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Installed In U.S. Embassies

# 'Musical Envoys' Are Made Here

Twenty-two "musical ambassadors" from Jamestown are being installed in United States' Embassies throughout the world, as the result of a new local furniture product.

The product, a credenza, containing a special high fidelity-stereophonic record player, is manufactured here by Union-National Inc., of 226 Crescent Street.

The credenza-record players were purchased by the United States Department of State for far flung embassies in such foreign countries as Madagascar, South Africa, Denmark, South America and Arabia.

A complete music unit, the credenzas also contain an FM-AM radio adaptable to short wave reception and were created earlier this year after months of complicated engineering and testing.

Aldor M. Nord, president of Union-National, said he was especially pleased with the order from the U.S. Government. The units not only will bring many hours of entertainment to foreign embassy visitors, but also will identify Jamestown in a friendly hands-across-the-sea gesture, Mr. Nord said.

The conservative-styled cabinets are manufactured in Jamestown and the music reproduction units are installed and tested in Chicago, Ill., by the Grammis-Phillips electronic engineering firm.

Cabinets are produced in three

sizes, from 62 to 90 inches long, and are available in several finishes including cherry, fruitwood, Chinoiserie and antique white with trophy decorations.

Sixteen of the units already have been shipped to United States' foreign embassies and the remainder will be shipped later this month.

Installation of the record players in the cabinets required many months of engineering work to insure distortion-free and vibration-free sound reproduction.

The exclusive engineering project for Union-National includes installation of six enclosed speakers which "float" on special rubber bushings. Two speaker doors are equipped with special magnetic latches to prevent vibration.

Mr. Nord quoted electronic engineers as saying that the unit "is the finest of its type today" with ultra-clear reproduction, even at full volume.

The first sketches of the cabinet and the ultimate working drawings also can be referred to as Jamestown products. The cabinet was designed by Vincent Wildman of Chicago, a former local resident who was a designer for Kling Factories, Inc.

A decorated, antique white version of the cabinet was displayed at the Jamestown Fall Furniture Market which closed here Thursday. The units are being marketed through many of the nation's furniture stores.