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Pelegrin Torras, who has been appointed political undersecretary in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, is a long-time Communist but is a quiet, conciliatory man, whose personal manner is anything but that of the "typical comrade" and who is always "buried in his books". He is a former university professor. He is the brother of Jacinto Torras, undersecretary in the Ministry of Foreign Trade, who has acted as a sort of special secretary and aide to Raul Roa, Minister of Foreign Affairs.

Source Comment. Pelegrin Torras' appointment was probably supported by Roa, who first brought him into the Ministry. It is not known whether this means that Roa had to take an old Communist, friend or not, as his deputy.

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