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MR. GEORGE MESSERSMITH

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### Mr. Messersmith on improved relations

WASHINGTON, Monday. — The American Ambassador to Buenos Aires, Mr. George Messersmith said to-day that he expected that American and Argentine differences over the disposition of enemy agents in Argentina will be resolved "in the near future."

The Ambassador added that a satisfactory action on the part of Argentina on this issue would remove the last obstacle to full and amicable relations between the two nations.

Mr. Messersmith made the statement to the reporters at the White House after saying good-bye to President Truman before leaving to resume his post in Buenos Aires.

He said that last Saturday's statement by the State Department welcoming the Argentine move in taking control of 60 German firms was made in the belief that two of the three American demands on Argentina had been complied with.

He added that the Government of the United States could not object to a private business arrangement under which the Argentine Government engaged American experts for its five-year industrialisation plan.

He added that the American Government could not object because business relations between the United States and Argentina were completely normal.

Mr. Michael McDermott, the State Department press officer said recently the Government had no connection with the hiring of firm executives, since it was purely a matter of private enterprise. —(A.P.)

### REPUBLICAN REMEDY FOR IMPASSE

WASHINGTON, Monday. — The Republican senators on the Foreign Relations Committee said that they would suggest that the chairman, Mr. Vandenberg should offer General Marshall the committee's good offices in seeking the final solution of the United States-Argentine political impasse.

They stated that the committee may discuss the most recent developments in the situation, when

the full committee convene next week.

Several senators who asked their names not to be used emphasised the fact that they did not desire to appear as if they were telling the New Secretary of State how to handle the country's foreign policy in Latin-America, but that they felt that General Marshall might be interested in their views on the Argentine policy question.

A veteran committee member told a reporter that in view of the recent dispute between Mr. Messersmith and Mr. Braden some senators feel that "a fresh start" should be made.

He said: "this would probably mean the replacement both of the ambassador and Mr. Braden, possibly transferring them to other diplomatic posts."

This senator was of the opinion that a lasting solution of the Argentine relations problem would be difficult "while either or both officials remain in their present capacities."

He said that the committee, in general, are of the opinion that the United States and Argentina should reach a quick agreement that would permit the Rio conference to be held.

Several members of the Committee, including Mr. Vandenberg, indicated that they hope to attend the Rio Conference.

The foreign relations group which normally meets on Tuesdays will not convene to-morrow.

A spokesman says that the committee will meet next week. —(A.P.)

### AMBASSADOR LEFT LAST NIGHT

WASHINGTON, Monday. — The American Ambassador in Argen-

tina, Mr. George Messersmith left Washington by train at 19.20 o'clock for Miami, where he will board an aeroplane for Buenos Aires. He plans to call on the way at Trinidad.

Mr. Messersmith in a talk with the press declared: "I am happy at this opportunity to have spent these weeks in Washington discussing with the officers of our Government matters of interest in American-Argentine relationship, which I feel are progressively developing very successfully."

"I have found everywhere a very real interest in the Argentines, and in various programmes of the Argentine Government in the industrial and agricultural fields. I have found everywhere the keenest interest in all that affects the strengthening of the relationship of all the American Republics."

Mr. Messersmith appeared to be in good health and spirits, and he expressed the greatest eagerness to return to Buenos Aires. —(A.P.)