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PRESIDENT JOHNSON NAMES CHRISTOPHER TO D.C. GENERAL SESSIONS JUDGESHIP

WASHINGTON, D.C. (SPECIAL) -- President Lyndon B. Johnson announced Friday the nomination of Arthur Christopher Jr., 54, to be an associate Judge of Court of General Sessions of the District of Columbia.

Christopher was the first Negro to serve as a Federal Hearing Examiner for the National Labor Relations Board where he has worked since 1964. A graduate of the Howard University Law School in 1944, Christopher is a native of Jacksonville Florida.

A past president of the Southeast Neighborhood House, Christopher is currently president of the Social Hygiene Society of the District and a member of the Juvenile Delinquency and National Labor Law Committees of the Federal Bar Association.

President Johnson announced the nomination of Christopher simultaneously with the announcement of the withdrawal of Atty. William C. Gardner who had been named to the position on August 7.

Christopher is married to the former Beatrice Hume and they have three daughters. His wife has been active in civic affairs and teaches home economics at the Eliot Junior High School. The new post carries an annual salary of \$23,500.

Other distinguished Negro lawyers appointed by President Johnson to serve in the District of Columbia include: Judges Spottswood Robinson, William Benson Bryant, Aubrey Robinson, Joseph Waddy, Harry Alexander, Richard Atkinson and John Fauntleroy. Mrs. Marjorie Lawson, who was appointed to the Juvenile Court, resigned last year. President Johnson also re-appointed Judges Andrew Howard and Austin Fickling to the Court of General Sessions.

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