Dantès Bellegarde (1877-1966)

Dantès Bellegarde, an Honorary Vice President of the Inter-American Academy, died in Haiti June 15, 1966 at the age of 89. He was Haiti's leading intellectual and an authority on its politics and economy. His distinguished career included representing his country in the League of Nations and in the United Nations, as Minister to the United States, as Cabinet Member, as head of the Haitian Chamber of Commerce, and as representative at Inter-American Conferences. He was also an officer of the French Legion of Honor. His writings and speeches were characterized by honesty, forthrightness and courtesy, and at times he was a sincere and constructive critic of United States actions in its relations with Haiti. He was a founding member of the Academy and he took a keen interest in its activities.

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