Revolt Cannot Succeed, Says Puerto Rico Editor

Antonio Ayuso Valdivieso, editor and publisher of the San Juan newspaper "Imparcial," who is now in the United States on a business trip, tells in the following article of the events that led up to the outbreak in Puerto Rico.

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The sudden revolt in Puerto Rico is a distinct surprise to me. It came out of a clear sky. In my opinion, it will not succeed. The approach to the problem is wrong. Revolutionary tactics are not the answer.

One big problem only is involved, namely: statehood or independence for Puerto Rico?
I myself am a former president of the nationalist movement and thoroughly conversant with the situation, present and past.
I have always advocated a pacific, intelligent approach to the problem, confident that the U.S. will ultimately settle the issue with justice.

The Communists have taken a hand in this revolt. This I learned tonight as a result of a long distance conversation with San Juan.

The leader of the revolt, Harvard University-trained Pedro Albizu Campos is not a Communist, though he is a radical. He is a Catholic, and a rather impatient one.

In recent years Gov. Luis Munoz Marin, now head of the country formed his own party. Munoz's party was New Dealism, strictly along the lines followed by the late President Roosevelt. Munoz won the election in 1944, and again in 1948.

About six months ago Congress passed a resolution authorizing the people of Puerto Rico to call a convention and draw up a constitution which would make Puerto Rico an autonomous state.

The nationalists, led by Albizu Campos, were impatient and got stirred up. The result is the revolution which broke out today.
I felt that Albizu Campos figured he had to start a revolution to prove to Puerto Ricans and to the world that the issue of a free Puerto Rico is still alive.