

Richard Arens, 56, Hill Staff Chief, Dies

Richard Arens, 56, a leading figure in the anti-Communist movement of the last decade, died at Suburban Hospital Saturday after a heart attack.

Mr. Arens was a commissioner on the U.S. Court of Claims at the time of his death, but he was most widely known for his activities as staff director of the House Un-American Activities Committee during the late 1950s.

His allegations of Communist associations against playwright Arthur Miller were widely reported in 1956 and 1957. He was also an ardent supporter of the Walter-McCarran Immigration Act, which was designed to restrict entry into the country of politically "questionable" individuals.

The act has been modified since its enactment.

In 1960, Mr. Arens questioned President Eisenhower's patriotism because the President had introduced his grandchildren to Nikita Khrushchev. He also asserted that it was "morally wrong" to invite Khrushchev to visit the United States.

Mr. Arens receives a law degree from Washington University in St. Louis in 1937 and served on the Missouri Public Service Commission and as counsel to the governor of Missouri before coming to Washington in 1947.

In addition to his service with the House Un-American Activities Committee, Mr. Arens also served as a staff member of the Senate



RICHARD ARENS

Judiciary Committee and staff director with the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee. He was appointed to the U.S. Court of Claims in 1960.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Jane, of the home at 10 Briggs Ct., Silver Spring; three daughters, Janice and Elizabeth, of the home, and Margaret Sadler, of Silver Spring; and a son, Richard, also of the home.