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Mr. Carlson

FOR RELEASE UPON RECEIPT

Foy David Kohler, U. S. Ambassador to the USSR, will be awarded an honorary doctor of laws degree on Monday (Nov. 30) at a special noon convocation at the University of Toledo.

Ambassador Kohler has returned from Russia for consultations in Washington. He was invited to receive the degree at TU's June commencement, but was unable to return to the U. S. at that time.

He is a former TU student, having attended night and summer classes from 1924 to 1926 before transferring to Ohio State University where he received the bachelor of science degree in 1931.

Mr. Kohler is a career foreign service officer whose first post was as vice-consul to Windsor, Ontario in 1932. He has served in diplomatic positions in Bucharest, Belgrade, Athens, Cairo and London. In 1949, he was named director of the Voice of America broadcasts and, for three years, directed the expansion of that program.

He was a member of the U. S. delegations to the second session of the UNRRA Council in Montreal (1944); the United Nations' Conference on International Organization in San Francisco (1945); and the U. S. Mission to Observe Elections in Greece (1945-46).

Before being named Ambassador to the USSR he was deputy secretary of state for European Affairs. He was selected to accompany former Vice President Richard M. Nixon on his tour of Russia in 1961, and was in charge of the planning for former Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev's trip to the U. S. in the same year.

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A native of Oakwood, Ohio, Mr. Kohler moved to Toledo during childhood and attended Auburndale School and Scott High School.

His mother, Mrs. Myrtle Kohler, lives at 2321 Auburn Avenue. One sister, Mrs. Nelson Hovey, lives at 2107 Dority Rd. Mrs. Hovey's husband, Dr. Nelson Hovey, is professor of chemistry at TU. Mr. Kohler's other sister, Mrs. Lawrence (Lois) Rothert, lives at 6021 Acres Rd., Sylvania.

His mother, sisters and other relatives will be special guests at the convocation, at which Ambassador Kohler will speak.

The noon ceremonies will be open to the public.

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