

Messersmith En Route To Buenos Aires

“Historical Significance” Attributed To His Visit To Washington

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.

MR. George Messersmith, the U.S. Ambassador to Argentina, left by train to-day at 7.20 p.m. for Miami, from where he will continue by plane to Buenos Aires. He will take the plane on Wednesday for Trinidad, where he will spend Thursday resting, and continue his journey on Friday. He will possibly spend a day in Río de Janeiro before going on to Buenos Aires.

Messersmith's five-weeks mission at Washington ended to-day with a final interview with President Truman at the White House.

The results of Messersmith's visit here have had the effect of lessening the official tension between Argentina and the United States, as well as assuming an historical significance in preparing the ground for renewing inter-American relations and the evolution of a regional Panamerican system.

The first week after his arrival here on December 23, Messersmith spent at the Bethesda naval hospital, in connection with a gastric complaint from which he is suffering, but after New Year's Day he worked hard and incessantly on inter-American questions.

He had two conferences with Truman and two with Byrnes; also one with Marshall and a number with Braden, and he called on several Senators and granted interviews to various functionaries, editors, and international political observers.

MISSION “AMPLE IN SCOPE”

In New York he had a private conference with the National Council for International Commerce, and the Foreign Affairs Council. Although the results of these gestures are slow in mate-

“I Am Happy”

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Before leaving to-day Messersmith said: “I am happy to have had the opportunity of spending a few weeks in Washington, dealing with the officials of our government in problems concerning the relations between the United States and Argentina, which in my opinion are proceeding progressively in a very satisfactory manner.

“Everywhere I have been I have found a very real interest in Argentina, and its plans for agriculture and industry. Everywhere there is a very profound interest for all that affects the improvement of relations between all the American republics.” (U.P.)

PRESIDENT MAY MEET AMBASSADOR AT MORON

It was officially announced yesterday, through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, that the Minister, Dr. Juan A. Bramuglia, accompanied by the Chief of State Protocol, Ambassador Sr. Alberto J. Vignes, proposes to receive the United States Ambassador, Mr. George Messersmith on his return from Washington, expected this week.

Similarly, it is rumoured that the President, General Juan D. Perón, also proposes to receive the Ambassador at the Morón airport. (U.P.)

realizing, it is certain that the whole question of inter-American relations is again being discussed with increasing official and public interest.

Messersmith's mission was much more ample in scope due to his previous experience, which comprise the directing of inter-American relations from within the State Department, as well as from the Embassies in Havana and México.

His efforts here to lessen to tension in relations between the United States and Argentina were unexpectedly assisted by the measure taken by the Argentine government in expropriating Nazi property, thus eliminating apprehensions abroad that Buenos Aires might be converted into a “safe hiding place” for enemy property.

Although the problem of enemy agents in Argentina is still incomplete, it is believed that before many weeks have passed Messersmith will be in a position to make a comprehensive report on Argentina's fulfilment of the Chapultepec agreement. This will permit a final and definitive verdict here, and lay the ground for a new confidence and an expanded Panamerican