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Showdown At State Department

Braden Policy May Face Acid Test

WASHINGTON, Saturday. - Diplomats here predict a new crisis in the controversy between the Assistant Secretary of State for Latin American Affairs, Mr. Spruille Braden and Mr. George Messersmith the American Ambassador in Buenos Aires over the relations of the United States with the Argentine Republic.

Some diplomats express the opinion that Mr. Messersmith will urge Mr. Byrnes to accept the current Argentine Government's round-up of Nazi individuals as a full settlement of the Argentine pledges in the matter.

Mr. Braden, on the other hand, has said that the Argentine Government has not gone far enough and must eject the more important figures.

Mrs. Messersmith for months has campaigned against the Byrnes-Braden policy, asserting, that if the Government of the United States did not learn to get along with Argentina, Russia would.

He has written to many Congressmen, and even to some of Mr. Spruille Braden's subordinates. Some of the letters were 15,000 words long, and as a matter of fact, one ran to 65,000. - (A.P.)