

DODD RESIGNS POST AS ENVOY TO REICH; WILSON SUCCESSOR

**Ambassador Who Antagonized
Germans Acted on Visit to
U. S. Last Autumn**

SHIFT DUE EARLY IN 1938

**Official Announcement Is Held
Up Pending Confirmation of
Choice of Veteran Diplomat**

Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—William E. Dodd has resigned as United States Ambassador to Germany, and Hugh R. Wilson, veteran diplomat and at present Assistant Secretary of State, has been selected as his successor, according to authoritative indications today.

An official announcement of the changes was deferred, pending submission of the nomination of the new Ambassador to the Senate for confirmation.

Mr. Dodd's resignation is understood to have been placed in President Roosevelt's hands last Fall when the Ambassador was in this country on leave of absence. It is to become effective early in the new year.

For more than a year there have been recurring reports that he would resign his post, to which he was appointed on June 3, 1933, from the Chair of American History at the University of Chicago. It has been apparent that for some time he has not been comfortable in Berlin, due in part to divergences of view with National Socialist policies. Coincidentally, there has been manifest a coolness in relations between the two countries.

Praised Democracy in Speeches

Not only has Ambassador Dodd taken occasion in public addresses to praise democracy, but during his recent leave of absence in the United States his attitude was focused before the public of both countries when he objected to having Prentiss Gilbert, his chargé d'affaires in Berlin, attend the Nazi party congress at Nuremberg, to which the chiefs of diplomatic missions had been invited. Mr. Gilbert attended.

Mr. Dodd was also engaged in controversy when during the 1936 Presidential election he wrote a letter predicting that a Fascist dictatorship financed by a billionaire might arise in the United States if the President's recovery program were defeated. This drew down upon him the denunciation of Senators and others, including Senator William E. Borah of Idaho, who referred to him as a "disgrace."

In selecting Mr. Wilson for the Berlin post, President Roosevelt will be choosing a thoroughly experienced diplomat who is inti-

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NEW AND RETIRING AMBASSADORS TO GERMANY

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mately familiar with European affairs and who knows Berlin from previous service that has included the office of Counselor of Embassy.

Mr. Wilson, after ten years as Minister to Switzerland during which he represented the United States at many conferences under the auspices of the League of Nations, returned to this country last summer to become Assistant Secretary of State. In that position he has been one of Secretary of State Cordell Hull's closest advisers on European affairs.

He was born in Evanston, Ill., on Aug. 29, 1885, and was graduated from Yale in 1906. He entered the diplomatic service in 1911 as private secretary to the United States Minister to Portugal, and then served as diplomatic secretary in Guatemala, Buenos Aires, Berlin and Rome.

He went to Berlin as counselor of Embassy in 1920, was assigned to Tokyo the following year, and in 1923 was attached to the embassy in Mexico City. From 1924 to 1927 he was Chief of the Division of Current Information of the State Department.

Mr. Wilson has served on many executive and administrative boards of the State Department. When he was Minister to Switzerland he became an expert on disarmament and served as delegate or adviser at many Geneva conferences on arms limitation as well as at the London Naval Conferences.

Dodd Admits Resignation

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BERLIN, Dec. 7.—Although admitting that he had submitted his resignation to President Roosevelt when he was in Washington last Autumn, Ambassador William E. Dodd tonight declined to amplify that statement. He said that he preferred to await notification from Washington of its acceptance before further discussing it.