

'International Identity Card' Enables Singer To Visit European Lands as 'World Citizen'

An "international identity card" describing her as a "world citizen" enabled Miss Virginia Faith Davis, sister of "Citizen of the World" Garry Davis, to cross the borders of Switzerland, France, Italy and Germany, she related here yesterday.

Miss Davis, a singer, returned recently from a three-month concert tour of Europe. She told of presenting the credential issued to her by her brother and being passed by border guards. Miss Davis added that she also carried her American passport, which was demanded at some borders.

The "world citizen" card was given to her in Paris in September, 1947. It bears the serial number A-000017, her description, photograph and fingerprints. Above Miss Davis' signature appears the following pledge:

"As a world citizen I have pledged myself to place the interests of world peace through a federal world government above any and all national or other interests incompatible with that ultimate goal."

Miss Davis said she first used the "passport" upon arriving last June by plane in Switzerland. It was stamped without question by Swiss authorities. The 26-year-old singer said she had no difficulties when she presented the credential in France, Italy and Germany. However, she was not sure that all the guards understood what it said.

In Czechoslovakia and the United States and Soviet zones of Germany her United States passport was demanded, but the guards stamped her world citizen card as a courtesy.

"Most of the guards knew about Garry and world citizenship," she said. "The Soviet guards either did not understand me or were ignorant of my brother's activities."

Miss Davis reported that the card she used was outdated, as Garry had issued new world citizen credentials. The new cards—one of which she brought home with her—are printed in English, French, Russian and Hindustani and have space for imprint of the native languages of the bearers.

The singer tried the effect of a card on a United States customs inspector when her plane landed

at the New York International Airport, Idlewild, Queens, last month.

"World citizen, huh?" she quoted the inspector as saying. "We don't believe in that."

She showed her United States passport.