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DR. ORESTES FERRARA MARINO
(Cuba)

Ambassador for Cuba

Born on 8 July 1876. Studied law at the University of Naples (Italy) and graduated there as a Doctor of Laws. Took part in the Cuba Independence Movement as a member of the Liberating Army, in which he was promoted to the rank of Colonel. During the United States intervention in Cuba, after the War of Independence and the Spanish-American War, was Secretary of the Civil Government of Las Villas and then Acting Civil Governor of the same province. Had his Italian title of Doctor of Laws confirmed at the Havana University; after passing all the examinations received, in 1902, the degrees of Doctor of Private Law and Doctor of Public Law with the highest honours.

When the Cuban Parliament was organized in the middle of that year, he was appointed Director of the Official Records of the sessions of the Senate and the House of Representatives.

In 1904, successfully presented his candidature for a Chair of Public Law. From 1904 to 1933, was a member of the professional staff of Havana University.

Was a member of the Cuban delegation to the Paris Exhibition in 1900.

Elected a member of parliament in 1908, was promoted to the presidency of the same in 1909; occupied this post, apart from a few interruptions, for many years. In 1922, having declined to stand for re-election and being no longer a member of the House of Representatives, entered the diplomatic service on a permanent basis.

From 1902 to 1924, practised as a lawyer, in Havana and, for a time, in New York.

In 1902, while President of the House of Representatives, was sent as a special Envoy on an important mission to Washington and, on that occasion, was invited to speak before the House of Representatives of the United States of America; his address was recorded in the United States "Congressional Record".

Director and proprietor of the periodical "Heraldo de Cuba" from 1914 to 1926, and of the review "La Reforma Social" from 1913 to 1926. From 1926 to 1932, was Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary for the Republic in Washington. Previously, was a member of the League of Nations Assembly, and occasionally of the Council; remained with the League until 1931. Also carried out a mission in Brazil in 1926 and another in Japan, and opened the first Cuban legation in Japan.

In 1932, was Minister of External Relations and Acting Finance Minister.

In 1940, was elected a Member of the Constituent Assembly summoned to draft a new Constitution for the Republic.

A member of the Permanent Court of Arbitration at The Hague, and Cuban Ambassador on an economic mission to Europe.

Possesses many decorations of various orders belonging to Cuba, Italy, Peru, Santo Domingo and Japan.

Dr. Honoris Causa of the State University of Florida (United States of America) and of the University of Santo Domingo (Republic of Santo Domingo).

Has collaborated in many reviews, including: *Revista Popolare italiana*, *Cuba y America*, *Revue politique et parlementaire*, *North American Revue*, *Today*, *Boletín de la Union Pan-Americana*, *la Revue Bleue*, *Revue de l'Amérique latine*, *Cuadernos Hispano-Americanos*, etc.

Author of books and pamphlets, including: "La Guerra Europea: causas y pretextos" (The European War: causes and pretexts), published in Spanish in Madrid and New York (Appleton & Co.), and in English in New York; "Problemas de la Paz" (Problems of Peace) (in English and Spanish); "Maquiavelo" (Machiavelli) (in Spanish, French and Italian); "El Panamericanismo y la opinion europea" (translated into French under the title "L'Amérique latine et l'Europe" (Latin America and Europe); "The Private Correspondence of Nicholas Machiavelli" (in English only); "Ultimas tentativas de intervención de Europa en America" (published in English under the title "The Last Spanish War"); "Mis relaciones con Maximo Gomez" (My relations with Maximo Gómez); "Cicerón y Mirabeau, la moral de dos grandes oradores" (Cicero and Mirabeau, the ethics of two great orators); "El Papa Borgia, Alejandro VI" (The Borgia Pope, Alexander VI), published in Spanish, French, English and Italian; "Un pleito Sucesorio: Enrique IV de Castilla, Isabel la Católica, la Beltraneja" (A dispute over the succession: Henri IV of Castile, Isabella "the Catholic" and the Beltraneja); "El siglo XVI a la luz de los Embajadores Venecianos" (The XVIth century according to the Venetian Ambassadors") (in Spanish and French); in course of preparation "Gaspari Contarini y sus misiones" (Gaspari Contarini and his missions).

The pamphlets are numerous, and include: "Marti y la elocuencia" (Marti and eloquence); "Bifurcación del Derecho Privado y Publico en las Instituciones romanas" (The division between Private and Public Law in the Roman Institutions); "Trabajos en Europa" (Works in Europe); "José Antonio Saco"; "El Artículo 60 de la Constitución" (Article 60 of the Constitution); "Retratos Venecianos" (Venetian Portraits); "Sobre las dos Constituciones cubanas" (On the two Cuban Constitutions); "Los Inicios de la Política del Equilibrio en Europa" (The beginnings of the Balance of Power policy in Europe).

Has contributed to the Dictionary of the "Académie Diplomatique" (France).

Is a member of the following Academies: Cuba: History; Santo Domingo: History; Mexico: History; Portugal: History; Spain: Moral and Political Sciences and Jurisprudence; Italy: member of the Committee presided over by H.E. the President of the Republic, Einaudi, for the publication of a State Edition of the works of Francesco Saverio Nitti; France: member of the Académie Diplomatique.

Has attended sessions of the General Conference of Unesco: the ordinary session in 1952 and the extraordinary session in 1953; was acting chairman of the Cuban delegation at the first of these sessions, and permanent chairman at the second session.

Has taken part in the work of many international conferences, particularly the Inter-American Conferences.