

MEYER DAVIS TRYING TO KEEP SON CITIZEN

Meyer Davis, orchestra leader, whose 26-year-old son, Garry, renounced his United States citizenship in Paris on Wednesday, appealed to Secretary of State Marshall yesterday to postpone Government action on his son's move.

Garry Davis, a former Broadway actor, had said that he wished to become a "citizen of the world" the better to achieve the peace aims in which he believed.

The young man's father notified Secretary Marshall that he wished to have every opportunity of convincing him that "what he is doing will not accomplish what he has in mind and in fact will make it impossible for him to be of practical use for the movement for world government toward which he is striving."

"My son's war record and his unquestioned loyalty to this country, where he was born and reared," Mr. Davis said, "are deserving of every effort to convince him that this action, although sincere, is a futile gesture.

"I am likewise confident that after more mature reflection he will appreciate his real position and continue to bend his efforts with our people to achieve peace."

Mr. Davis forwarded to Secretary Marshall a message from his son received yesterday in which the young man said that his action was not "a gesture or a publicity stunt."

"I love the United States," he told his father. "I don't want to see it destroyed. The years I spend away from it will be my act of loyalty to what it has been to me and to what it can be to all men, if the democratic principles on which it is founded are extended to include the whole world. I will live for that day."