolution.  
Was the principal instigator (so he told me) of the manifestaciones  
the week of the <sup>Bahia de Cocle</sup> invasion, and in one of which three boys ~~of~~ of  
his group were killed by the police.

He is also active in national politics. The Sunday I was there  
he went with Marc Antonio Villamar Contreras to a village <sup>in the mountains</sup> and held  
a meeting of 500 farmers. He was one of the speakers.

He and his wife (whom he and other friends call "Charro") belonged  
to the pre-Fidel group in Buenos Aires, too. They spoke of having  
been invited to reception for Dorticos, Pedro Mir, Almeida, etc.

They showed me pictures of some of their group of close friends  
in Buenos Aires. One <sup>Paraguayan</sup> boy has since been killed by Paraguayan  
government, they told me. <sup>the NICARAGUANS</sup> ~~Julio~~ Julio Mayorga was also in the <sup>pictures.</sup> ~~group.~~  
They had not heard of his arrest etc, of about three weeks ago.

Jaime Diaz Rozzot.

Augusta Mollinedo (Pellicer's siste.) took me to see him at a pre-arranged meeting at the home of his father, Don Jaime. At one point our talk was interrupted by the arrival of his son and, one by one, a number of other young students from Humanidades. He consulted with them briefly; later I learned they had been deciding, for sure, to nominate him for Rector of the University.

He had a bandage on his face. He said it was from an accident. Augusta told me, however, that he was really assaulted by Batistianos or other enemies. He had had a few stitches, but was not seriously hurt.

He was the one Guatemalan who spoke with frank coldness toward Arevalo.

Don Jaime gave me his daughter's address here in Mexico (Asa Satz Pennsylvania 222 -4, Colonia Naples) and suggested I get in touch with her.

Jaime Diaz was cordial, obliging. But not downright friendly, as all my other contacts were. He also was the only one who asked me, toward the end of our conversation: "I would like to hear your curriculum! -- referring to my political background.

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Leonora Paz y Paz

I visited her at her house. She had just returned from the Soviet Union and China.

*Has chronic arm*  
She lives confined to a wheelchair. Made the trip in it, and has been making speeches in Guatemala. Is under attack by the hate-sheet group of counter-revolutionaries.

My own opinion of this poor girl is that she is so breathless in her adulation for the Soviet Union and for the Cuban Revolution that she is not likely to recognize anybody. She was writing for a newspaper, recently lost the job. Her father is a lawyer. Apparently he was ~~persecuted by the~~ Castillo Armistas, too.

Julia de Deleon

Schoolteacher. Has son, Ariel, who belongs to Communist Party, ~~Agustín~~ Augustín told me.

I was told she used to be a very popular orator during Arevalo and Arbenz governments. Now she is very fat and it is hard to picture her inspiring crowds.

She had been told Arevalo had sold Tiburon and the Sardines to the State Dept. (U.S.) for a fortune and that he was going to come back to Guatemala as the Dictator of Guatemala. However, when I protested, she was very much relieved and grateful to hear that the story was not true.

an Arevalista at heart.

She took me to meet Arevalo's sisters and brother.

She told me she has had several invitations to visit the Soviet Union but that her husband who is a doctor will not agree to her going.

*Interview by [illegible]*

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Humberto Gonzalez Juarez

Fancies himself the number one Arevalista. Also told me he can call upon political support all over Guatemala.

None of the other revolutionaries with whom I spoke have a high opinion of ~~Arevalo~~<sup>Gonzalez</sup> Juarez. The general attitude is that ~~he~~ is a ~~poor~~<sup>little</sup> businessman-politician and ~~by~~<sup>that</sup> he means ~~he~~ does he belong in the revolutionary movement. He was even accused, by several, of having been guilty of money-making from the Arbenz regime as Martinez of the PAN was.

My own judgment would be that he is a bit of a braggard. One evening when he was quite well along in his cups, his conversation gave me the picture of a man who could do Arevalo more harm than good by his connection with him; even if he is not dishonest, he is definitely not an idealist.

He is extremely anti-communist. Also he attacks Arbenz severely. He is perfectly flabbergasted because he was recently denied a visa to go to the U.S. He has two illegitimate children there -- children he registered at the U.S. Embassy, he told me.

He has about a half dozen children by his marriage to a very homely wife from one of the provinces of Guatemala. From some of his remarks when he was drinking, I got the impression that he makes no pretense of fidelity to her.

Guillermo Paglieri

All the Communists repeat the story Pellicer told me. However, Marc Antonio speaks fondly of him and scoffs at the idea he might be disloyal, although Marc Antonio too, criticizes him for being vain, etc.

Guillermo is working as director of a radio program on Humberto Gonzalez Juarez's station.

Guillermo assured me he is Arevalista.

He seems to have made public explanation of his trip to Europe with his brother, the Voluntarista Jorge.

He offered to send me a copy.

Pellecer de  
Augusta Mellinedo

Sister of Carlos Manuel Pellecer. Alma de Dios.  
Kind, considerate, gentle-mannered, soft-hearted,  
hard-working, understanding woman. Also ~~good~~<sup>good</sup> looking.  
Seems to be very much in love with her husband. Very  
good relations with son. Excellent relations with  
revolutionaries, ~~all~~ of whom she seems to have befriended  
quite personally in some dark hour.

She is an immaculate housekeeper, has no maid. ~~Very meticulous~~  
Her son, whose nickname is Colorado, is a student at <sup>the</sup> university.

Her husband, Jorge Mellinedo, has a little factory that produces  
tin cans. He is handsome, very friendly, outgoing, home-loving  
type. Worked in Arbenz government.

Both Augustas and Jorge speak with great respect of  
Arevalo, but they are clearly closer identified with Arbenz, whom  
they -- like most other revolutionaries -- call "Jacobo".

Jorge is so good-hearted that he befriended Col. Monzon when  
Monzon turned up in exile in Costa Rica during Jorge's own exile  
there. Monzon was the No. 1 traitor to Arbenz, Jorge told me,  
but he felt sorry for him when all the other exiles treated him  
with contempt in Costa Rica. (One night I was with Jorge when we  
ran into Monzon by accident in a gasoline station. Monzon's  
attitude with Jorge bore out the story.)

Spontaneously,  
Augusta prepared me a lunch for the bus, lent me ~~me~~ a sweater,  
got up at five in the morning to bustle about preparing breakfast  
for me, made me a present of a little silver-pearl broche to hold  
down a scarf, ~~was~~ dug through <sup>a</sup> great stack of  
papers in order to  
locate an old Arevalo memento to give me -- in short, went far  
~~out~~ of her way to treat me well.

She took me to Antigua to meet Carlos Manuel's father and the rest  
of the family. -- including the ~~one~~ reactionary sister who is

*married to a fellow named Arcey Valladares, who  
collaborated with Cortés's team.*



Juanita  
Aida Martinez

She had been expecting me for a month, was very solicitous. She introduced me to revolutionaries as well as to a few of Arevalo's old less-revolutionary friends.

She is very devoted to Don Edelberto.

She is definitely an Arva'ista.

She speaks of the Communists as though she were quite quite ~~not~~ not one herself. However, she is apparently liked and trusted by them.

She has a very warm friendship with Marco Antonio and Isabel. She has known Isabel since Isabel was 14 years old and Aida was her teacher -- same time that Isabel met Don Edelberto.

Isabel Espineida de Sabbagh

Isabel is very enthusiastic izquierdista. She is invited to the Soviet Union (was invited for October) and intends to go in May with her husband. However, she speaks of Communists as though she were not affiliated with them.

She adores Don Edelberto Torres.

She admires and supports Arevalo.

She defends the Cuban Revolution, but is willing to hear criticism and from time to time criticizes something herself.

She has recently been elected as the one student on the Junta Directiva of the Facultad de Humanidades. She was the candidate of the izquierdistas but says she received many votes from the conservatives. She takes this very seriously.

Her husband, <sup>FRADE</sup> is not opposed to socialism (Norman-Thomas type) as such but takes the attitude that certainly necessary changes could be made within the capitalist system. What most disturbs him is loss of personal freedom and recourse to courts, etc. This he argues openly with her.

Significant about Isabel is her warm friendship with Guillermo Paglieri. When she heard the same charges Pellicer repeated to me, with regard to Guillermo, she defended him at the University and has maintained very warm relations with him. It was she who called him and put him in touch with me.

She is quite close with Diputado Villagran Kramer and his wife Ruth. She told me she was a good friend of ~~my~~ Angel Boan and that they hid under the same table when the planes came over during the invasion. She expects to drive up to Mexico very soon.

She made an number of appointments for me, entertained a several times.

*She has a cheerful disposition. I understand  
some of her...*