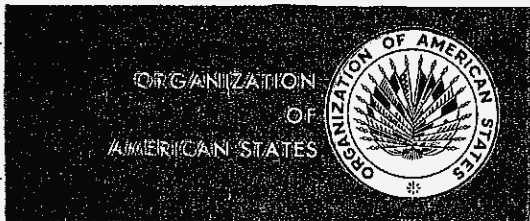


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COLOMBIA ASSUMES
CHAIRMANSHIP OF INTER-AMERICAN
PEACE COMMITTEE

WASHINGTON, D.C. (PAU) -- Colombia, elected to succeed Venezuela in the chair of the Inter-American Peace Committee, was formally installed this afternoon, during a protocolary meeting of the Committee. At the ceremony, Colombia was represented by Ambassador Alfredo Vázquez Carrizosa.

At the same meeting, the Committee welcomed its new member, Nicaragua, for a full five-year term. Ambassador Guillermo Sevilla Sacasa is the Nicaraguan member.

The Inter-American Peace Committee is an autonomous body of the inter-American system and was established in 1940, at the Second Meeting of Consultation of Foreign Ministers, in Havana. It is composed of five member States of the Organization of American States (OAS), elected by the OAS Council for five-year periods. Its chairmanship rotates among the five members, and is traditionally held by a State during its last term year on the Committee.

At present, the following countries make up the Committee: Colombia (until August 6, 1964), United States (August 6, 1966), Dominican Republic (August 6, 1967), Argentina (August 6, 1968) and Nicaragua (August 6, 1969).

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