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Press gave publicity to Costa Rican Ambassador's reply to Wells' allegation that present Costa Rican Government have a secret pact with Communists. US Ambassador says that Wells' remark was based on allegations by Calderon. Yesterdays meeting of the Junta decided not to communicate the constitution of the Second Republic to the Soviet Union.

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Publicity was given here yesterday in the Press to reply made by Costa Rican Ambassador in Washington to Wells' statement which I have not seen in full, that present Costa Rican Government have a secret pact with Communists. I asked United States Ambassador whether he agreed with Wells and Ambassador shook his head in reply. Personally I consider Wells alleged statement entirely erroneous as present regime and its supporters have made Communist influence over previous government one of main purposes of revolutionary movement though it may well be that reaction against Communists was a useful weapon in internal politics.

United States Ambassador told me that Calderon had been received at State Department and that Wells' remark was based on allegations made by Calderon.

Ambassador added that he had heard that Figueres and Communist leader Mora had had an interview before capitulation of previous Costa Rican Government but that he had been unable to obtain confirmation that an interview had in fact taken place.

Facio Minister of Justice told me last night that Calderon and Sumner Wells are old friends which may account for Wells' statement which he described as fantastic.

This morning it is announced in the Press that at a meeting yesterday of the Junta it was decided not to communicate to the Soviet Union the constitution of the Second Republic so that it may be clear that Costa Rica does not wish to maintain relations with the totalitarian regime of the Soviet Union.

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