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Puerto Rico Eyes Self-Government

By DAVID FERNISLER
WASHINGTON, March 23.—(AP)—The people of Puerto Rico are pressing for full and complete self-government under the United States flag.

Taken from Spain in 1898, Puerto Rico was granted civil rule in 1900. Its people gained U. S. citizenship in 1917 and won the right to elect their own governor in 1947. No other territory, possession or colony in the world has that right.

Insisting now that they have "perfected one of the best-working democracies in the world," Puerto Ricans want to round out the half century by writing and adopting their own constitution.

Puerto Rican leaders maintain they can afford neither statehood nor independence for another generation, if then.

Instead, they want to establish a new kind of relationship with the mainland.

Their governor, Luis Munoz Marin, wants Puerto Rico to be a "free Latin American nation peopled by citizens of the United States and therefore able to understand both viewpoints" and help interpret each people for the other.

This, he has been maintaining on a visit to Washington, will help both island and mainland.

As he sees it, the writing and adoption of a constitution in Puerto Rico, will recognize "the collective dignity of the Puerto Rican people."

On the other hand, it will "free the United States from the malicious charge of colonialism so often hurled unjustly by Communist spokesmen."

The governor has presented his case to appropriate committees of both House and Senate. Both have promised favorable consideration.

One of the bluntest of many endorsements came from Rep. Frank A. Barrett (R-Wyo.).

"We have been insisting upon democracy and self-government everywhere else," Barrett said. "I see no reason why we should not



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John Hall Hits Back At Remarks Of Austin Flegel

PORTLAND, March 23.—(AP)—Former Republican Governor John H. Hall Tuesday took exception to statements attributed to him Saturday at Coos Bay by Austin Flegel, candidate for the Democratic nomination for governor.

Flegel said that Hall, at a meeting in Waldport, had expressed a preference for Walter J. Pearson, Democratic state treasurer, for governor. Pearson is opposing Flegel for the nomination.

"But Hall denied he had made such a statement or that he even attended the Waldport meeting. Of Flegel, the former governor said: "If his other public statements are no more accurate or truthful than the remarks about me, then in my opinion he is not qualified to be governor of Oregon."

"During the war years," Hall added, "Mr. Flegel was busy enriching himself by means of fat shipbuilding contracts with the United States government. After the war he was busy spending these profits on pleasure trips to Europe. I assume his long absence from participation in civic affairs or his tendency to speak without thinking led him to refer to my voting record as a state senator. I have never been a state senator."

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