

'World Citizen' Calls On Nehru

Garry Davis, self-styled "world citizen" is now in Delhi.

Aged 34, attired in white 'lungi' and kurta, he called on Mr Nehru and spent over half an hour with him explaining his movement for world citizenship. He showed the Prime Minister his "world citizen" passport, issued by himself, which bore the number 00001 and had only three endorsements—a U.N. seal and the visas of India and Saudi Arabia.

"Some people call me a crack-brained while others agree with me wholly," he told a reporter. He said he presented Mr Nehru with a "world passport"—making him an honorary world citizen. This was the second one to be presented by him; the first one he gave to President Eisenhower in 1953.

Mr Davis said Mr Nehru evinced keen interest in his activities in furthering the world citizenship movement. He had not come to India to seek any favours from Mr Nehru but only to seek the blessings "from the greatest moral authority" which Mr Nehru was.

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Mr Davis was an American citizen and was a bomber pilot during the war, but he renounced his U.S. citizenship in 1948 when he declared himself a "world citizen."

In a world with nations armed with hydrogen bombs there could be no salvation or freedom except for the world to recognize a common citizenship, he said.

The American philosophy, as enshrined in their Constitution, Mr Davis said, was "life, liberty and pursuit of happiness" and he thought the Indian outlook was very much the same. There were vast numbers of Americans who had the highest regard for Mr Nehru and who prayed for the success of his ideology.

According to Mr Davis, the Government of India were a new type of Government which had come into the world—which believed in the oneness of humanity.

Mr Davis came to India early in April and since then has been staying in Bangalore, where, he said, he had shifted the headquarters of his movement from New York.—P.T.I.

PASSPORT: Garry Davis, the World Citizen, presented an honorary World Passport to Prime Minister Nehru of India last week. The next day Nehru introduced Davis to a cabinet member and mentioned the World Passport. "Did it cost you anything?" the cabinet member asked. Nehru said it cost nothing. The cabinet member approved . . . "When you see President Eisenhower," Davis suggested, "I hope you'll show him your World Passport" . . . "Yes," the cabinet member interrupted. "But, please, first show him your Indian passport."