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## DAVID K. E. BRUCE IS SWORN IN AS UNITED STATES AMBASSADOR TO GREAT BRITAIN

David K. E. Bruce was sworn in Wednesday March 1 as United States Ambassador to Great Britain. The Ambassador will depart for Great Britain on March 8.

Ambassador Bruce was born at Baltimore, Maryland, on February 12, 1898. He attended Princeton University but left during his sophomore year to serve in World War I. In 1917 he joined the United States Army as a private in the Field Artillery, and in 1919 became a second lieutenant.

Returning to civilian life after two and one half years in the Army, the Ambassador attended the law schools of the University of Virginia and the University of Maryland. He was admitted to the Bar of the State of Maryland in 1921 and entered private practice in Baltimore. In 1924 he became a member of the Maryland House of Delegates and in 1925 entered the United States Foreign Service.

After serving with the Foreign Service for two years, part of that time as vice consul in Rome, Ambassador Bruce resigned and accepted a position with the Bankers Trust Company of New York. Later employed by W. A. Harriman & Company, Inc., he was also a director of numerous corporations.

In 1939 Ambassador Bruce was elected a member of the Virginia House of Delegates. He became Chief Representative for the American Red Cross in Great Britain in 1940. In the following year the Ambassador joined the Office of Strategic Services, becoming its Director for the European Theatre of Operations in 1943. In this capacity he maintained his headquarters in London and held the rank of Colonel in the Army Air Force.

Following the war Ambassador Bruce was appointed Assistant Secretary of Commerce. He served at that post from 1947 to 1948 and was then named Chief of the Economic Cooperation Administration Mission to France. He received an appointment as United States Ambassador to France in 1949. He held that position until he was appointed Under Secretary of State in 1952.

President Eisenhower selected Ambassador Bruce as Special United States Observer at the Interim Committee of the European Defense Community and as American Representative to the European High Authority for Coal and Steel in 1953. He held these positions until the following year. In 1957 he was appointed Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Germany. He served in that capacity until 1960.

In addition to his other activities, Ambassador Bruce, at various times, has been a trustee of the Metropolitan Opera Company and the Frick Museum in New York City, the Virginia Museum of Art, Virginia Historical Society, Virginia State Library, and Virginia Polytechnic Institute. He has also served as President of the National Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C. He is the author of a history of American Presidents, entitled Revolution to Reconstruction.

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For service in both wars Ambassador Bruce holds military decorations from the United States, Great Britain, France, Poland, Norway, Denmark and Czechoslovakia.

Ambassador Bruce is married to the former Evangeline Bell. He has four children.

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