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The 21 December 1953 issue of Noticias de Guatemala, which was recently sent to Panama, contained information regarding the founding of the Sociedad de Amigos de Guatemala, which took place in Mexico on 19 December 1953. The article states that the Society has been organized for the purpose of spreading the truth regarding Guatemala and supporting the democratic and progressive work of President Jacobo ARBENZ and the struggle of the Guatemalan people in defense of Guatemalan sovereignty. The article indicates that the following persons compose the directive committee of the Society:

Senator Pedro DE ALBA¹ - president

Jorge TAMAYO (engineer)

Dr. Jorge CARRION

Carlos PELLICER (poet)

Guillermo HARO² (architect)

Dr. Ignacio GUZMAN

Dr. Alfonso CASO³

Dr. Luis GARRIDO

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1. Field Comment. Pedro DE ALBA was Mexican Ambassador to Chile in 1947.
2. Cf. CS-27066.

Field Comments

3. Alfonso CASO is a Mexican anthropologist who was active in the Continental Peace Congresses which were held in Mexico City, Mexico, in September 1949, and in Montevideo, Uruguay, in March 1952.
4. Fernando BENITEZ is possibly identical with Fernando BENITEZ Gutierrez, Mexican journalist, who was a delegate to the Peace Conference of the Asian and Pacific Regions, which was held in Peiping, China, from 2 to 13 October 1952.
5. Rafael RAMIREZ, who is the founder of the Escuela Rural de Mexico, was a Mexican delegate to the Continental Peace Congress which was held in Mexico City in September 1949. He also attended a meeting sponsored by the International Union of Students in Copenhagen, Denmark, during July 1952.

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