

## Outgoing Envoy Makes no Comment

"I HAVE no comment to make" stated the Hon George S. Messersmith, United States Ambassador in response to a question on his forthcoming departure with the cabled announcement that his mission having been completed the U.S. State Department have accepted his resignation.

Mr. Messersmith who has held his post since April, 1946, was no stranger to Argentina when he arrived in May last year; he was Consul-General and Foreign Service Inspector here during 1923 and 1929

### CAREER DIPLOMAT

A veteran career diplomat whose foreign service records extends over 32 years Mr. Messersmith has during that period covered the extremes of the North and South American continent and also the Caribbean and Europe.

Hon. President of the American Chamber of Commerce in the Argentine Republic and an Hon. Member of the American Society of the River Plate, the retiring United States Ambassador who succeeded Mr. Spruille Braden who came to Buenos Aires in May, 1945, left his post as U.S. Ambassador to Mexico where he served since December, 1941, to take up his duties in succession to the

Hon. Spruille Braden in April, 1946, arriving here in May of that year.

His first ambassadorial role was in Cuba, from January, 1940, immediately preceding his station in Mexico. During the three years previous, Mr. Messersmith served in Washington as an Assistant Secretary of State. In this period, from July, 1937, he acted as chairman of the Board of Foreign Service Personnel; of the Board of Examiners for foreign service and foreign service schools and as United States representative on the permanent international committee of the International Association of Road Congresses.

### FROM 1914

The Foreign Service career of Mr. Messersmith began in 1914 when he was appointed consul at Fort Erie, Ontario, Canada, where he served for two years. He then went to Antwerp, Belgium, as consul, being promoted while there to the rank of consul-general. He also represented the United States at conference of the International Chamber of Commerce held at Brussels in 1925 and at Stockholm in 1927.

In June, 1923, Mr. Messersmith came to Buenos Aires for the first time as consul-general, remaining here for two years during which time he acted as Foreign Service Inspector. From May, 1930, he was consul-general at Berlin, until appointed in 1934 as Minister to Austria, from which post he returned to serve his three years in Washington as Assistant Secretary of State

### SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

Born at Fleetwood, Pennsylvania, on October 3, 1883, Mr. Messersmith attended schools in his home town and state, completing his education at Delaware College, Newark, Delaware. His early professional career was in the educational field as a school principal, lecturer, and as vice-president of the Delaware State Board of Education. Shortly after joining the United States Foreign Service, Mr. Messersmith married Miss Marion Lee Mustard.