

KARL LOTT RANKIN, United States Ambassador to Yugoslavia and adopted son of the State of Maine. On the move since his birth in Wisconsin, schooled in Pennsylvania, his college days at the California Institute of Technology interrupted by World War I service in the United States Navy, following study at Zurich and Heidelberg, he graduated in Civil Engineering from Princeton University. After two years as construction superintendent for Near East Relief in the Russian Caucasus and two years in business in New Jersey, he entered a career in the United States Foreign Service, in which he has distinguished himself for thirty-three years, serving in almost a dozen countries of Western and Eastern Europe and in the Near and Far East. His demonstrated ability to handle adroitly and competently delicate and difficult situations has kept him constantly in places where trouble was brewed or brewing. Captured by the Japanese during World War II, later from his post in Cairo he handled economic relations with Yugoslavia. He was in Greece when Communists threatened to take control of that free and independent nation during the post-war years. ON the mainland of China during the Communist revolution there, subsequently from 1950 until 1957 he bore the burden of our relations with the Nationalist Chinese Government on Formosa, being named Ambassador in 1953. During the three years past he has skillfully brought to our relations with Yugoslavia a greater mutual understanding and appreciation, thus benefiting the stability of a troubled area. "A man of understanding shall attain unto wise counsels."

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