

FORD SAID TO PICK NEW NATO ENVOY

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Strausz-Hupe Is Reported
to Be Nominee for Post

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WASHINGTON, Feb. 20—

President Ford is expected to announce soon the nomination of Robert Strausz-Hupe, currently United States Ambassador to Sweden, as the new envoy to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, Administration officials said.

If confirmed by the Senate, as anticipated, he would replace David K. E. Bruce, who resigned last month.

In another development, Joseph J. Sisco, the Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs, was reported by State Department officials to be investigating jobs outside the Government. He was said to be a leading contender to become the new president of American University in Washington.

Mr. Strausz-Hupe, who will be 73 next month, was born in Vienna. He has held three diplomatic assignments, including the post in Stockholm, since joining the Nixon Administration in 1969 after a career in academic work, where he gained the reputation of being a fervent anti-Communist.

Ambassador to Ceylon

President Richard M. Nixon had first nominated Mr. Strausz-Hupe as Ambassador to Morocco, but his name was withdrawn when J. W. Fulbright, then the chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, argued that Mr. Strausz-Hupe was too anti-Communist for the post. He was immediately named Ambassador to Ceylon, now known as Sri Lanka, where he served from 1970 to 1972.

From 1972 to 1974, he served as Ambassador to Belgium, before becoming envoy to Sweden in April 1974. As Ambassador to NATO, he would head a separate mission in the Belgian capital, and would represent the United States on the NATO Council.

Mr. Strausz-Hupe served in the Office of Strategic Services during World War II. He has been a prominent student of East-West strategic problems, the Atlantic community, and European affairs, at the University of Pennsylvania, where he had taught since 1946.

Concerned About Soviet

His concern about the Soviet union, and his views against European governments' accepting Communists into coalitions, seem to mesh well with those of Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger, State Department officials said.

Mr. Sisco, who has been Mr. Kissinger's top adviser on Middle Eastern problems, and has directed a wide range of activities in the third-ranking job at the State Department, has told associates that he is seriously looking into outside job offers, now that the Administration is in its last year.

He acknowledged this week that he has been approached by American University to consider the post of president left vacant by the resignation last year of George H. Williams.

Mr. Sisco announced in 1973 that he was leaving the Government—he then was Assistant Secretary for Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs—to become president of Hamilton College. But in 1974, he was prevailed upon by Mr. Kissinger to accept the promotion to Under Secretary and give up the Hamilton appointment.