

Dr. Westrick on Way Here for Final Talks Before Leaving U. S.

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Counselor Expected
To Confer With Thomsen
On Departure Plans

Dr. Gerhardt Alois Westrick, German commercial counselor, headed for Washington today and a conference with Hans Thomsen, the German Charge d'Affaires, which is expected to concern arrangements for the counselor's departure for Germany.

The publicity given recently to Dr. Westrick's activities in New York, where he has been conferring with American businessmen and industrialists, has prompted a decision by the German Foreign Office that his period of usefulness in the United States is at an end—only four months after he arrived here.

The German Embassy was silent on Dr. Westrick's plans and no arrangements were made for him to see the press. Although he has been making routine visits to the Embassy at about 10-day intervals since he arrived in the United States, today's visit is in the nature of a swan song, it is believed.

The appointment of Dr. Westrick as commercial counselor was made with only the half-hearted acquiescence of Dr. Thomsen in the first place. He is a non-diplomat, a corporation lawyer with a wide practice in Germany and includes among his clients many American firms which have or did have plants in Germany.

The thought of the foreign office in assigning Dr. Westrick to the United States last April was that he could use his American connections better than any one else in Germany in prospecting for improved post-war German-American commercial relations.

Dr. Westrick's mission has been productive of little good, and recent publicity has indicated that his future hopes for accomplishment are dissolved. His offices are in New York City. How long he will remain in Washington was not disclosed.