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Paul and Gary,

If you missed it, the State-Item had a four-part series on Cubans in the US ending 1/22/70, naturally, a very good thing. It is friendly to those of the right, like Bringuer. The last says Carlos Quiroga is an engineer. It mentions two as successful in public relations, Alberto Fowler, who it merely mentions, despite the probability that he has the most significant governmental position of any of them, and Carlos de la Vega (RECE, N.C.), who is employed in a minor capacity by Ochsner and is no less to the right. (But even he thinks Bringuer a fool, though they associate). To de la Vega, the real heroines of the exiles are the women because they no longer have servants "and must do the same chores as American housewives." (This series, my file, Cubans, General.

The T-P 1/23/70 has a story "Cuban ^Uicen Toledano Vow", on an interesting story. It is on the evasive promise of the Republican candidate for mayor to make Cubans think that if he is elected he may give their wives back their servants, and all the attendant goodies, like the island. No less an eminence than Augustin ^Uitert endorsed this. All those mentioned of whom I know or have met are the most extreme of the right. Note that the Republicans officially gave "certificates" expressing their gratitude to Bringuer, de la Vega, Quiroga and Arturo Finlay "for their efforts to ward the election of" Nixon and Agnew. The extremist connections, like Bringuer's with ^Uargis, was no hindrance.

I've forgotten about Finlay and have no file on him. (File-Cubans-Americans for Nixon Agnew).

The importance of the Cuban vote is underlined by the fact that all major candidates appeared before what had to be a small audience.