

Son of Meyer Davis Renounces His U. S. Citizenship in Paris

*Wishes to Become Stateless, He
Explains, as Protest Over
East-West Conflict*

PARIS, May 26 (AP)—A 26-year-old ex-bomber pilot was a man without a country tonight, despite everything the United States Embassy could do to dissuade him from giving up his American citizenship.

Garry Davis, Broadway actor and son of orchestra leader Meyer Davis, formally renounced his allegiance to the United States, an embassy spokesman confirmed. Mr. Davis said he wanted to become a "citizen of the world."

In an explanation, Mr. Davis said:

"I think the only way the East-West conflict can be ended is for the peoples to get together. It's high time someone started to do something about it."

The embassy spokesman said: "We did our best to argue him out of it, but he knew what he wanted and we had no right to refuse him."

[Meyer Davis said in New York that he had cabled to his son "earnestly advising" him to reconsider his action. The cable added: "You are, no doubt, attempting to dramatize the critical world situation, but I believe this will defeat your purpose and nullify whatever usefulness you may have for the attainment of your objective of world government."]

Young Mr. Davis said that he felt that the world was in a state of "international anarchy" in which sovereign nations were moving toward war.

"I no longer find it compatible with my inner convictions to contribute to this anarchy and thus be a party to the inevitable annihilation of our civilization, by remaining solely loyal to one of these sovereign states," he said.

The American Embassy said that it could assume no responsibility and could offer no protection if Mr. Davis should be arrested by the French police for lack of identity papers. When Mr. Davis signed the oath of renunciation, he handed his American passport to embassy authorities.

Mr. Davis said he planned to apply to the French police for pa-



Garry Davis
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pers as a "stateless" person. He added that he expected to get them.

Mr. Davis, who last appeared on Broadway in "Three to Make Ready," said that he would like to go to Germany to help rebuild the German nation.

Recalling his role as a bomber pilot, he said, "After all, I'm responsible for some of the damage there."

He admitted that he had no apparent means of getting to Germany, since the Embassy told him he could not go without a passport.

A representative for Meyer Davis in New York said young Mr. Davis had left for Europe several days ago after telephoning his mother in Philadelphia.

Meyer Davis is a member of the entertainment committee for the Republican national convention. Young Mr. Davis' sister, Virginia Davis, a professional singer, is scheduled to sing the National Anthem at the convention.