

U.S. and Finland May Break Off Relations Today

STOCKHOLM, April 25. (AP)—Mounting indications from sources usually reliable pointed tonight to a break in diplomatic relations between the United States and Finland, perhaps tomorrow.

Reports from Helsinki that German sources seemed confident that the Finns would string along with the Axis added impetus to the belief in many quarters that a rupture is imminent.

Cancels Appointment

Reports that relations already had been broken were described as "premature" by a high Finnish Foreign Office source in Helsinki. This informant disclosed that United States Charge d'Affaires Robert Mills McClintock had made an appointment for 4 p.m. today to discuss an important matter, and then in the afternoon had canceled it.

McClintock and a code clerk are the only members of the United States Legation staff remaining in the Finnish capital, the others having gone to Stockholm late last week.

McClintock's wife arrived in Stockholm today.

While the Finnish public expressed anxiety over the possibility of a break, a source close to the government said that "the Americans cannot expect us to tie a noose around our own necks."

Still on Job

Finland is the only country fighting with the Nazis in which the United States maintains a Legation. Relations recently are understood to have been continued in the hope that the Finns would settle their differences with Russia and withdraw from the war.

McClintock at Helsinki told the Associated Press just before midnight tonight that "I am still on the job." He declined, however, to comment further on developments.