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Columbus Diplomat Is Sent to Switzerland

WASHINGTON, FEB. 24. (P.) — The state department announced today these changes in the foreign service:

Assignment of William L. Krieg, Newark, Ohio, as vice consul at Basel, Switzerland, cancelled; assigned vice consul at Milan Italy.

Perry Laukhuff, Mt. Vernon, Ohio, vice consul at Milan, designated third secretary of embassy and vice consul at Berlin.

Assignment of M. William Blake, Columbus, Ohio, as vice consul at Birmingham, England, cancelled; assigned vice consul at Basel, Switzerland.

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America Giving Too Much Advice, Rotarians Told

America already has given the world too much advice concerning peace, maintained John S. Moore, authority on international affairs, when he addressed Rotarians at the club's weekly luncheon meeting today.

Mr. Moore is just out of England, Germany, Poland and East Europe. He left Glasgow on the boat immediately preceding the S. S. Athenia.

"America has yet to prove that a democracy like ours can formulate and develop a constructive foreign policy in the new world," Mr. Moore stated in beginning his talk. "Certainly we have not had such a policy during the last 20 years and we have none now."

The speaker expressed the belief that if our democracy breaks down, it will be at this point. "There are many who contend that democracy has seen its day, for in this modern complex world the political and economic international problems are beyond the grasp of the average citizen," he said.

"I do not believe this, but I am sure that we must speed up the adult forms of civic education."

Referring to the present visit of Sumner Welles to European capitals Moore asked, "What is he about?"

"Does he have something up his sleeve? Did Hitler and Chamberlain invite him? Is he out to advise the world how to do it? I hope not." It was at that point the speaker contended this country had given the world too much advice.

"We cannot get away from the old Puritan habit of giving advice," Moore chuckled. "The Europeans in high hats and frock coats will meet Mr. Welles at the station and extend every courtesy, but they will conceal what they think."

"What they want to know is how far America will go in helping to reconstruct the world."

"If Mr. Welles has not gone to Europe to say that America is now ready to assume her share of responsibility in reconstructing the world and forming a peace bloc, then in my opinion he had better have stayed at home."

"The only hope of a decent world is in the organization of a peace front and collective system that will stop the aggressor and remove the economical and political causes of war, and in such a federal system, America must cooperate," declared Mr. Moore in ending his address.

The League of Nations association, which Mr. Moore represents, aims to keep alive this conception of international cooperation and to encourage a study of world problems.

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