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PHILIP KINGSLAND CROWE – Diplomat, Conservationist, and Sportsman



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Philip K. Crowe was born in New York City in 1908. A graduate of the University of Virginia, he began his career as a newspaper reporter, worked on Wall Street, and for ten years was on the staff of *Life* and then *Fortune* magazine. During World War II he served with the O.S.S. in the Far East as Chief of Secret Intelligence in the India-China-Burma theatre, and finally as Deputy Commander of the East China Command.

After the war, Crowe entered the diplomatic arena as special representative of the ECA mission to China, and later was appointed ambassador to Ceylon. After serving as special assistant to Secretary

of State, John Foster Dulles, he was appointed ambassador to South Africa. He later served as ambassador both to Norway and to Denmark.

Throughout his career, Crowe was active as a sportsman. He was an avid follower of fox hunting and especially enjoyed riding to hounds. His government service in so many parts of the world provided him with many opportunities to hunt and fish. His high diplomatic status opened doors for him in his quest for big game and upland hunting opportunities.

Ambassador Crowe became an ardent conservationist and was active in many wildlife support organizations. He was a director and member of the executive committee of the World Wildlife Fund, and he headed expeditions to North Africa, South America, the Far East, India, and Central America for this organization. After several of his expeditions, he wrote *The Empty Ark* and assigned all the royalties from the book to the World Wildlife Fund. A review in *The New York Times* noted "What makes *The Empty Ark* particularly

attractive is the vigorous cheerfulness of Philip Kingsland Crowe. Although he is out to advance the great cause of conservation, he doesn't use the poisonous blowguns of preachiness . . . and he tells a splendid story along the way."

Ambassador Crowe became a member of the Boone and Crockett Club in 1956. Ours was one of the many wildlife support organizations in which he participated. His lifetime was filled with adventure and he used his experiences as a sportsman and high-ranking diplomat to sell conservation to the men who ruled or headed the various nations where rare animals are still found. His appeals to emperors, kings, presidents, and governors paid off, and in a number of cases resulted in the founding of new game reserves and in the proclamation of new game laws.

Philip Kingsland Crowe died in 1976 and he was buried in Arlington National Cemetery. His was a life more interesting than most of us ever experience — a life filled with high adventure and much service to his country and to the wildlife he loved. ■

BOOKS BY PHILIP KINGSLAND CROWE

Sport is Where You Find It (1953)

Diversions of a Diplomat in Ceylon (1957)

Sporting Journeys in Africa and Asia (1966)

The Empty Ark (1967)

World Wildlife: The Last Stand (1970)

Out of the Mainstream (1970)

FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: Philip Kingsland Crowe with a Ceylon leopard; Portrait of Crowe; Cover of *The Empty Ark* published in 1967; Cover of *Sporting Journeys* published in 1966; background map from *The Empty Ark*.

