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1. On 30 June 1950, Fernando VALERA Aparicio, Minister of Finance of the Spanish Republican Government in Exile, revealed that he had been informed by the Cuban government of its intention to cease financial support of his government. As late as 1 June 1950, the Spanish exile government was paying such expenses as rent and upkeep from funds received monthly, through indirect means, from the Cuban government. Other Latin American nations furnishing economic aid to VALERA's government are Guatemala and Mexico*. Early in June, VALERA had been optimistic about getting possession of Spanish Republican official funds in Uruguay representing a total of 60,000 pounds sterling, but at the end of the month his hopes of obtaining the funds in Uruguay had waned.
2. VALERA attributed the Cubans' decision to Socialist influence. He claimed that wherever the Socialists go they succeed in freezing the credit of the Spanish Republican Government. It might be expected also, according to VALERA, that enemies of the Republican Government would cut off the supply of funds from Guatemala and Mexico. VALERA pointed out in particular that Communist influence in Guatemala had had some success in promoting the idea of a Popular Front Spanish exile government, which would in effect freeze out the Republicans.

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