... But not for lack of chances.

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BRAND-NEW Resident Commissioner of Puerto Rico, Dr. Antonio Fernos-Isern, just arrived, will be busy setting up shop on Capitol Hill until Congress convenes in January . . . He'll fill the shoes of beloved Jesus Pinero, who left Washington when he was elected governor of Puerto Rico.

Most urgent job facing Dr. Fernos: To get Congress to authorize a plebiscite for his people . . . Some Puerto Ricans are shouting for statehood, some for complete independence, and some want to continue their present "dependent territory" status, enjoyed since the United States won Puerto Rico from Spain in 1898.

More important than the plebiscite, however, Dr. Fernos has found out, is the question of quarters! Although he lived in style directly across the street from the Governor's Palace in San Juan, Dr. Fernos is now camping out with a friend here in the United States Capital.

The 51-year-old commissioner, a freckled man— face, hands, neck—is losing some of his brownish hair. His taffy eyes twinkle behind their pince-nez and a red-brown mustache bristles when he smiles.

If he wore a white coat, he'd remind you of your family doctor . . . In fact, Dr. Fernos is a physician. He studied medicine at the University of Maryland and says that:

"I can't wait to get over to Baltimore and see some of my

old friends."